Minutes of the Tuesday, April 24, 2018 Meeting of the Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) held at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104-3419

MPO Members Present:

Bryan Pounds	Transportation Planner and MPO Liaison, Office of Transportation Planning, Massachusetts
	Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Representing MPO Chair Stephanie Pollack,
	Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation and Chief Executive Officer
George Archible	Belchertown Board of Selectmen
Jim Czach*	Chairman, Joint Transportation Committee & Town Engineer, Town of West Springfield
Walter Gunn	Chairman, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC)
Richard Masse	MassDOT District Two Office (Northampton) Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT
	Highway Administrator for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)
David Narkewicz	Mayor, City of Northampton, Representing Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA)
Sandra Sheehan	Administrator, Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA)
Doug Slaughter	Town of Amherst Selectboard
Brian Sullivan	Mayor, City of Westfield
Rick Sullivan	President and CEO, Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts
(* denotes non-voting member)	

Guests and PVPC Staff Present:

Stuart Beckley	Town Manager, Town of Ware
Mike Bolduc	MassDOT District Two Office (Northampton)
Elizabeth Botelho	City Engineer, City of Chicopee
Tim Brennan	Executive Director, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC)
Daniel Call	City of Westfield
Michelle Chase	Town Engineer, Town of Agawam
Mark Cressotti	Vice-Chair of the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) and City Engineer, City of Westfield
David Elvin	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
Peter Frieri	MassDOT District One Office (Lenox)
Jeff Hoynoski	MassDOT District Two Office (Northampton)
Amir Kouzehkanani	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
Andrew Krar	Town Engineer, Town of Longmeadow
Andrew McCaul	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
Jeff McCollough	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
Michael McManus	Superintendent, Holyoke Department of Public Works
Mark Moore	MassDOT District 1 (Lenox)
John Morgan	Consultant, CHA Consulting, Inc.
Dan Murphy	City Engineer, City of Easthampton
Jeffry Neece	Superintendent, Chicopee Department of Public Works
Margaret O'Neal	Town of Worthington
Claire O'Neill	MassDevelopment/Belchertown
Dana Roscoe	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
Charley Rose	Selectboard Chair, Town of Worthington
Gary Roux	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
William Sapelli	Mayor of the Town of Agawam
Gabe Sherman	Project Manager, MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning (OTP)
Matt Sokop	City Engineer, Springfield Department of Public Works
Louise Sullivan	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Support Staff
Steve Williams	Director, Department of Public Works, Town of Belchertown

1. Chairman's Call to Order, Welcome and Opening Remarks

Bryan Pounds, Transportation Planner and MPO Liaison, Office of Transportation Planning, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Representing MPO Chair Stephanie Pollack, Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation and Chief Executive Officer, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), called the April 24, 2018 meeting of the Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to order at 10:31 a.m. Mr. Pounds then welcomed and thanked all those in attendance and called for introductions from the MPO members.

Following introductions, Mr. Pounds moved to take up the minutes of the previous MPO meeting held on March 27, 2018.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Pioneer Valley MPO Held on March 27, 2018

Mr. Pounds called for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Pioneer Valley MPO meeting which was held on March 27, 2018.

AFTER TWO CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES WERE NOTED, A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS, SECONDED BY WALTER GUNN, CHAIRMAN, PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION (PVPC), TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2018 PIONEER VALLEY MPO MEETING AS AMENDED. THERE BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, THE MOTION WAS THEN APPROVED BY THE MPO MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Pounds then moved to address the next agenda item.

3. <u>Review, Discussion and MPO Endorsement of the Proposed Amendments to the FFY 2018 Transportation</u> <u>Improvement Program (TIP) Currently Advertised for the Required 21-day Public Review</u>

Mr. Pounds called on PVPC Principal Planner Dana Roscoe to review a series of proposed amendments to the Pioneer Valley region's current, FFY 2018 Pioneer Valley Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Roscoe stated that there are four proposed changes to the Pioneer Valley region's current, FFY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Roscoe directed the MPO members attention to the relevant handout entitled *Summary of Proposed Changes to the 2018-2022 Pioneer Valley Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Proposed Amendments* and stated that the proposed amendments to the current, FFY 2018 TIP which summarized as follows:

- Increase the cost of the *Improvements at I-91 Exit 19 Interchange at Route 9 and Damon Road* in Northampton, Project #604597 from \$7,438,490 to \$8,388,383
- Increase the cost of the *Route 20 Access Improvements (Phase I)* in Westfield, Project #603449 from \$6,133,933 to \$7,993910
- Remove *Brimfield Road Resurfacing and Related Work* in Holland, Project #604962 from FFY 2018 because this project is proposed to be funded in the FFY 2019 element of the Pioneer Valley's FFY 2019 FFY 2023 TIP
- Reduce project cost for *Bridge Replacement, H-21-018, Lyman Street Over First Level Canal* in Holyoke, Project #600936 from \$11,762,603 to \$8,019,034 (this was a change made during the required 21-day public review)

After a brief discussion on the MassDOT's Approach to funding of bridge projects, Mr. Pounds called for a motion to endorse the recommended amendments to the Pioneer Valley region's current, FFY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

MOVED BY RICHARD SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS, SECONDED BY WALTER GUNN, CHAIRMAN, PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION (PVPC), TO ENDORSE THE PROPOSED SERIES OF AMENDMENTS TO THE PIONEER VALLEY REGION'S CURRENT, FFY2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) Mr. Pounds asked if there were any questions or further discussion on the subject motion.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE MPO MEMBERS PRESENT.

Mr. Pounds then moved to take up agenda item #4.

4. <u>Review, Discussion and MPO Approval to Release Amendments to the FFY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program</u> (<u>TIP</u>) for the Required 21-day Public Review

Mr. Pounds again called on PVPC Principal Planner Dana Roscoe to review a series of proposed mew amendments to the Pioneer Valley region's current, FFY 2018 Pioneer Valley Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Roscoe directed the MPO members' attention to the relevant handout entitled *2018 Pioneer Valley Transportation Improvement Program* and he stated that this document identifies additional bridge projects that PVPC staff weren't made aware of last month when the MPO members had reviewed and approved the release of a series of amendments to the region's current FFY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a required 21-day public review period. Mr. Roscoe then reviewed the bridge projects that comprise a series of additional amendments to the region's current FFY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a required 21-day public review period. Mr. Roscoe then reviewed the bridge projects that comprise a series of additional amendments to the region's current FFY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a required 21-day public review period. Mr. Roscoe then reviewed the bridge projects that comprise a series of additional amendments to the region's current FFY 2018 TIP which he outlined as follows:

Name of Bridge Project	City or Town Location	Funding
Moody Bridge	Hadley	
Connecticut River Trail Construction	Hadley, Northampton and South Hadley	
MOVE Reconstruction, N-19-059, I-91 over	Northampton	AC Year 1 (Note: Funding is divided
Hockanum Road <u>to FFY 2020</u>		up among multiple years)

Name of Bridge Project	City or Town Location	Funding
Bridge Replacement M-19-010, Chester Road Over	Middlefield	80% federal + 20% non-federal
Smart Brook		
MOVE Reconstruction, N-19-059, I-91 over	Northampton	AC Year 2 of 5
Hockanum Road <u>to FFY 2021</u>		

Name of Bridge Project	City or Town Location	Funding
MOVE Bridge Replacement, H-01-005, Bay Road	Hadley	
(Route47) over the Fort River connecting to Route		
116 to FFY 2021		
Reconstruction, N-19-059, I-91 over Hockanum Road	Northampton	AC Year 1 of 5
(moved from FFY 2018)		
Bridge Replacement, W-25-006, Route 10/202	Westfield	Cost Decrease from \$13,276,980
(Southwick Road) over the Little River		

Name of Bridge Project	City or Town Location	Funding
Bridge Replacement, H-01-005, Bay Road (Route47) over the Fort River connecting to Route 116 (moved from FFY 2020)	Hadley	
Reconstruction, N-19-059, I-91 over Hockanum Road (moved from FFY 2019)	Northampton	AC Year 2 of 5

Name of Bridge Project	City or Town Location	Funding
Reconstruction, N-19-059, I-91 over Hockanum Road	Northampton	AC Year 3 of 5
(moved from FFY 2019)		

Following Mr. Roscoe's summary, Mr. Pounds called for a motion to approve the release of these additional amendments to the the Pioneer Valley region's current, FFY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the required 21-day public review period.

MOVED BY RICHARD SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS, SECONDED BY BRIAN SULLIVAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD, TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF A SERIES OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PIONEER VALLEY REGION'S CURRENT FFY 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE REQUIRED 21-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN OUTLINED BY PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION (PVPC) STAFF.

Mr. Pounds asked if there were any questions or further discussion needed regarding the subject motion.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE MPO MEMBERS PRESENT.

Mr. Pounds then moved to take up the next agenda item.

5. <u>Review, Discussion and MPO Approval to Release the Draft FFY 2019 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</u> <u>for the Required 21-day Public Review</u>

Mr. Pounds once again called on PVPC Principal Planner Dana Roscoe to discuss the draft version of the Pioneer Valley region's proposed FFY 2019 - 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Roscoe asked the MPO members to refer to the applicable handout document entitled *2019 Pioneer Valley Region Transportation Improvement Program*. Mr. Roscoe explained that the TIP consists of a highway component and a transit component. Mr. Roscoe stated that a great deal of time was devoted at the March 27th MPO meeting to identify the new TIP's highway component and since that MPO meeting, there have been no changes. Mr. Roscoe reported that the TIP projects listed in this Draft FFY 2019 – 2023 TIP had been discussed at the last Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) meeting that was held two weeks ago at which the JTC members recommended that the Pioneer Valley MPO members vote to advance this list of highway projects by way of a Draft FFY 2019 – 2023 TIP document for its required 21-day public review period. Mr. Roscoe noted that if there are no changes proposed to the highway component of the TIP during the public review period, the same list will be presented to the MPO members for their final endorsement at the next MPO meeting.

Mr. Roscoe next addressed the transit component of the proposed draft Pioneer Valley FFY 2019 - 2023_Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and he noted that the transit component had not been discussed at the previous MPO meeting because it was not yet available. Mr. Roscoe stated that the PVTA officials consider that 12 years is the maximum life span of a transit bus which means they try to replace their PVTA vehicles every 12 years. Mr. Roscoe further explained there are 20 PVTA buses that in 2019 will reach the end of their 12 year useful life span. Mr. Roscoe explained that the PVTA's Capital Plan calls for the replacement of four 40-foot and four 35-foot standard transit buses for a total of eight vehicles. The PVTA had requested replacement of 20 vehicles but only eight replacements were approved in Year 1; with four more buses moved into Year 2 for replacement; and another four were moved into Year 3 for replacement; and four buses were moved into Year 4 for replacement. Mr. Roscoe emphasized that this means that the PVTA must continue to operate 12 bus vehicles beyond their standard 12-year life span. Following Mr. Roscoe's report, Mr. Pounds called for a motion to approve the release of the Pioneer Valley's Draft FFY 2019-2023 TIP for the required 21-day public review period.

MOVED BY GEORGE ARCHIBLE, OF THE TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, SECONDED BY RICHARD SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS, TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF THE PIONEER VALLEY REGION'S DRAFT FFY 2019-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE REQUIRED 21-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

Mr. Pounds asked if there were any questions or discussion on the subject motion but none were forthcoming.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE MPO MEMBERS PRESENT.

Mr. Pounds then moved to take up the next agenda item.

6. <u>Review, Discussion and MPO Approval to Release the Draft FFY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the</u> <u>Required 21-day Public Review</u>

Mr. Pounds called on PVPC Principal Planner Gary Roux to discuss the draft version of the region's FFY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Roux explained that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a description of the anticipated transportation planning activities to be conducted over the course of the upcoming federal fiscal year and he asked the MPO members to refer to the *Executive Summary* on page 1 of the Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's *Unified Planning Work Program, Fiscal Year 2019* (October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019) document. Mr. Roux stated that a major component of the UPWP consists of Work Element 3 which advances the development of the Pioneer Valley's new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Mr. Roux explained that it is a federal requirement that the Pioneer Valley's RTP be updated every four years and, therefore, an updated RTP will need to be completed and endorsed by the MPO by July 2019.

Mr. Roux next called the attention of the MPO members to the 11 Tasks that are included in Work Element 3 which are the transportation studies and products proposed to be undertaken as part of this FFY 2019 UPWP. Mr. Roux reported that these projects had been solicited in concert with the Joint Transportation Commission inclusive of a request for a safety project that was requested by the Town of Longmeadow for a safety study of the vicinity of Bliss and Williams Streets in Longmeadow. Mr. Roux added that the UPWP was prepared in compliance with the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and it addresses the key emphasis areas that have been identified by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration including regional performance measures, freight planning, bicycle/pedestrian safety and the Massachusetts Complete Streets Program, among others. At this point, Mr. Pounds asked if there were any questions or comments for Mr. Roux. Having none, Mr. Pounds called for a motion to release the Pioneer Valley's Draft FFY 2019 UPWP for the required 21-day public review.

MOVED BY WALTER GUNN, CHAIRMAN OF THE PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION (PVPC), SECONDED BY RICHARD SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS, TO AUTHORIZE THAT THE PROPOSED DRAFT VERSION OF THE PIONEER VALLEY REGION'S FFY 2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) BE RELEASED FOR THE REQUIRED 21 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE MPO MEMBERS PRESENT.

Mr. Pounds then moved to take up the next agenda item

7. Review, Discussion and MPO Approval to Make Adjustments to the FFY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Roux announced that this agenda item refers to the current FFY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program which will be in effect through September 30th of this year. Mr. Roux called the MPO members' attention to the 3-page document in their meeting packet entitled *UPWP FY2018 Recommended Transit Adjustments – April 24, 2018.* Mr. Roux explained that an adjustment to the UPWP is allowed provided that a Work Task is not being eliminated or the budget of a Work Task is not being altered with the approval of the Massachusetts Office of Transportation Planning and a subsequent vote of approval by the Pioneer Valley MPO. Mr. Roux further explained that an adjustment is being proposed for the UPWP work that would have been completed under three UPWP Work Tasks, namely:

- Task 3.2: Transit System Surveys and Route Implementation
- Task 4.1: Regional Transit Planning
- Task 4.2: Paratransit Planning Assistance

Mr. Roux continued saying that because of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority's need to identify extensive service cuts along with a fare increase, PVPC staff have been providing assistance to the PVTA and as a result of doing so, there is not staff time or resources available this year to conduct a proposed non-rider survey for the PVTA. Given this, the PVPC is requesting a proposed adjustment to the current year UPWP that eliminates the task of creating a non-rider survey. Mr. Pounds asked if there were any questions for Mr. Roux. There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Pounds called for a motion for the MPO to approve these proposed adjustments to the FFY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

MOVED BY GEORGE ARCHIBLE, OF THE TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, SECONDED BY RICHARD SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS, TO APPROVE PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE DRAFT VERSION OF THE PIONEER VALLEY REGION'S FFY 2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AS OUTLINED BY STAFF. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE MPO MEMBERS PRESENT.

Mr. Pounds moved on to the next agenda item.

8. <u>Report from Jim Czach, the Chairman of the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), on Important Transportation Issues</u> and Projects Discussed Since the Last MPO Meeting was Held on March 27, 2018

Mr. Pounds called on JTC Chairman Jim Czach to report on issues and projects discussed at the last meeting of the Pioneer Valley region's Joint Transportation Committee (JTC). Mr. Czach reported that at the last JTC meeting, which was held on April 12th, the JTC members discussed the FFY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the status and ranking of the proposed universe of FFY 2018 – 2023 TIP projects.

Mr. Pounds thanked Mr. Czach for his report and he then moved to take up the next agenda item.

9. <u>Updates from MassDOT District One and District Two Officials on Relevant Transportation Issues and Projects of Interest</u> to the Pioneer Valley MPO Members

Mr. Pounds called on Peter Frieri of the MassDOT District One office in Lenox to present District One's updates on relevant transportation issues and projects. Mr. Frieri stated that there were no major updates since the previous MPO meeting and he then reported on the following TIP projects:

- Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 9 over the Westfield River in the Town of Cummington (Project #607939) has had its bid opening postponed until May 15th
- Bridge Replacement Project on Chester Road over Smart Brook in the Town of Middlefield (Project #608249) is currently at the 25% design stage and working toward achieving 75% design status

Mr. Pounds next called on Jeff Hoynoski of the MassDOT District Two office in Northampton to present District Two's updates on relevant transportation projects within its jurisdiction. Mr. Hoynoski reported the following:

- The Intersection Improvements at Route 187 and 57 in the Town of Agawam (Project #604203) is at the 75% design stage and the 100% design stage is due in the middle of May
- The Improvements at Interchange 19 at Route 9 and Damon Road in the City of Northampton (Project #604597) is at the 100% design stage and the PS&E is due in May
- The *Reconstruction of Western Avenue, Phase I*, in the City of Westfield (Project #603449) is at the 100% design stage and is currently waiting for costs
- The Bridge Rehabilitation P-01-005, Main Street Over Quaboag River in Palmer (Project #608870) is now at the 100% design stage
- The *Resurfacing on Heritage, Front and Dwight Street* in the City of Holyoke (Project #607256) is currently at the 75% design stage with the 100% design stage due in two weeks
- The Amherst- Hadley- Northampton- Transit Signal Priority Upgrades at Various Locations Route 9 (Project 608786) has a priority upgrade and is at the 75% design stage
- The North End Pedestrian Path Construction in the City of Springfield (Project #607589) is at the 75% design stage and is expected to reach the 100% design stage in two weeks

David Narkewicz, Mayor of Northampton asked for an update on the status of the *Reconstruction of Damon Road, From Route 9 to Route 5* Project in the City of Northampton (Project #608236). Mr. Hoynoski replied that this project is currently at 100% design stage and based on right-of-way issues and the amount of work needed, the project is being pushed forward a year but should otherwise move forward on schedule.

There being no further questions or comments from MPO members, Mr. Pounds thanked Mr. Frieri and Mr. Hoynoski for their District One and District Two project updates and he moved to take up the next agenda item.

10. <u>Updates from Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) Administrator Sandra Sheehan on Relevant Public Transit Issues</u> and Projects of Interest to the Pioneer Valley MPO Members

Mr. Pounds called for a report and update from Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) Administrator Sandra Sheehan. Ms. Sheehan announced that the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Advisory Board approved a 20 percent fare hike effective July 1 which is a reduction from the 25 percent hike the PVTA originally asked for. Ms. Sheehan added that this is a reduction from the 25 percent hike the PVTA originally asked for and with a 20 percent increase, a basic one-way fare will rise from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Ms. Sheehan reported that service cutbacks will begin in September unless the PVTA receives an additional \$3 million more of state assistance in the Commonwealth's FY 2019 budget.

Mr. Pounds thanked Ms. Sheehan for her report and he then moved to take up the final agenda item.

11. Other Business

Mr. Pounds announced that MassDOT will be holding a series of public meetings across the Commonwealth to present and discuss MassDOT's Draft Five Year Capital Investment Plan (CIP) beginning on Tuesday, May 15th. Mr. Pounds indicated that there will be a CIP meeting at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17th. Mr. Pounds encouraged the MPO members to attend the May 17th meeting and he underscored that MassDOT officials look forward to their feedback. Mr. Pounds stated that comments may be emailed or sent using the MaPIT tool that can be found on the MassDOT website.

Mr. Brennan asked if anyone had an update on the status of the Chapter 90 release. Mayor Narkewicz replied that he understands that the bill is in the conference committee and legislators are still trying to resolve issues. Rick Sullivan asked if there was an update on the future long range plan for the Route I91 Viaduct study project. Mr. Masse replied there wasn't but Gary Roux of the PVPC stated that there will be a public meeting regarding the Viaduct project in the near future with the date to be determined. Mr. Pounds indicated that he will research the project's status and report back.

Mr. Roux reported that there will be a public meeting on April 30th in Blandford being held by a working group studying the need for a new Massachusetts Turnpike exit which would be located between Exits 2 and 3. A follow-up meeting of the work group is anticipated in May.

Mr. Roscoe announced that the next MPO meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd at 10 a.m. Then Mr. Roscoe commented that at the last MPO meeting, Mayor Narkewicz spoke about the Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) and their request for \$88 million in funding instead of \$80 million. Mr. Roscoe reported that the Massachusetts House of Representatives is voting today on the Peake Amendment that would increase the funding amount allocated to the 15 Massachusetts RTAs to \$88 million and he urged the MPO members to send in emails in support of Representative Peake's amendment.

Mr. Pounds asked if there was any other business to conduct and there being no further business, Mr. Pounds called for a motion to adjourn the April 24, 2018 Pioneer Valley MPO meeting.

MOVED BY RICHARD SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS, SECONDED BY BRIAN SULLIVAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD, TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 24, 2018 MEETING OF THE PIONEER VALLEY REGION'S MPO. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE APRIL 24TH MPO MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:06 A.M. WITHOUT OBJECTION

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Brennan, Executive Director Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

List of Documents and Other Items Distributed at the April 24, 2018 MPO Meeting

- 1. Pioneer Valley Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting Notice and Agenda: April 24, 2018
- 2. Minutes of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2018
- 3. 2018 Pioneer Valley Region Transportation Improvement Program
- 4. 2019 Pioneer Valley Region Transportation Improvement Program
- 5. Summary of Proposed Changes to the 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) April 2018
- 6. TIP 2019 2023 (Transit)
- 7. 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Bridge Section Summary of Proposed Changes April 24, 2018
- 8. UPWP FY2018 Recommended Transit Adjustments April 24, 2018
- 9. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Fiscal Year 2019 Executive Summary
- 10. UPWP Funding Profile