

MONTACHUSETT JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (MJTC) MEETING

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY MAY 21, 2014

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

I. INTRODUCTION/ MEMBERS PRESENT

David Manugian, Groton; Jon Wyman, Westminster; Ayn Yeagle, MOC, Inc; Doug Walsh, Athol; Noreen Piazza, Lancaster; Phil Duffy, Clinton; Frank Maxant, Ayer; Pauline Hamel, Ayer; Peter Johnston, Ayer; Matthew Allison, Lunenburg; Paula Caron, Fitchburg

EX-OFFICIO

Sarah Bradbury, MassDOT-D3; Jeff Hoynoski, MassDOT D-2

GUESTS

STAFF

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

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2014 MINUTES

The minutes of April 16, 2014 were approved by consensus.

III. SELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Noreen Piazza volunteered to be the convener of the Nominating Committee, along with Paula Caron.

The Nominating Committee will meet before next month's meeting to choose a slate of officers for election to serve on the MJTC.

IV. FFY 2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

B. Harris indicated that this MJTC meeting is being utilized as an opportunity to garner public comments on the current highway TIP amendments. No comments were received at the meeting.

B. Harris discussed the Transit Element that has been out for public comment since April 28, 2014.

P. Caron made a motion to recommend the MPO endorsement of this amendment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

V. FFY2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- DISCUSSION OF PROJECTS & DRAFT REVIEW

B. Harris discussed the projects on the TIP and also reviewed the current Draft TIP document with the committee. Mr. Harris indicated that this draft is currently out for public comment.

The group discussed increasing the Clinton project to include concrete sidewalks. MassDOT District 3 will look into doing so.

MassDOT Districts 2 and 3 gave brief summaries of their projects included on the TIP.

P. Caron made a motion to recommend that the MPO endorse this TIP document pending any other comments received. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

VI. 2014-2015 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

B. Harris discussed the 2014-2015 UPWP that is currently out for public comment. Mr. Harris asked for the MJTC's recommendation to endorse this document at the MPO meeting.

N. Piazza made a motion to recommend that the MPO endorse this document at its next meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion regarding the freight rail project, and the reasoning behind it. Mr. Harris indicated that FHWA requested we complete a project like this and identify problem areas, etc. There will be more emphasis on freight planning in the future.

VII. CONTRACT STATUS REPORTS

a. FTA/RTA

G. Kahale indicated that North Leominster Station is now open and fully operational. MJTC sent a letter regarding the change in weekend service during the construction period along the tracking.

The group discussed the situation at the Ayer Parking Facility project at length.

b. MASSDOT 3C

B. Harris indicated that traffic counts are being conducted and the traffic count memo was distributed earlier this month.

Staff is working on a Title VI report current and the TIP and UPWP are both out for public comment.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The next MJTC meeting will be held on Wednesday June 18th at 7:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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