

MONTACHUSETT JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (MJTC) MEETING

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2014

D. Manugian called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTION/ MEMBERS PRESENT

David Manugian, Groton; Jon Wyman, Westminster; Noreen Piazza, Lancaster; Ayn Yeagle, MOC, Inc; Phil Duffy, Clinton; Paula Caron, Fitchburg

EX-OFFICIO

Sarah Bradbury, MassDOT-D3

GUESTS

STAFF

Stephanie Brow, Brad Harris, Brian Doherty, George Snow, Sheri Bean, George Kahale

II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2014 MINUTES

The minutes of the January 15, 2014 meeting were approved by consensus.

III. FFY2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

B. Harris indicated that at the MPO meeting last week, an amendment was discussed regarding the award of funding to MART from the Federal Transit Administration. This amendment only affects the Transit element of the current TIP and will not affect the target figures or any other projects. A summary of the amendment is available at this meeting and on the MRPC Website as well.

The MPO moved to put this document out for public comment for a 22 day comment period in order to move forward with the amendment by the date of the next MPO meeting in March. A legal notice has been posted in the regional newspapers and notice has been distributed in both English and Spanish to the entire MRPC mailing list.

The MJTC recommended that the MRPC and MPO endorse the amendment as presented.

IV. FFY2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

B. Harris presented an update to the FFY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Harris indicated that staff is working on the Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC) scoring for the projects and presented the projects currently on this year of the TIP.

Mr. Harris discussed several projects on the TIP including the North Central Pathway Phase VI, which is an earmarked project.

V. ROUTE 117 CORRIDOR PROFILE PRESENTATION

B. Doherty presented the Route 117 Corridor Profile for Lancaster, completed by the MRPC.

Mr. Doherty explained that staff completed this profile in order to analyze the corridors performance, identify potential future projects, and come up with a collection of suggested improvements for the roadway for the consideration of the communities involved and MassDOT Highway Division.

B. Doherty discussed that staff had completed multiple traffic counts, turning movement counts, travel time runs, sight distance analyses, and site visits in order to compile the data necessary to complete this profile.

B. Doherty also presented the potential alternatives to the intersections on the roadway that would improve traffic conditions and safety for travelers.

The group discussed the presentation and the alternatives presented by Mr. Doherty.

VI. FITCHBURG COMMUTER RAIL LINE SERVICE STOPPAGE DISCUSSION

B. Harris indicated that work on the Fitchburg Commuter Rail line is still going on and there has been stoppage in service. Earlier this year, the MJTC sent letters of concern to the area Senators and Representatives regarding the issue however it seemed that there was no response from them at this point.

D. Manugian indicated that since the town of Ayer was not present this evening, we should table this discussion until next month.

VII. CONTRACT STATUS REPORTS

a. FTA/RTA

G. Kahale indicated that construction is continuing with the Wachusett Rail Station and Layover Facility. Project completion is expected by December 2014 with full completion by spring 2015.

North Leominster Station work has been delayed due to legal issues between TLT General Contractors and the subcontractors of the project. Staff is working to have the project completed by March 2014

The meeting of the MART Advisory Board meeting was held on Wednesday February 19th at 10:30 a.m. G. Kahale indicated that M. Khan was reinstated as the Administrator of MART at this meeting.

b. MassDOT/3C

B. Harris indicated that the staff will be meeting with MassDOT to discuss our Title VI program later this week.

Requests for local traffic counts should be going out to communities in the near future.

The revisions to the MJTC bylaws are also continuing and we hope to wrap this up within a few months.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The next MJTC meeting will be held on Wednesday March 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, D. Manugian adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.