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MINUTES OF THE Berkshire Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Meeting Held Via Zoom Video Communications

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

TAC Representatives/Alternates:

Bill Elovirta, Chair	Town of Becket	Clete Kus	BRPC
Scott Rodman	Town of Hinsdale	Anuja Koirala	BRPC
Peter Frieri	MassDOT	Ryan Griffis	BRPC
Chris Klem	MassDOT		

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 April 15, 2025 TAC meeting

Mr. Rodman motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Elovirta seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Discussion on the 2026 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program and provide a recommendation to the MPO

Ms. Koirala began by noting that the draft TIP document was released for a 21-day comment period by the MPO on April 22, from which zero public comments were received outside of MassDOT, which Ms. Koirala is working to incorporate into the document. The MPO is expected to approve the document at their next meeting on May 27.

Mr. Rodman motioned to approve the document. Mr. Elovirta seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Discussion on the development of the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program; provide direction to staff

Mr. Kus provided a brief background of the UPWP. Mr. Kus went on to provide an overview of the focus areas and anticipated projects of the upcoming UPWP, including special studies, expansion of transit and rail service, bicycle and pedestrian study, and safety. Mr. Kus also provided a detailed explanation for the UPWP preliminary budget which allocates how labor is distributed.

Mr. Klem made a point that language should be closely monitored so as not to endanger any grant opportunities from the current administration. Ms. Koirala mentioned she had a similar question at a recent commission meeting, which Mr. Klem noted most grants are 'forward funded' so they are not necessarily in jeopardy of being rescinded at the moment.

Mr. Elovirta made a motion recommending that the MPO proceed with a 21-day public comment period and barring any significant comment or change to the draft UPWP that the MPO consider approval of the document. Mr. Rodman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Member Items for Discussion

Mr. Frieri gave an update on the status of TIP projects. For FY25, three bridge projects and one road reconstruction have been programmed for a total cost of \$23,997,096. For FY25, the bridge replacement in Lanesborough was issued at the end of January; a bridge preservation in Adams completed its 100% design review in February; a bridge in Lee is expected to receive its final design in June; the reconstruction of Ashland Street in North Adams just received a revised final design and is currently under review.

VII. Next Meeting Date – June 17, 2025

Mr. Rodman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Elovirta. Mr. Elovirta adjourned the meeting at 5:29 pm.

Materials Distributed:

- [Agenda](#)
- [TAC April 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes Draft](#)
- [DRAFT Berkshire MPO FFY 2026-2030 TIP Document](#)
- [DRAFT FFY 26 Unified Planning Work Program](#)
- [Berkshire Microtransit Feasibility Study](#)
- [MassDOT District 1 TIP Projects Update](#)