



CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The minutes of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMMPO) meeting, on **Wednesday, July 16th, 2025**. This meeting was held virtually using Zoom Webinar.

- **CMMPO Members Present:**

1. Derek Shooster – MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning, designee to MassDOT Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt
2. Ann Sullivan – MassDOT Highway Division District #3, designee to MassDOT Highway Division Administrator Jonathon Gulliver
3. Joshua Rickman – WRTA Administrator
4. Bob Hassinger – designee to CMRPC Commission Chair
5. Betsy Goodrich – designee to City Manager Eric Batista
6. Bill Filsinger – Boylston, Northeast Subregion Alternate
7. John Daniel – Southbridge, Southwest Subregion Representative
8. Jared Grigg – Spencer, West Subregion Representative

- **CMMPO Ex-Officio Members Present:**

There were no Ex-Officio members present.

- **Guests:**

1. Noah Harper – MassDOT
2. Erin Quaiel – DPH
3. Lisa Juan

- **CMRPC Staff**

1. Kevin Krasnecky, Project Manager – Transportation
2. Rich Rydant, Director of MPO Activities – Transportation
3. Zack Blais, Principal Planner – Transportation

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Agenda Item #1 – Introductions

CMMPO Chair Derek Shooster opened the meeting at 4:00 PM. A roll call of CMMPO members was announced.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of June 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Ann Sullivan to approve the June 18, 2025 meeting minutes. With two abstentions, the remaining members present voted to approve of the June 18, 2025 meeting minutes.

Derek Shooster – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Abstain

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Bill Filsinger – Yes

Josh Rickman – Yes

John Daniel – Abstain

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Agenda Item #3 – Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments from the public at this meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- **Potential Action:** Approval of Proposed Amendment #8 to the FFY 2025 to FFY 2029 TIP Highway Project Listing

CMRPC staff, Kevin Krasnecky, presented this item. Amendment #8 includes two changes to FFY 2025 of the highway list. These changes include:

- Project #612874 – Shrewsbury – Worcester – Bridge Preservation, S-14-021=W-44-115 (1RA & 1RB), I-290 (EB & WB) over Combination of Lake Quinsigamond and Lake Avenue North
 - Change funding source from HIP-BR to NFA (Fair Share) funding.
 - Total project cost is \$23,098,070
 - The project will not be shown on the TIP because there is no longer a federal funding source.
- Project #612608 – Worcester – Shrewsbury – Flood Relief on Route 20, Grafton Street (Route 122) Interchange to Flint Pond
 - Discretionary Grant funding (other FA) is being removed, and all funding is being switched to formula PROTECT funding.
 - The new project cost is \$7,320,880 (increase of \$1,711,127).
 - **MassDOT Comments:** MassDOT has decided to preserve the Discretionary Grant funding of \$4,627,660 for this project. The formula PROTECT funding would increase from \$928,093 to \$2,639,068 and the funding source would also change from PRCT to PRCT90, which means a

90% federal/10% state match instead of an 80/20. Total Project Cost is \$7,266,728.

Mr. Krasnecky noted that the proposed changes that were released at the June meeting for the Worcester/Shrewsbury Flood Relief project have been updated from comments received from MassDOT (see above) during the public comment period. Bill Filsinger questioned the price change for the Flood Relief project. Derek Shooster said that MassDOT received updated cost estimates for the project during the comment period.

John Daniel made a motion and was seconded by Bob Hassinger to approve the Proposed Amendment #8 to the FFY 2025-2029 TIP Highway Project Listing. All members present voted to approve the Proposed Amendment #8.

Derek Shooster – Yes
Ann Sullivan – Yes
Josh Rickman – Yes
Bob Hassinger – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes
Bill Filsinger – Yes
John Daniel – Yes
Jared Grigg – Yes

Agenda Item #5 – Staff Updates

- Housing Transportation Study

CMRPC staff, Rich Rydant, announced that the study is underway and it is currently in its data gathering phase of the year-long study.

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

Mr. Rydant said that contract negotiations are currently ongoing with the selected firm. The firm chosen will be announced once the contract is finalized.

- Vernon Street Transportation Study

Mr. Rydant gave a brief update on the study, noting CMRPC's partnership with Stantec and its assistance with data collection activities. It will also be a year-long study.

- TIP

Ann Sullivan provided an update to the group noting that the Southbridge TIP project (Central St., Foster St., and Hamilton St.) is expected to be advertised on July 22; the Worcester project will be advertised on June 21; and the Mendon project will be advertised on July 19.

Agenda Item #6 – New Business

There was no new business.

Agenda Item # 7 – Next Meetings

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – TBD
- CMMPO Committee meeting (virtual) – TBD

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Bob Hassinger made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ann Sullivan. The meeting concluded at 4:13 PM.

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