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MEETING NOTICE

Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

VIRTUAL MEETING

Tuesday,

January 28, 2025, 4:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Opportunity for Public Comment
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 31, 2024 - **ACTION ITEM**
4. Approval of an amendment (3rd Amendment) to the 2025-2029 TIP for changes to the Highway and Transit sections identified below and authorize Chairman to sign the certification documents on behalf of the MPO members – **ACTION ITEM:**

HIGHWAY: Project S13165 Adams/N Adams Ashuwillticook Trail Extension (design only), add \$635,554 in funding from HPP

TRANSIT: 1) Project BRTAA011921 BRTA HVAC Replacement; add \$100,000 of RTACAP funding and \$400,000 in 5339 funding, 2) Project BRTAA01192 Repair Work for ITC HVAC; add \$102,429 in 5339 funding and \$25,607 in RTACAP funding, 3) Project BRTAA011704 40' Bus, Delete \$126,483 in RTACAP funds and \$505,924 in 5339D funds and 4) Project RTD0011289 < 30' Bus Replacement (3), Remove \$360,000 in 5307 funds and remove \$90,000 in RTACAP funds.

5. Consideration of an amendment (4th Amendment) to the 2025-2029 TIP for changes to the Highway section identified below and authorize a 21-day comment period – **ACTION ITEM**

HIGHWAY: 1) Add Project S13176 Stockbridge Wildlife Crossing in the amount of \$1,717,000 in earmark discretionary OF 100 funds; 2) add Project S13188 Pittsfield Reconnecting Communities Grant in the amount of \$1,600,000 in earmark discretionary RCP funds; 3) Add Project S13176 Stockbridge Wildlife Crossing in the amount of \$429,250 with non-federal aid funds and 4) add Project S13188 Pittsfield Reconnecting Communities Grant in the amount of \$400,000 with non-federal aid funds.

6. Approval of an Administrative Adjustment to the 2025 UPWP for the purpose of adding Pittsfield's Reconnecting Communities planning grant – **ACTION ITEM**
7. Consideration and approval to add additional culverts to the project listing for inclusion in MassDOT's Resilience Improvement Plan – **ACTION ITEM**
8. Accept/endorse the Berkshire County's Safe Travel and Equity Plan for our Streets (STEPS) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, approve a proclamation for Vision Zero in Berkshire County and authorize the Chairman to sign the proclamation – **ACTION ITEM**
9. Overview of the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Development Schedule
10. Receive a presentation by BRTA on the benefits of Fuel Cell Electric Buses (FCBEB) vs: Battery Electric Buses (BEB)
11. Status Reports from Member Agencies
12. Other business
13. Adjourn - Next meeting – February 25, 2025

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