

MONTACHUSETT JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (MJTC) MEETING

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY JUNE 18, 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; Paula Caron, Fitchburg

EX-OFFICIO

Sarah Bradbury, MassDOT-D3

GUESTS

STAFF

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

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2014 MINUTES

The minutes of May 21, 2014 were approved with edits to the Members Present section.

III. REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

N. Piazza reported on behalf of the nomination committee. N. Piazza indicated that it was the wish of the Nominating Committee to keep the current slate of officers.

David Manugian – Chair

Paula Caron – Vice Chair

Jon Wyman – Secretary

The election will be held at the next meeting.

IV. FFY2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM & 2014-2015 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

B. Harris reviewed the comments received regarding the FFY2015-2018 TIP, there were four total.

D. Manugian indicated that he would like to comment on behalf of the MJTC in support of those communities who regularly attend meetings and advocate on behalf of the projects in their communities (for example Fitchburg/Leominster/Lunenburg).

N. Piazza also indicated that it's important to support projects that are ready for construction. At the previous MPO meeting it sounded like Summer Street was moving along faster than the Sterling project.

S. Bradbury stated that although Summer Street is at 25% design, the communities are funding its design. The Sterling project is being done by MassDOT so it should be done sooner.

B. Harris presented the comments received on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). There were two total.

Discussion regarding the Safe Routes to School funding, and the fact that the MJTC would like to see an increase in the funding from TAP funds.

Another point that the committee discussed was the addition of Bike and Pedestrian areas to the TEC scoring. TEC Scoring review will be added to a future meeting agenda.

V. 2014 MONTACHUSETT MPO TITLE VI REPORT

MRPC staff reviewed the 2014 Title VI Report. Staff indicated that new steps are being taken to incorporate Environmental Justice populations. This will hopefully be endorsed by the MPO at the next meeting.

VI. MJTC BYLAW UPDATE

B. Harris distributed a handout with changes made to the MJTC bylaws; the bylaws have been reviewed and simplified in order to make them easier to read and follow; in addition specific Title VI wording and information has been added to this document.

Some changes being made are to the quorum, which is being changed to four communities and/or three communities and one organization. Approval of this document will be an item on the next meeting agenda.

Any additional comments on this documents or changes to be made should be sent directly to Brad Harris.

VII. CONTRACT STATUS REPORTS

i. FTA/RTA

G. Kahale indicated that the North Leominster Parking Garage is open.

Wachusett Station project is moving forward and on schedule. MassDOT has released funds to MBTA to construct a sidewalk along Authority Drive.

MRPC staff is working with Ayer and MBTA and the landowner abutting the station to ensure safe access for riders using the Ayer station.

ii. MASSDOT 3C

B. Harris indicated that the next MPO meeting will be held on Wednesday June 25th at 1:00 p.m. The MPO will hopefully endorse the items reviewed tonight, at the next meeting.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

B. Harris indicated that appointment forms for the MJTC have been sent out to the Selectmen and Planning Boards.

F. Maxant asked if there was any response on the MBTA letter regarding weekend service.

Staff responded that there had been none at this time.

G. Kahale indicated that MBTA contacted him and is preparing a response.

D. MAnugian indicated the next MJTC meeting will be held on Wednesday July 16th at 7:00 p.m. After that the meetings will be moved to every other month until the end of the year.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, D. Manugian adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.