

Minutes of the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Present were:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Daryl Amaral	MassDOT District 2	Betsy Johnson	Pedestrian Rep/WalkBike Springfield
Daniel Banister	Town of Williamsburg	Van Kacoyannakis	VHB
Gary Briere	MassBike	Andrew Krar	City of Springfield
Randy Brown	DPW Director, Southwick	Timothy Keane	Town of Longmeadow
Paul Burns	PVTA	Connor Knightly	West Springfield
Michelle Chase	Town Engineer, Agawam	Benjamin Murphy	Town of Monson
Tom Christensen	Town of East Longmeadow	Dan Murphy	City of Easthampton
Mark Dionne	Mass Association for the Blind	Dawn Nims	City of Holyoke
Bill Dwyer	Town of Hadley, JTC Chair	Tom Ruta	MassDOT District 2
Alexis Hosea-Abbott	MassBike		
PVPC Staff			
Andrew McCaul	Senior Transportation Planner	Dana Roscoe	Principal Planner
Jeff McCollough	Senior Transportation Planner	Gary Roux	Principal Planner

1. Open Meeting

Bill Dwyer, Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Chair, opened the November 9, 2022 JTC meeting at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Dwyer reviewed the virtual meeting format, and he noted that the meeting is being recorded. PVPC Senior Planner Andy McCaul took roll call and Mr. Dwyer confirmed that there was a quorum.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Mr. Dwyer asked for a motion to approve the October 12, 2022 JTC minutes.

MOVED BY RANDY BROWN, TOWN OF SOUTHWICK, SECONDED BY DAN MURPHY, CITY OF EASTHAMPTON, TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 12, 2022 JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC) MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE.

Mr. Dwyer then moved to take up agenda item 3.

3. Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC) Review Update

Mr. McCaul stated that at the October JTC meeting there was a discussion on the proposed amendment to the TEC and he noted that the JTC made a recommendation for the MPO to release this document. Mr. McCaul stated that the document has been released and advertised and it is now in the public review process. He noted that because some concerns had been raised during the JTC discussion, he is asking JTC members to email him with their comments which will be brought to the MPO. He pointed out that the information is on the PVPC website.

Mr. Dwyer then moved to take up agenda item 4.

4. FFY 2023-2027 TIP – Review of Programmed Projects

Mr. McCaul noted that the JTC now has an active 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and he reviewed the listing of projects which he had shared on the screen. Mr. McCaul stated that the District Offices and the Office of Transportation Planning are currently compiling information, and he noted that it is anticipated that costs for some projects will increase. Mr. McCaul reminded JTC members to make sure they are doing their due diligence in moving their design along and communicating with the project managers at MassDOT. He noted that any cost changes should be made as soon as possible and that it is important to make sure the projects

remain on their current advertised schedule. There being no questions, Mr. Dwyer moved to agenda item 5.

5. FFY 2024 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

PVPC Principal Planner Gary Roux reviewed the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update Schedule which he also shared on the screen. He reported that there was outreach to six farmers markets and that 295 surveys were completed as a result of this outreach. He also talked about the RTP Focus Groups which are providing feedback on the current RTP vision, the goals, emphasis areas, problem statements and discretionary funding. Mr. Roux noted that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Focus Group meeting took place this morning and the Infrastructure Focus Group is scheduled to meet virtually following today's JTC meeting. Mr. Roux planned to start releasing small versions of items for review through the JTC during the next few months. He stated that the goal is to have a JTC recommended document that the MPO will release at the end of June, followed by MPO endorsement in July.

There being no questions, Mr. Dwyer moved to take up agenda item 6.

6. Other Business

At this point, Mr. McCaul shared the Zoom link for today's RTP Infrastructure Focus Group Zoom meeting and he noted that the link he had sent out previously was not the correct link.

Mr. Roux stated that it was suggested during this morning's Bicycle/Pedestrian Focus Group meeting that it might be useful for JTC members and alternates to have access to each other's email addresses. He noted that he did not want to release anyone's information without first having a conversation about this. Mr. McCaul explained that when the Constant Contact email is sent out to the JTC, none of their email addresses are shared. Mr. Dwyer suggested that this discussion could be an agenda item for the next JTC meeting.

Ms. Johnson reported that Sunday, November 20th is the International World Day of Remembrance when all roadway fatalities are recognized. She stated that this year the Holyoke Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee along with WalkBike Springfield will host an event in Springfield to recognize 42 fatalities in Hampden County. Ms. Johnson stated that she sent their press advisory to Jeff McCollough to share through the PVPC events and notices. Mr. Dwyer suggested sending the information to JTC members as a reminder.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Dwyer called for a motion to adjourn.

MOVED BY DAN MURPHY, CITY OF EASTHAMPTON, SECONDED BY BEN MURPHY, TOWN OF MONSON, TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 9, 2022 JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC) MEETING. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:30 A.M. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Relevant documents distributed at this November 9, 2022 JTC meeting:

- Joint Transportation Committee November 9, 2022 Meeting Agenda
- Minutes of the October 12, 2022 Joint Transportation Committee Meeting