

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
**Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)**

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Held at SRRPEDD

88 Broadway, Taunton, MA

The following SMMPO Members were in attendance:

David Mohler	Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEP of MassDOT Chair
J.R. Frey	Representing Jasiel F. Correia II, Mayor of the City of Fall River
Jamie Ponte	Representing Jon Mitchell, Mayor of the City of New Bedford
Ron Morgan	Representing Frank Gay, GATRA Administrator
Fred Cornaglia	Representing Thomas Hoye, Mayor of the City of Taunton
Robert Wheeler	Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Div. Administrator
Alan Slavin	Representing the Town of Wareham
Steve Ouellette	Representing the Town of Westport
Deborah Melino-Wender	SRPEDD Commission Chair

The following were also present:

Paul Mission, SRPEDD	Tim Kochan, MassDOT
Jeffrey Walker, SRPEDD	Brandon Wilcox, FHWA
Lisa Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD	Mary Ellen DeFrias, MassDevelopment
Charlie Mills, SRPEDD	Jackie Jones SRPEDD

Handouts:

1. FFY 2019-2023 TIP Proposed Amendment #1
2. FFY TIP 2019-2023 Proposed Adjustment #3
3. FFY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Adjustments
4. Proposed CY 2019 Safety Performance Measures

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairman David Mohler, after which attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Public Comments:** Chairman David Mohler opened the floor to give an opportunity for the public to address the SMMPO. No public comments were made.
3. **Approval of SMMPO December 12, 2018 Minutes:** Chairman David Mohler asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting of the SMMPO and if there were any comments or changes. There were none. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting of the SMMPO into the record. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) –**
  - a) Amendment – Proposed FFY2019 of the FFY2019-2023 TIP: Lisa Estrela-Pedro explained the grant awarded to the Regional Transit Authorities (GATRA & SRTA) and other transportation agencies for FFY2019 of the FFY2019-2023 TIP and explained that it needs to be amended in order for the money to be distributed. A motion was made to approve the amendment and release it to the 21-day comment period. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
  - b) Adjustment – Proposed Adjustment to FFY2019 Section 2A / State Prioritized Reliability Projects of the FFY 2019-2023 TIP: Lisa Estrela-Pedro explained the proposed

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adjustment was due to a cost increase of \$430,908 to the pavement preservation project on I-495. Chairman Mohler clarified that an adjustment does not require a public comment period. A motion was made to approve the adjustment. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c) Update on the status of the Evaluation Criteria Scoring Process and potential revision: Jackie Jones discussed efforts that she and Lisa Estrela-Pedro had made to break down the questions and overall scoring points presented at the last meeting into a more specific scoring rubric. She announced that they would be presenting the rubric and revised criteria at the next JTPG meeting on February 13, 2019 for approval before seeking final approval from the SMMPO.
5. **FFY2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) –**
- a) Administrative Adjustment to shift direct cost funds within FHWA PL Contract: Paul Mission explained the need for an Administrative Adjustment so SRPEDD redirect funds specifically for travel. Paul Mission explained that SRPEDD wants to take \$100 from the Regional Traffic Count Program and \$100 from Pavement Management and move it into the Data Management & GIS to cover some of the travel costs. A motion was made to approve the adjustment. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
6. **Performance Based Planning**
- a) Presentation, discussion and consideration to adopt the Calendar Year 2019 MassDOT Safety Performance Measures as required by Federal Transportation Legislation: Ben Mueller discussed the CY 2019 Safety Performance Measures proposed by MassDOT and the process that they used to develop the measures. He discussed how the trends for fatalities and serious injuries related to crashes have decreased, but that trends for the non-motorized measure have increased in the past and have recently started to plateau. Ms. Jones presented a comparison of trends in the SMMPO region versus statewide trends. Discussion ensued regarding whether the SMMPO should adopt the Statewide Performance Measures or adopt region specific measures. Mr. Mission explained that progress on the propose performance measures were reported to the federal government for the entire state and not regionally, therefore if the group voted to adopt the statewide goals it would assist with the reporting process while including the SMMPO's contribution to meeting the statewide goals. A motion was made to adopt the CY2019 Safety Performance Measures as presented. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
  - b) Discussion of the Performance Based Planning Agreement: Paul Mission explained that it is a planning agreement that looks at all the cooperative agreements and responsibilities that each MPO has in meeting the MassDOT's Performance Measures. Presently, it is in draft form and SRPEDD needs to get comment to MassDOT OTP by the end of the month.
  - c) Discussion on other Performance Measures and deadlines for consideration and adoption by the SMMPO: Paul Mission explained that the Transit Agencies also have requirements to provide information in regards to their Transit Asset Management Plans, as well as their targets related to FTA legislation. Paul Mission is in discussion with Eric Rousseau of SRTA and Frank Gay of GATRA in regards to these measures. All MPO's must adopt the transit Performance Measures by the end of April.

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7. **Regional Transportation Plan Update** – Discussion on public outreach effort, overall goals and timeline for the development of the plan: Paul Mission explained that SRPEDD staff is in the process of updating the Regional Transportation Plan. SRPEDD will host listening sessions to discuss transportation within the region. The outreach survey will be extended to the end of February so that it coincides with the outreach sessions. SRPEDD wants to get as much input from the general public as possible.
8. **Other Business** – Mr. Slavin inquired about the status of the Route 6 Corridor Study. Paul Mission provided an update on the Route 6 project. He explained that the existing conditions have been collected and the public outreach has been completed.
9. **Date, Time, Place for Next Meeting** – The next SMMPO was scheduled to be held on February 19, 2019 @ 1:00 PM at the SRPEDD office in Taunton.
10. **Adjourn** – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting 1:22 PM. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.