



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

The minutes of the CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting held **March 25th, 2026**. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom.

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

- Adam Menard – Town of Oxford
- Alex Salcedo – MassBike
- Joanne Clarke - AARP
- Claudia Oliviera De Paiva - Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center
- Liz Myska – Visions Consulting L3C
- Alysha Irisari Malo – Town of Douglas
- Sarah Bradbury – MassDOT District 3
- Caleigh McClaren – Blackstone Watershed Collaborative
- Nick Burnham – WRTA
- Adam Thielker – Tasks for Transit
- Daryl Amaral – MassDOT District 2

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

- N/A

### **CMRPC Staff Present:**

- Nathan Lewis
- Kevin Krasnecky
- Sujatha Krishnan
- Richard Rydant
- Yahaira Graxirena
- Robert Raymond

- Jeff Howland
- Adam Wriggins

**Guest:**

- Tom Driscoll – 495 Partnership

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

Chair Adam Menard opened the meeting at 3:01 PM. A roll call of the CMMPO Advisory members was announced, followed by the roll call of the remaining attendees.

## **Agenda Item #2 – Approval of February 25th, 2026, Meeting**

### **Minutes**

Minutes for February 25th, 2026, CMMPO Advisory meeting were considered for approval. Chair Menard entertains a motion to approve the February 25th, 2026, meeting minutes. Nick Burnham makes a motion to approve. The motion is seconded by Claudia Oliveira De Paiva. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

## **Agenda Item #3 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

### **Potential Action: Seeking recommendation concerning CMMPO endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #5 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing.**

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Amendment #5 includes two changes to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing, including:

- #610825 – Shrewsbury/Northborough – Rehabilitation and Box Widening on Route 20, from Route 9 to South Street
  - FFY 2026 - \$8,500,000 added to target funding and \$359,840 added in Earmark funding under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects)
  - FFY 2029 – funding will be reduced from \$9,729,166 to \$6,158,947
  - FFY 2030 - \$2,929,694 in funding will be removed
  - Updated Total Project Cost is \$49,235,394
- #610769 – Sutton – Superstructure Replacement, S-33-002, Manchaug Road over Mumford River

- Removed from FFY 2026 and will be reprogrammed in FFY 2028 on the new FFY 2027-2031 TIP.

There were no further questions or comments.

Nick Burnham made a motion and was seconded by Sarah Bradbury to recommend to the CMMPO concerning endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #5 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing. All members voted unanimously to release the proposed amendment #5.

**Potential Action: Seeking recommendation concerning CMMPO endorsement of the Draft Options for the 2031 TIP Highway Target Projects.**

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. The two funding options (Options A and B) for the FFY 2027-2031 TIP were reviewed by CMMPO members to reach consensus on the preferred option for staff to develop the draft TIP Highway Project Listing for the region. The funding options presented were based on the updates from TIP Readiness Day, which provided status updates for all target projects.

CMMPO members chose Option A for staff to develop the draft TIP. Option A includes the following projects:

**FFY 2027**

- #610931 – Uxbridge: Route 16 Rehabilitation, \$18.018 Million
- #609441 – Northbridge: Route 122/Sutton St/School St/Upton St Intersection Improvements, \$3.908 Million
- #S13466 – Grafton Micro-Project: Bicycle Education & Outreach, \$7,162

**FFY 2028**

- #611933 – Sturbridge: Route 20 & Route 131 Roundabout, \$18.400 Million
- #611988 – Oxford: Route 12 Rehabilitation, \$11.000 Million
- CMMPO TIP Design Funding Placeholder, \$1 Million
- Micro-Projects Program Placeholder, \$400,000

**FFY 2029**

- #611988 – Oxford: Route 12 Rehabilitation, \$11.522 Million
- #608990 – Worcester: Chandler Street Resurfacing & Intersection Improvements, \$13.000 Million
- Micro-Projects Program Placeholder, \$400,000
- CMMPO TIP Design Funding Placeholder, \$1 Million

## **FFY 2030**

- #612779 – West Brookfield: Route 9 Improvements (Phase III), \$8.000 Million
- #608990 – Worcester: Chandler Street Resurfacing & Intersection Improvements, \$13.047 Million
- #613648 – Worcester: Lake Avenue & Bigelow Davis Parkway Intersection Improvements, \$7.517 Million
- Micro-Projects Program Placeholder, \$400,000
- CMMPO TIP Design Funding Placeholder, \$1 Million

## **FFY 2031**

- #613242 – Westborough: Route 30 Improvements, \$10.237 Million
- #612779 – West Brookfield: Route 9 Improvements (Phase III), \$12.219 Million
- #613311 – Worcester: Millbury Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements, \$3.854 Million
- Micro-Projects Program Placeholder, \$400,000
- CMMPO TIP Design Funding Placeholder, \$1 Million

There were no further questions or comments.

Nick Burnham made a motion and was seconded by Sarah Bradbury to recommend to the CMMPO concerning endorsement of the Draft Options for the 2031 TIP Highway Target Projects.

## **Review of FFY 2027-2031 Statewide Highway Project Listing**

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Mr. Krasnecky provided a brief review of all projects within the FFY 2027-2031 Statewide Highway Project Listing.

There were no further comments.

## **Review of FFY 2027-2031 Transit Project Listing**

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Mr. Krasnecky provided a brief review of all projects within the FFY 2027-2031 Transit Project Listing.

There were no further comments or questions.

## **Agenda Item #4 – FFY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

### **Budget and Major Task Listing**

Sujatha Krishnan reviewed the FFY 2027 UPWP budget and major task listing. The budget table for FFY 2027 displays each element and task for the UPWP, as well as the federal funding and state match each task receives. As the budget shows, the total federal funding of the FFY 2027 UPWP is \$1,348,951. The state match is \$337,238. Combined, the total budget of the FFY 2027 UPWP is \$1,686,189.

Next, Ms. Krishnan highlighted major products and tasks that will be completed within the FFY 2027 UPWP. Among these include the FFY 2028-2032 TIP Development, Bicycle Count Program, grant technical assistance, Regional Trails Plan, Freight Planning Progress Report, and the SS4A Action Plan, among many others.

There were no comments or questions regarding the budget or major task listing.

### **FHWA Guidance**

Sujatha Krishnan also reviewed FHWA Guidance regarding the FFY 2027 UPWP. Federal guidance touches on many parts of the document, including the cover page, work elements, budget section, amendment and adjustment procedures, and appendices. The guidance included an example of a UPWP Task write-up and other recommended structures to help streamline future UPWP submissions. The guidance is to help create a more efficient document for federal review. The same guidance was shared with all other Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

There were no comments or questions regarding the FHWA Guidance. There were no further questions or comments.

## **Agenda Item #5 – Staff Updates**

- Environmental Consultation  
Kevin Krasnecky updated the group that the Annual Environmental Consultation would be occurring on April 2 and briefly reviewed the agenda.
- Vernon Connected

Yahaira Graxirena updated the group with the success of the Jeff Speck event that occurred on March 19<sup>th</sup> and also mentioned upcoming workshops.

- History Coffee Hour change to the Worcester Public Library April 16th at 10:30 am.

- Design Workshop on March 25<sup>th</sup> 4 pm – 8 pm.
  
- SS4A Subregional Meetings Updates  
Sujatha Krishnan updated the group that the subregional meetings for the SS4A project have concluded. Staff will now aim to meet with communities individually to discuss safety concerns and needs and to review the data.

## **Agenda Item #6 – New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

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

Chair Menard announced the schedule for the next meeting:

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – April 22nd, 2026, at 3:00 PM
- CMMPO Meeting (virtual) – Wednesday, April 15th, 2026, at 4:00 PM

## **Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment**

At 4:02 PM Chair Menard called for a motion to adjourn. Claudia Oliviera de Paiva made the motion, which Sarah Bradbury seconded. The group voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting minutes prepared: Nathan Lewis, Public Outreach Coordinator

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