



## **CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting held **January 28th, 2026**. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom.

### **CMMPO Advisory Committee Members Present:**

- Adam Menard – Town of Oxford
- Chris Payant – Town of Westborough
- Erin Quael – Worcester Department of Public Health
- Claudia Oliviera De Paiva - Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center
- Feanna Jatta Singh - MAWOC
- Liz Myska – Visions Consulting L3C
- Alysha Irisari Malo – Town of Douglas
- Sarah Bradbury – MassDOT District 3
- Daryl Amaral – MassDOT District 2

### **Ex-Officio Members Present:**

- N/A

### **CMRPC Staff Present:**

- Nathan Lewis
- Kevin Krasnecky
- Rich Rydant
- Yahaira Graxirena
- Adam Wriggins
- Ryan Hurley
- Jeff Howland

### **Guest:**

- N/A

## **Agenda Item #1 – Around the Room Introductions**

Chair Adam Menard opened the meeting at 3:02 PM. A roll-call of the CMMPO Advisory members was announced, followed by the rest of the attendees.

## **Agenda Item #2 – Approval of January 7th, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

Minutes for January 7th, 2026, CMMPO Advisory meeting were considered for approval. Chair Menard entertains a motion to approve January 7th, 2026, meeting minutes. Chris Payant makes a motion to approve. The motion is seconded by Liz Myska. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

## **Agenda Item #3 – CY 2026 Safety Performance Measures (PM1)**

- **Potential Action:** Seeking recommendation to the CMMPO concerning adoption of the State’s safety targets.

CMRPC staff, Kevin Krasnecky, presented this item. The Safety Performance Measures (PM1) are required under MAP-21 (Section 1203), continued with Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). They require annual coordination of target settings with MPOs. MPOs can establish their own set of quantifiable performance targets every year or adopt the state’s performance targets (for the entire Commonwealth – no quantifiable target required for region). The targets must be incorporated into Certification Documents.

The Performance Measures are presented in 5-year rolling averages and the trendline has been established using historical data. MassDOT also developed a 2024-2028 projection to forecast current trends further into the future. The IIJA requires “performance targets to demonstrate constant or improved performance”.

For CY 2026, the 5 statewide PM1 targets are:

- Total fatalities: **357**
- Fatality rate per 100 million VMT: **0.56**
- Total serious injuries: **2,562**
- Serious injury rate: **4.03** per 100 million VMT
- Total combined non-motorist injuries + fatalities: **512**

Mr. Krasnecky described the methodology for each target and displayed a chart showing the difference between the state and the CMMPO for each target.

While the state’s goal is towards zero fatalities and serious injuries, the state targets presented are not “goals”, but realistic targets considering the events of the last 4+ years.

MassDOT approved the targets recognizing that MassDOT must demonstrate short-term incremental steps to achieve the Commonwealth's goal. MPOs must either set their own 5 quantifiable safety targets or adopt MassDOT's targets as an action item by February 28, 2026. The safety targets must be included in the FFY 2027-2031 TIPs.

Following the presentation, Mr. Payant asked if the MPO typically adopts the state's numbers. Mr. Krasnecky replied yes, every year the MPO adopted the state's target numbers.

Ms. Myska asked how the data is collected. Mr. Krasnecky responded saying they use MassDOT's crash portal that gathers data from the police and the RMV.

There were no further questions or comments.

Chris Payant made a motion and was seconded by Liz Myska to recommend to the CMMPO concerning adoption of the State's safety targets. All members voted unanimously to recommend to the CMMPO concerning adoption of the State's safety targets.

## **Agenda Item #4 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

- FFY 2031 TIP Candidate Project Presentation

- *613875: Auburn/Worcester – Route 20 Improvements*

Kevin Krasnecky presented this project. The project will improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodation to provide safe multimodal access between residential areas and the Route 20 commercial district, where existing facilities are limited. Improvements will maximize use of the existing roadway cross-section, with some widening as needed. Proposed work includes construction of a shared-use path and sidewalk along Route 20, potential retaining walls, modifications to the existing bridge cross-section, and upgraded pavement markings and signage.

The project is currently at the pre-25% design stage. A survey has been completed, and a design consultant has been assigned. Environmental permitting, ROW acquisitions or easements are still being determined. Utility relocations will be required. The current cost estimate is \$6,527,690.

Ms. Singh asked if the project includes sidewalks. Kevin answered yes, a shared use path and a sidewalk along Route 20.

- *613873: Sturbridge – Route 20 Improvements*

Kevin Krasnecky presented this project. Existing conditions include a 2017-2019 HSIP crash cluster, recent commercial growth increasing the number of left-hand turns (increasing potential for serious crashes), and a speed limit of 50MPH. Project need include a long-term goal of the district to median divide Route 20 and provide strategic locations for vehicles to reverse directions. Project goals include a median along Route 20, with a roundabout at Hall Road to allow vehicles to reverse direction without having to make left turns, as well as investigating and improving safety for the properties and driveways at Hall Road along the corridor.

The project is currently at pre-25% design stage. A survey has been completed, and a design consultant has been assigned. The required environmental permits and ROW acquisitions or easements are still being determined. Some utility relocations will be required. The current cost estimate is \$6,579,155.

- *613261: Worcester – Lincoln Street Transit Infrastructure Improvements*

Kevin Krasnecky presented this project. Three WRTA bus routes utilize the corridor, the corridor is a Top 200 Crash Cluster and a Top 5% Intersection Crash Cluster for crash years 2017-2020 (statewide), a Top 5% Bicycle Crash Cluster for 2010-2019 (statewide), and three locations that are Top 5% MPO Crash Locations for Fatal and Serious Injuries. The goal of the project is to improve transit service reliability and user experience, ADA compliance, and provide bicycle facilities for the corridor. The project proposes transit signal priority treatments, bus stop reconstruction and amenities, sidewalk repair, ADA compliant curb ramps, and bicycle facilities. Additional work includes improved pavement marking and signage.

The project is currently at pre-25% design stage. VHB has received Notice to Proceed in November 2025. Traffic counts and signal phasing plans have been obtained. Survey field work is mostly complete, and survey plans are being prepared. Crash records are being compiled. The required environmental permits and ROW acquisitions or easements are still being determined. Utility relocations may be required. The current cost estimate is \$3,335,000.

Ms. Singh asked if MassDOT considered a roundabout. Mr. Krasnecky responded explaining how the project is still in design phase and that MassDOT is taking everything into consideration.

- *613311: Worcester – Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements on Millbury Street*

Kevin Krasnecky presented this project. The project corridor was identified as a top 5% bicycle and pedestrian need statewide. The corridor would benefit from improved pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. WRTA bus routes operate along the corridor, but existing bus stops lack amenities, signage, and roadway striping, and ADA compliant curb ramps are needed. The corridor is located within an REJ+ community and provides a key connection between Millbury Street and the pedestrian bridge over Route 146. Proposed improvements include bus stop reconstruction and amenities, sidewalk repairs, ADA-compliant curb ramps, bicycle facilities, and enhanced pavement markings and signage. Existing curb-to-curb widths will generally be maintained, with limited widening where needed to accommodate bus stop amenities and buffered bicycle facilities.

The project is currently at the pre-25% design stage. The Engineering Corporation (TEC) is the design consultant. Pre-25% plans have been prepared and are being revised based on feedback received from the City in December 2025. The required environmental permits and ROW acquisitions or easements are still being determined. Utility relocations, except for a small number of light poles, are not required. The current cost estimate is \$3,475,000.

There were no further comments or questions.

Sarah Bradbury made a motion and was seconded by Daryl Amaral to recommend to the CMMPO concerning the endorsement of the new Proposed Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors. All members voted unanimously to recommend to the CMMPO concerning the endorsement of the new Proposed Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors.

### **Agenda Item #5 – Staff Updates**

- CMRPC is currently working with several communities in different grant applications including MassTrails, DER, Culvert, Community One Stop, Massachusetts Healthy Aging, and AARP.

### **Agenda Item #6 – New Business**

- Vernon Connected will have a history event on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Worcester Senior Center at 10:30 am. There will be an event with Jeff Speck and a Workshop following that.

- Safe Streets for All Vision Zero Action Plan Survey is out now.

There were no comments or questions.

## **Agenda Item #8 Next Meetings**

Chair Menard announced the schedule for the next meeting:

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 3:00 PM
- CMMPO Meeting (virtual) – Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 4:00 PM

## **Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment**

At 3:43 PM Chair Menard called for a motion to adjourn. Chris Payant made the motion, which Liz Myska seconded. The group voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting minutes prepared: Nathan Lewis, Public Outreach Coordinator

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