

PIONEER VALLEY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)
Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting Held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Committee Members Present Were:

William Dwyer, JTC Chair, Town of Hadley
Ben Breger, MassDOT Highway District 2
Ben Murphy, Town of Monson
Betsy Johnson Walk / Bike Springfield
Doug Ellis, City of Chicopee
Dan Banister, Town of Williamsburg
Connor Knightly, Town of West Springfield
Paul Burns PVTA
Linda Leduc Town of Belchertown
Alexis Hosea-Abbott, MassBike
Chris Klem, MassDOT – OTP
Van Kacoyannakis VHB
Peter Frieri, MassDOT – Highway District 1
Carolyn Misch City of Northampton
Dan McCormack
Walter Gunn - PVPC

PVPC Staff:

Rana Al-Jammal, Senior Transportation Planner
Andrew McCaul, Senior Transportation Planner
Gary Roux, Principal Planner

1. Open Meeting

The November 8, 2023, virtual Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Joint Transportation Committee meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by JTC Chair William Dwyer, who welcomed everyone in attendance. Roll call was taken, and there was a quorum.

2. Minutes of the Commission Meeting of October 11, 2023

The Chair noted that the minutes of the October 11, 2023, PVPC JTC meeting were not available.

3. FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Mr. McCaul shared the following three amendments to FFY 2024-2028 TIP:

- Cost increase Project 612106 Springfield / Chicopee – Interstate Maintenance and related work on I-91 and I-391: Increase from \$15,900,816 to \$23,667,942;
- Add Springfield Safe Streets for All (SS4A) funding: \$15,012,800;
- Add \$75,000 to the CMMPO (Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization) for the purchase of a hybrid van for use by the Quaboag Community Development Corporation.

Mr. Dwyer asked for a motion to recommend the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) to endorse the amendments.

MOVED BY BEN MURPHY, SECONDED BY DAN BANISTER, TO RECOMMEND TO MPO TO ENDORSE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. A ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN, AND THE RECOMMENDATION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no questions, Mr. Dwyer moved to take up Item 4 of the agenda.

4. FFY 2020 FHWA Urbanized Area Boundary Update

Mr. Roux provided an update on the changes to the urbanized area boundaries based on the 2020 census. Comments on the proposed changes were submitted to MassDOT for review and endorsement by the MPO in November 2023.

There being no questions, Mr. Dwyer moved to take up agenda item 5.

5. JTC Participation and Recruitment

Members were reminded that in order to be eligible to vote on the JTC, they must have an appointment from their chief elected official. It was noted that there were vacancies in several municipalities and a need for active membership on the Committee. Ms. Hosea-Abbott offered to help recruit members to fill the vacancies on the JTC. It was suggested that if someone knows of potential candidates, they can forward their information to the appropriate authorities for appointment. In January 2024, a letter will be sent out to chief elected officials, PVPC commissioners, and current Committee members to provide information on the upcoming TIP update and to request updates on membership or contact information. It was suggested that tracking membership and highlighting communities not represented in the minutes could help focus outreach efforts to fill vacancies.

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

6. Other Business

Ms. Johnson informed the group about the upcoming World Day of Remembrance on November 19, 2023, where victims of road fatalities are honored. An event was planned in Springfield, and attendees were invited to participate and raise awareness about the importance of road safety.

The Chair confirmed that there will be a meeting on December 14, 2023, and reminded attendees to mark their calendars.

MOVED BY BEN MURPHY, SECONDED BY DAN BANISTER, TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2023, COMMITTEE MEETING.
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED WITHOUT OBJECTION AT 10:21 A.M.

Relevant documents distributed at this November 8, 2023, JTC meeting:

- Joint Transportation Committee November 8, 2023, Meeting Agenda
- FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1
- FFY 2020 FHWA Urbanized Area Boundary Update
- JTC Members and Alternates

Respectfully submitted,

Attendance

Agawam		Monson	Yes
Amherst		Montgomery	
Barnes Municipal Airport		Northampton	Yes
Belchertown	Yes	Palmer	
Blandford		Pelham	
Brimfield		Pedestrian Representative	Yes
Chester		Peter Pan Bus Lines	
Chesterfield		Pioneer Valley Railroad	
Chicopee	Yes	Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	Yes
Cummington		Plainfield	
East Longmeadow		Russell	
Easthampton		South Hadley	
Goshen		Southampton	
Granby		Southwick	
Granville		Springfield	
Hadley	Yes	Tolland	
Hampden		University of Massachusetts	
Holland		Wales	
Holyoke		Ware	
Huntington		Western Massachusetts EDC	
Longmeadow		Westfield	
Ludlow		Westhampton	
MassBike	Yes	West Springfield	Yes
MassDOT District 1	Yes	Wilbraham	
MassDOT District 2	Yes	Williamsburg	Yes
Middlefield		Worthington	
Mobility Impaired Representative			

Yes indicates the Municipality was represented