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MINUTES OF THE Berkshire Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Meeting Held Via Zoom Video Communications

Meeting Materials: <https://berkshireplanning.org/event/berkshire-transportation-advisory-committee-3/>

TAC Representatives/Alternates:

Sam Haupt, Chair	Town of Peru	Anuja Koirala	BRPC
Ricardo Morales	City of Pittsfield	Ryan Griffis	BRPC
Peter Frieri	MassDOT	Brittany Ebeling	BEAT
Calvin Poitras	MassDOT	Angela Sirois-Pitel	TNC

I. Call to Order

Mr. Elovirta called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

II. Introductions

The meeting attendees introduced themselves.

III. Approval of the Minutes from the May 20, 2025 TAC meeting

As no attendees from the previous meeting were in attendance, approval of minutes is postponed until next meeting.

IV. Discussion on the development of the 2027 – 2031 Transportation Improvement Program and project evaluation scores

Ms. Koirala began by noting announcing that project evaluations completed the week prior with District 1 and OTP staff. A total of 9 projects were evaluated for 2027–2031 TIP, with scores ranging from the highest being 6 and the lowest being 2. While lower scores do not indicate a perceived lower priority but are based on project type and available design info.

The projects are in order of evaluated score: the first project is the Dalton Division Road in Dalton, which has been programmed for FY 2028-2029 TIP. There are some design challenges remaining, but are manageable, with 25% design expected by June 2027. The total cost is evaluated at \$17,170,589. Mr. Morales commented that Pittsfield has an agreement with Dalton and is in full agreement to support this project and the proposed roundabout at Kirchner Road & Williams Street. For East Street (Lyman St to Elm St), Mr. Morales noted that this project is of special importance to Pittsfield, and that the project boundary would be shifting slightly west to just before the intersection at Appleton Ave. In addition, the 25% design is expected later this year, with public meetings expected before its completion. Mr. Morales provided updated details on the project, specifically that a roundabout at Fenn St and East St still advancing, while the roundabout at in proximity 4th Street has been removed from consideration for being unsuitable. At a total cost of \$9,652,005, this project will not be ready for 2027, it must be moved to 2028. For Route 7 & 23 in Great Barrington in a 1-mile resurfacing project and minor reconstruction of a state-owned portion of Route 7. Due to recent incidents, the town is especially concerned about pedestrian safety. As such, the new section will include a shared-use path, sidewalk on the opposite side, a gateway island for traffic calming, and a culvert extension for roadway widening. The total estimated cost for these improvements is projected at \$12,700,000.

For the project on Route 8 (Howland Ave) in Adams, Ms. Koirala detailed that this will reduce the existing 4-lane road to 2 lanes with shared-use path. The town has already held public input sessions and adjusted the

design based on feedback - the total cost is \$17,919,975. South Main Street (Route 7) in Great Barrington has been a long-standing supplemental list project which was prompted by fatal pedestrian crash. Currently it is uncertain whether the town has interest in this project, as they also have Route 183 underway - no major design details are currently available. Ms. Ebeling inquired about a proposed bike lane; however, Ms. Koirala clarified the proposed bike lane is part of the Routes 7 & 23 project. The project cost is currently estimated at \$7,124,000. For Mount Washington Road in Egremont, this project was initially one larger project which was separated into two smaller ones. Ms. Koirala mentioned that this project is not a regional priority, given low population as well as this being the third project in Egremont over the past decade. Mr. Frieri commented that project will address three structures, 1 being a structurally deficient bridge and 2 large culverts eligible for reconstruction. Discussion on culvert cost estimate each cost \$2-3M, and federal design standards could be raising design costs by as much as 60%, as such it may be prudent to begin construction before costs rise further. Ms. Sirois-Pitel noted that TNC is in support of the project because it is in high-priority conservation area and is interested in speaking about this project further with Mr. Frieri. The project cost is currently estimated at \$9,807,885.

Ms. Koirala gave an expedited description of the State St & Main St Intersection Improvements in North Adams, which is in need of capacity improvements and signalization, which has an estimated cost of \$11,885,800; Park St (Route 183) in Great Barrington, which is a newer project the town is highly motivated to see completed and may expand limits to include Route 41 intersection, which has an estimated cost of \$28,038,775; and Route 7 resurfacing in Sheffield, which was identified as "filler project" for 2027 since East St cannot be delivered, and will require simple resurfacing with centerline rumble strips, and has an estimated cost of \$6,000,000. Ms. Koirala provided a brief overview of TIP funding and schedule.

V. Overview of the Ashuwillticook South Feasibility Study

Mr. Griffis gave a brief overview of the Ashuwillticook South Feasibility Study RFP process, in which numerous proposals were submitted. After review, Weston & Sampson was selected as the consultant to study and detail proposed routes to continue the Ashuwillticook trail from its current terminus in Pittsfield to south county, as far as the border with Connecticut. BRPC will be meeting regularly with consultant staff and will provide regular updates to MPO and TAC members at regularly scheduled meetings. A final product is expected later of the year.

VI. Member Items for Discussion

No members had additional items for discussion.

VII. Next Meeting Date – March 10, 2026

Mr. Haupt adjourned the meeting at 4:57 pm.

Materials Distributed:

- [Agenda](#)
- [TAC May 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)
- [BMPO FFY 2027-2031 TIP Projects Evaluation Score](#)
- [FFY 2027-2031 TIP Projects Evaluation Description Sheet](#)
- [BMPO FFY 2027-2031 TIP Development](#)
- [BMPO FFY 2027-2031 TIP Schedule](#)