

## MVMPO – October 25, 2023

### *Members Present*

Steve Woelful, representing Acting Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt  
Brian Fallon, representing Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver  
Jerrard Whitten, MVPC Executive Director  
Bonnie Mahoney, MeVa Administrator  
John Pettis, representing Mayor of Haverhill  
Dan McCarthy, representing Mayor of Lawrence  
Neil Harington, representing Subregion 1  
Robert Snow, representing Subregion 2  
John Cashell, representing Subregion 3  
Paul Materazzo, representing Subregion 4

### *Others Present*

Patrick Reed, MVPC  
Derek Shooster, MassDOT STIP Coordinator  
Charles Major, MassDOT GIS Database Administrator  
Charlotte Mays, MassDOT GIS Analyst  
Elizabeth Maldari, MVPC  
Tony Collins, MVPC  
Jonah Williams, MVPC  
Jenifer Dunlap, MVPC  
Niorka Mendez, MeVa  
Timothy Paris, MassDOT  
Lisa Schwarz, Town of Andover

## **Item 1. Call to Order**

Mr. Woelful called the meeting to order at 12:02pm, on October 25, 2023. Mr. Reed called the roll and quorum was attained.

## **Item 2. Opportunity for Public Comment**

Mr. Woelful called for public comments. There being no comments, Mr. Woelful moved to item 3.

## **Item 3. Minutes**

Mr. Woelful called for solicited approval for the August 23 meeting minutes. Mr. Whitten made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Snow seconded. The meetings passed with all voting in favor.

#### Item 4. FFY24-28 TIP Amendment #1

Mr. Woelful opened the next item, an amendment to FFY24-28 TIP. Mr. Reed walked attendees through the TIP Amendment report and the three changes packaged in the amendment.

- Border to Boston Design Earmarks
  - Not programmed and moved to FFY24
- Cost increase to Methuen Intersection Improvements at Riverside Drive
  - Material Unit Cost Updates
  - Surface Transportation Block Grant
  - Transportation Assistance Program

Route 1 Salisbury; Mr Reed gave a review of the August Redistribution program ceiling gap between what the States program and what the funding authority is so there is an opportunity to redistribute the funds in that gap.

- The Route 1 Salisbury
  - FFY23 August Redistribution

Following a review of the amendments, Mr. Reed noted that the action today was to vote on the amendment but wanted to alert the MPO to some options for additional funding:

- Forward fund FFY25 or FFY 27 projects
- Lawrence to Manchester Rail Trail
- Flex to FTA/MeVa, based on defined need
- Design pipeline fund
- Other ideas

Mr. Reed moved to the proposed action. Mr. Woelful requested a motion. Mr. Pettis made a motion to approve and adopt the plan, which was seconded by Mr. McCarthy. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Item 5 – Urbanized Area Boundaries

Mr. Woelful moved to the next item, item number five, calling Mr. Major to present. Mr. Major provided an overview of MassDOT GIS team work to smooth boundaries from census data into next ten-year cycle of urban areas to include associated roadways. Mr. Major shared that they are hoping to receive any feedback by early November to share with FHWA and move forward. If an MPO member wants to make a change to their draft, they would like to hear. Ms. Mays shared the GIS viewer and invited any questions. Mr. Reed identified that the adjusted FHWA boundaries don't have far to grow, and the takeaway is that while changes are not minimal, encouraged that MVMPO members follow state changes closely considering that funding opportunities are synched with state. Mr. Woelful invited other comments or questions and moved to Agenda Item 6.

#### Item 6. Transit Project Status and Status of TIP Roadway and Bridge Projects

Mr. Woelful requested an update from Ms. Mahoney. Ms. Mahoney shared that they will no longer plan a route into the plaza on 114 by Lawrence High and that they are waiting on the last two buses to be delivered. Ms. Mahoney also shared that they are in the midst of roof improvements and just had the pre-walkthrough of the McGovern Center improvements and bids are due back in December. Mr. Woelful invited any questions for Ms. Mahoney. There being no questions, Mr. Woelful moved to the status of TIP Roadway and Bridge Projects. Mr. Paris ran through the spreadsheet of Merrimack Valley relevant District Four projects:

- #613092 – Haverhill two culvert replacement on Amesbury Road over unnamed tributary of East Meadow River – This project now has two revised cost estimates.
- #612890 – Groveland Improvements at Dr. Elmer S Bagnall Elementary School – This project's cost has changed.
- #612193 – Andover bridge preservation I-93 over Merrimack River – New TIP cost
- #612158 – Methuen bridge replacement route 213 over Methuen Rail Trail – New TIP cost
- #612143 – Andover bridge replacement Tewksbury Street over MBTA/BMRR – New TIP cost
- #605304 – Haverhill Bridge Replacement over the Merrimack River and the abandoned B&M RR (proposed bikeway) – New TIP cost and year, 150 million.
- #608029 – Newburyport – Intersection improvements at route 1 & Merrimack Street. – New TIP cost.
- #608816 – Lowell – Dracut – Methuen – resurfacing and related work on route 110 – Change to Ad Date and TIP Cost
- #609466 – Haverhill Bridge replacement over Merrimack River on I-495 – New ad date and project cost and cost estimates.
- #612074 – Lawrence bridge replacement Short Street over Spicket River – New TIP cost.
- #612045 – Andover Tewksbury Interstate maintenance and related works on I-93 – New TIP cost and year.
- #611977 – Amesbury Riverwalk connector to the Salisbury Point Ghost Trail – Change to TIP cost
- #611957 – Andover reconstruction on route 133 Lowell Street from Shawsheen road to Route 28 (North Main Street) – New TIP year and TIP cost.
- #608093 – North Andover corridor improvements on route 114 between Route 125 and Stop and Shop Driveway – changes to ad date for 2025 and new TIP year and project costs.
- #602843 – Georgetown reconstruction on route 97 from Moulton Street to Groveland town line – New TIP year and cost.
- #607541 – Georgetown- Boxford-Border to Boston trail from Georgetown Road to West Main Street – New TIP cost.
- #606522 – Andover Bridge Rehabilitation I495 over B&M and MBTA – New TIP year and cost.
- #608930 – Lawrence Manchester Rail Corridor Rail Trail – New TIP year and cost.
- #610924 – Lawrence roadway reconstruction on Amesbury Street – all new costs.
- #610658 – Methuen Intersection improvements at Riverside Drive and Burnham Road – new TIP cost and cost estimates.
- #607542 – Georgetown -Newbury- Border to Boston Trail – new TIP cost.
- #602202 – Salisbury reconstruction of Route 1 – New TIP year and cost.

There being no questions, Mr. Woelful moved to the last item.

## Item 7. Other Business

Mr. Woelful solicited other business. Mr. Reed proposed an in-person meeting on the last Wednesday in November to host the Acting Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt. Mr. Reed also noted that the meeting dates in December are still to be decided. Mr. Woelful asked for other business, there being none, he requested a motion to adjourn.

## **Item 9. Adjournment**

Mr. Woeful solicited a motion to adjourn. Mr. Materazzo made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Whitten. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 12:31.