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MINUTES OF THE Berkshire Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Tuesday, March 10, 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	Clete Kus	BRPC
Ricardo Morales	City of Pittsfield	Anuja Koirala	BRPC
Bill Elovirta	Town of Becket	Nick Russo	BRPC
Peter Frieri	MassDOT	Ryan Griffis	BRPC
		Angela Sirois-Pitel	TNC

I. Call to Order

Mr. Haupt 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

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

Approval of the Minutes from the February 14, 2026 TAC meeting

Mr. Haupt motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Elovirta seconded. The minutes were unanimously Approved

Mr. Haupt requested a correction to the minutes regarding who called the meeting to order. Mr. Kus acknowledged that this change would be made.

IV. Discussion on the preliminary draft project listing for 2027 – 2031 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Koirala presented two preliminary TIP scenarios for FFY 2027–2031. Scenario 1 reflected the existing TIP structure with adjustments made due to project readiness, including deferral of the Pittsfield E Street project and updated programming of Dalton Division Road and Great Barrington Route 7/23 projects. Ms. Koirala then presented Scenario 2, which builds on Scenario 1 while incorporating municipal equity considerations and project readiness. Scenario 2 includes a replacement resurfacing project in FFY 2027, potential flexing of available funds to the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) to support microtransit system software upgrades, and advancement of the Adams Holland Avenue project beginning in FFY 2031.

Discussion then moved to the Dalton Division Road project, including Complete Streets elements, sidewalk gaps near Pittsfield, right-of-way considerations, and opportunities for coordination with MassDOT District 1 and the Office of Transportation Planning.

V. Discussion on the Traffic Safety Information Systems Improvement Survey

Mr. Russo provided an overview of a Traffic Safety Information Systems Improvement grant awarded

through the Office of Grants & Research. The project will support development of a dynamic, regularly updated **High Injury Network** and public facing safety dashboards to support Vision Zero efforts across Berkshire County. Mr. Russo then noted that an online stakeholder survey has been launched to establish a baseline understanding of how municipalities, public safety officials, and residents currently access and use traffic safety data.

VI. Member Items for Discussion

Mr. Frieri provided an update on FFY 2026 programmed projects in Berkshire County, including bridge replacements, preservation projects, resurfacing work, and the Ashland Street reconstruction project in North Adams. Several projects were noted as potentially shifting into FFY 2027 due to design readiness or right-of-way considerations.

VII. Next Meeting Date – April 21, 2026

Mr. Haupt adjourned the meeting at 4:46 pm.

Materials Distributed:

- [Agenda](#)
- [TAC May 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes Draft](#)
- [TAC February 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes Draft](#)
- [BMPO FFY 2027-2031 TIP Development](#)
- [Scenario 1](#)
- [Scenario 2 \(Preferred\)](#)
- [BMPO FFY 2027-2031 TIP Schedule](#)
- [MassDOT District 1 TIP Projects Update](#)