

Minutes of the Wednesday, June 18, 2014 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:

Steve Woelfel	Director of Strategic Planning, Office of Transportation Planning, Massachusetts Department of Transportation Representing Richard Davey, Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation and Chief Executive Officer, MassDOT
George Archible	Town of Belchertown, Board of Selectmen
Marcus J. Boyle	Chair, Board of Selectmen, Town of Hatfield
Walter Gunn	Chairman, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC)
Mary MacInnes	Administrator, Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA)
David Narkewicz	Mayor, City of Northampton
Al Stegemann	MassDOT District Two Office (Northampton) Representing Frank DePaola, Highway Division Administrator, MassDOT
Steve Roberts	Western Massachusetts Economic Development Council

Guests and PVPC Staff Present:

Richard Adamcek	Town of Pelham, Department of Public Works
Tim Brennan	Executive Director, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC)
Michelle Chase	Agawam Department of Public Works
Mark Cressotti	City Engineer, City of Westfield and the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Member
Jim Czach	City of Springfield Department of Public Works & Chairman, Joint Transportation Committee
Peter Frieri	MassDOT District 1
Randall Kemp	Town of Southamptton Department of Public Works
Amir Kouzehkanani	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
Mary MacInnes	Administrator, Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA)
Dmitriy Mayboroda	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
Andrew McCaul	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
Jeffrey McCollough	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
Mark Moore	MassDOT District 1
Josh Rickman	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
Dana Roscoe	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
Gary Roux	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – Transportation Section
Paula Simmons	MassDOT District 2
Matt Sokop	City of Holyoke Department of Public Works
Steve Williams	Director of Belchertown Department of Public Works
Kevin Wright	Federal Highway Administration

1. Chairman’s Call or Order, Welcome and Opening Remarks

Steve Woelfel, the Director of Strategic Planning at the Office of Transportation Planning, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), representing Richard Davey, Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation and Chief Executive Officer of MassDOT, called the June 18, 2014 meeting of the Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to order at 11:05 a.m. and he welcomed and thanked all those in attendance. Following introductions, Mr. Woelfel moved to take up the minutes of the previous MPO meeting held on April 29th.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Pioneer Valley MPO Held on April 29, 2014

Mr. Woelfel asked if there were any comments, questions or corrections regarding the minutes of the previous Pioneer Valley MPO meeting which was held on April 29, 2014. There being none, Mr. Woelfel called for a motion to approve the subject MPO meeting minutes as presented.

MOVED BY SELECTMAN MARCUS BOYLE OF THE TOWN OF HATFIELD, SECONDED BY AL STEGEMANN OF THE MASSDOT DISTRICT TWO OFFICE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 29, 2014 PIONEER VALLEY MPO MEETING AS PRESENTED. THERE BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Mr. Woelfel then moved to take up the next item on the agenda.

3. Review, Discussion and MPO Endorsement of the Pioneer Valley Region’s Proposed FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Woelfel called on PVPC Principal Planner Dana Roscoe to review the Pioneer Valley’s proposed FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Referring to page 1 of a distributed background document entitled *2015 Pioneer Valley MPO Transportation Improvement Program*, Mr. Roscoe indicated that the only transportation improvement project listed in Section 1A/Federal Aid Target Projects with a change was *the Springfield-North End and Brightwood Infrastructure Improvements Project* (605222) He explained that this project is listed under the Surface Transportation Program (STP); under Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) as well as under the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). In addition, Mr. Roscoe stated that the Springfield North End and Brightwood Project (605222) has had a slight cost change from \$4,233,000 to \$4,402,320. Mr. Roscoe continued his review of the changes made to the transportation projects listed in the Pioneer Valley’s FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) following the required 30-day public review period as follows:

FFY 2015 Pioneer Valley MPO TIP Projects	Proj. #	Mr. Roscoe’s Explanation of Changes Made
Wilbraham – Reconstruction of Boston Road	607869	Correct Project ID Number from 607896 to 607869
Monson –Palmer Resurfacing and Work on Rt. 32	606668	Update Design status for resurfacing from 75% to P, S, & E
District 2 – Systematic Bridge Maintenance at Various Locations	607515	Maintenance cost of \$1,849,536 appears in each fiscal year for the fiscal years of 2015 through 2018 per MassDOT Bridge List
Southampton Safe Routes to School	607453	Cost increase from \$531,250 to \$800,000
Northampton Roundabout at Route 5 and Conz St.	605066	Update Design from 25% to 75%
West Springfield – Connecticut Riverwalk and Bikeway Extension From Elm Street to Doty Circle	603730	Previously programmed for FFY 2016 has been advanced to FFY 2015 per MassDOT statewide TAP List

Mr. Woelfel asked if there were any questions regarding the FFY 2015 Annual Element of the proposed TIP and Mayor Narkewicz asked if the *Northampton Intersection Improvements at Route 5 Project* (605066) would be ready to move into the FFY 2015 TIP. Mr. Stegemann replied that the project is at 75% design and will achieve 100% design in FFY 2015. Mr. Stegemann also underscored that the *Springfield Viaduct Deck Replacement on I-91* (607731) is a fast moving project with 100% design expected to be in place by tomorrow and the advertising of the project to begin in July. There being no further questions or comments, Mr. Roscoe moved on to address the transportation projects in the FFY 2016 component of the region’s proposed TIP and any notable changes which he summarized as follows:

FFY 2016 Pioneer Valley MPO TIP Projects	Proj. #	Mr. Roscoe's Explanation of Changes Made
Springfield Signal and Intersection Improvements	605385	Cost increase from \$1,922,000 to \$1,976,000
District 2 – Systematic Bridge Maintenance at Various Locations	607516	Maintenance cost of \$1,849,536 appears in each fiscal year for the Federal Fiscal Years of 2015 through 2018
Belchertown– Warren Bridge Demolition – Old Boston Post Road	607524	West Springfield was removed from this project resulting in the Project ID number being changed from 604626 to 607524 with an updated cost from \$3,115,152 to \$2,477,738
Hatfield – Whately – Interstate Maintenance and Related Work on I-91	606577	Update estimated cost from \$11,469,600 to \$11,597,040
Westfield– Columbia Greenway Rail Trail Construction	603783	\$6,784,162 was programmed but a funding category has not been identified therefore this project has been removed from the TIP
Chicopee River Riverwalk Multi-use Path Construction	602912	Lack of funding resulted in move from FFY 2016 to FFY 2018 because CMAQ funding will be available in FFY 2018
Connecticut River Riverwalk and Bikeway Construction in Chicopee	602911	Change in design status from pre 25% to 25% with a funding increase from \$2,400,000 to \$3,261,288
District 2– ADA Retrofits at Various locations	607036	Add funding for \$740,000 (STP-FLEX) per MassDOT List
District 2– Stormwater Retrofits at Various locations	607001	Add funding for \$1,500,000 per MassDOT List
West Springfield – Connecticut Riverwalk and Bikeway Extension From Elm Street to Doty Circle	603730	Move funding of \$1,640,736 from FFY 2016 to FFY 2015 per MassDOT Statewide TAP List
Southwick Route 57 Intersections	603477	Update funding from \$2,160,000 to \$3,617,872
Northampton Roundabout Construction at Intersection Routes 5/10		Decrease funding from \$2,917,000 to \$2,874,896
Holyoke Traffic Signal Upgrades	606450	Update funding from \$1,504,680 to \$1,564,867

Mr. Woelfel asked if there were any questions on the proposed changes for the FFY 2016 component of the region's proposed TIP. Mark Cressotti of the City of Westfield advocated in favor of a funding commitment for Westfield's *Columbia Greenway Rail Trail Construction Project* (603783). Mr. Woelfel responded that MassDOT's current Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding cannot currently sustain this project but there may be TAP funding available from other regions across the state that could be tapped.. Mr. Woelfel suggested having a meeting with Mr. Cressotti within the next two weeks to discuss a funding strategy for moving the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail Project forward as soon as possible. Mr. Roscoe commented that the Westfield Rail Trail connects bicycle trails in Connecticut with Northampton and points north making Westfield's *Columbia Greenway Rail Trail Construction Project* critical to the regional network of bike trails, rail-trails and bikeways. He then moved on to review proposed changes to the FFY 2017 component of the TIP as follows:

FFY 2017 Pioneer Valley MPO TIP Projects	Proj. #	Mr. Roscoe's Explanation of Changes Made
Agawam – Reconstruction of Route 187 from 425 Feet South of S. Westfield Street to Route 57	600513	Funding formula updated
Amherst – Bridge Replacement, Mill Street Over Mill River	607528	Update funding from \$2,075,304 to \$2,644,040
Agawam/West Springfield Bridge Reconstruction Over the Westfield River and Signal Improvements	605384	Add funding for \$14,757,120
Granby/South Hadley Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 202	607474	Update estimated cost from \$1,585,920 to \$1,712,794 per MassDOT feedback
District 2 – Systematic Bridge Maintenance at Various Locations	607517	Maintenance cost of \$1,849,536 appears in each fiscal year for the Federal Fiscal Years of 2015 through 2018
Longmeadow Resurfacing on Converse Street	606445	Update design status from 25% to 75%
Agawam Intersection Improvements at Rt. 187 and 57	604203	Update HSIP funding from \$465,000 to \$1,080,992

Mr. Woelfel asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the proposed changes to the FFY 2017 component of the TIP. There being none, Mr. Roscoe moved to address the proposed changes made to the FFY 2018 component of the TIP, which he summarized as follows:

FFY 2018 Pioneer Valley MPO TIP Projects	Proj. #	Mr. Roscoe's Explanation of Changes Made
Cumington – Bridge Maintenance, Route 9 Over the Westfield River	607939	This project added per MassDOT Bridge List
District 2 – Systematic Bridge Maintenance at Various Locations	607959	Maintenance cost of \$1,849,536 appears in each fiscal year for the Federal Fiscal Years of 2015 through 2018 added per MassDOT Bridge List
Chicopee – Holyoke – Interstate Maintenance and Related Work on I-391	607560	This project added per MassDOT Interstate Maintenance List
Longmeadow – Route 5 Resurfacing Longmeadow St.	607430	Update design status of Longmeadow Rt. 5 Resurfacing from 25% to 75%
Chicopee – Chicopee River Riverwalk Multi-use Path Construction, from Grape Street to Front Street	602912	Moved from FFY 2016 to FFY 2018 in the TIP document

Mr. Woelfel asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the proposed changes to projects listed in the FFY 2018 component of the TIP. There being none, Mr. Woelfel asked Mr. Roscoe to next address the transit projects. Mr. Roscoe stated that the Pioneer Valley Region's Proposed FFY 2015-2018 TIP was released for a 30-day required public review with two proposed changes outlined in the TIP's Transit Element, namely:

- Move FTA Section 5307 funding for the purchase of buses from FFY 2015 to FFY 2014 to allow for the purchase of new buses in August of 2014
- Add \$1,700,000 in FTA Section 115 funding for the Westfield Intermodal Center in FFY 2015 which, originally, had been programmed in the TIP for FFY 2012

Mr. Woelfel then called for a motion to endorse the proposed amendments to the *Pioneer Valley's proposed FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program* as delineated and recommended by staff.

MOVED BY SELECTMAN MARCUS BOYLE OF THE TOWN OF HATFIELD, SECONDED BY WALTER GUNN OF THE PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION, TO ENDORSE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PIONEER VALLEY REGION'S PROPOSED FFY2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF

Mr. Woelfel asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns that MPO members wanted to articulate. Mary MacInnes, Administrator of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) responded by noting that the PVTA received approximately \$5.4 million in Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) funding for the PVTA's proposed new Bus Maintenance and Operations Facility as well as the Westfield Transportation Center, both of which were not initially approved. Ms. MacInnes explained that the PVTA was able to reallocate the approximate \$5 million in order to fund these two projects in FYY 2015. Mr. Roscoe responded that as of yesterday, MassDOT's BlackCat Grant Management System did not reflect funding for either of these two items but as a result of Ms. MacInnes's action, MPO authorization can be obtained to fund both of these PVTA requests and the Black Cat System will subsequently reflect the transit funding reallocation that Ms. MacInnes has delineated at today's MPO meeting and which affects the FFY 2015 component of the region's recommended TIP.

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

4. Review, Discussion and MPO Endorsement of the Pioneer Valley Region's Proposed FFY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Woelfel called on PVPC Principal Planner Gary Roux to present an update on the Pioneer Valley's proposed *FFY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)* document. Mr. Roux stated that during the required 30-day public comment period a total of 24 comments were received on the UPWP document, the majority of which were from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) officials. Mr. Roux then reviewed the following major changes to the region's proposed Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) encompassing FFY 2015:

UPWP Task/Section	Mr. Roux's Description of Tasks Modified or Added to the UPWP
A request from MassDOT re: Task 4.1 - Regional Transit Planning	Federal law requires Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation (CHST) plans to be locally developed with strong input from the public, including representatives of human services and local transportation providers. A task has been added for updating the CHST plan for consistency with MAP-21 requirements.
A request from MassDOT re: Task 1.5 - Title VI and Environmental Justice	Task added to regularly monitor the benefits and burdens of transportation projects and to conduct ongoing analysis of ways to engage all groups within the region and to increase participation in the transportation planning process
A request from MassDOT re: Task 3.3 – Interstate Route I-91 Corridor Planning Assistance	Planning activities have been added to Task 3.3 in order to continue and complete PVPC's Interstate Route I-91 Corridor Planning Study and to coordinate with the corridor planning study focused on the I-91 Viaduct in Springfield. This task's budget has increased by \$20,000 and Tasks 3.5 and 3.8 have been reduced by \$10,000 each to accommodate this work.
A request from MassDOT re: Task 3.8 – Regional Safety and Planning Studies	Task added to include greenhouse gas (GHG analysis) in traffic and rotary studies including the studies regarding the Route 5 and Route 57 rotary in Agawam and the Homestead Avenue and Cherry Street intersection in the City of Holyoke
Task 4.1 - Regional Transit Planning	A task has been added for an alternatives analysis study to be done of potential PVTA Bus Rapid Transit corridors in the City of Springfield to be conducted in coordination with MassDOT's Office of Transportation Planning

Following Mr. Roux's presentation, Mr. Woelfel called for a motion to endorse the Pioneer Valley region's proposed FFY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

MOVED BY DAVID NARKEWICZ, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, SECONDED BY MARY MACINNESS, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY, TO ENDORSE THE PIONEER VALLEY REGION'S PROPOSED FFY 2015 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AS RECOMMENDED. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE MPO MEMBERS PRESENT.

Mr. Woelfel then moved to take up the next item on the agenda.

5. Review, Discussion and MPO Endorsement of the Annual Certification of the 3C Transportation Planning Process for the Pioneer Valley

Mr. Roscoe stated that the MPO vote being sought today is to certify that our region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is meeting all of the relevant federal guidelines and regulations including Title VI that govern the appropriate expenditure of federal transportation planning funds. There being no questions or comments, Mr. Woelfel called for a motion to endorse the annual self-certification of the Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s 3C Transportation Planning Process.

MOVED BY DAVID NARKEWICZ, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN MARCUS BOYLE OF HATFIELD, TO ENDORSE THE ANNUAL SELF-CERTIFICATION OF THE 3C TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE PIONEER VALLEY REGION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, THE MOTION WAS THEN UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mr. Woelfel moved to take up the next item on the agenda

6. Review, Discussion and MPO Endorsement of the 2014 Pioneer Valley MPO Title VI Program Including a Review and Discussion of Updates to the: PVMPO Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement, PVMPO Notice of Nondiscrimination Right and Protections to Beneficiaries, MPO Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement (pending ODCR approved language) and the Limited English Proficiency Plan

PVPC Senior Transportation Planner Jeff McCollough reported that last year the MPO members had addressed a number of proposed language changes requested by MassDOT and submitted updates to many of the components of the 2014 Pioneer Valley MPO Title VI Program which have since been approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Mr. McCollough indicated that at today's MPO meeting, the members are being asked to

endorse an updated version of the *2014 Pioneer Valley MPO Title VI Program*. Mr. McCollough noted that the complaint procedure outlined in the *2014 Pioneer Valley MPO Title VI Program* will be updated in the near future after MassDOT has completed revisions which will to be submitted to the MPO for approval. At this point, Mr. Woelfel called for a motion to endorse the recommended *2014 Pioneer Valley MPO Title VI Program*.

MOVED BY MARY MACINNESS, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN MARCUS BOYLE OF THE TOWN OF HATFIELD, TO ENDORSE THE AMENDED VERSION OF THE 2014 PIONEER VALLEY TITLE VI PROGRAM IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN FTA CIRCULAR C4702.1B. THERE BEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, THE MOTION WAS THEN UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mr. Woelfel then moved to take up the next item on the agenda.

7. Survey of MPO Members Basic Demographic Information

PVPC Senior Planner Jeff McCollough announced that the MPO members had received in their meeting packets for today a document entitled *Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Self-Identification Survey* which Mr. McCollough explained is a voluntary survey of race, ethnicity, age and income incorporated as part of the Pioneer Valley region's *2014 Title VI Program*. Mr. McCollough stated that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has requested that the MPO members participate in this voluntary survey as well as community officials and members of other representative groups such as the Pioneer Valley Joint Transportation Committee (JTC). Mr. McCollough asked if there were any questions or comments regarding this survey and Mr. Roux asked if this survey pertains only to the MPO members or if it also concerns MPO meeting attendees who frequently represent the Pioneer Valley cities and towns. Mr. Woelfel replied he'd need to check on this and that he would report back to the MPO with an answer. He then moved on to the next item on the agenda.

8. Update on the Current Status of the Proposed Changes to the Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC) Currently Under Public Review Period.

Mr. Woelfel called on PVPC Principal Planner Gary Roux to address this agenda item. Mr. Roux reported that at the previous MPO meeting held back on April 29th, Mayor Alex Morse of the City of Holyoke, requested that the proposed, new Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC) document be made available to a much wider range of people. Mr. Roux stated that in response, it was suggested to create and then broadly distribute a brief survey, a draft of which is provided in today's meeting packet. Mr. Roux reported that comments on the survey were received during an extended 30-day public comment period including comments from the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) and officials in the Towns of Southwick and Belchertown. Mr. Brennan inquired about how the TEC survey would be publicized and distributed. Mr. Roux responded that a media release in several languages would be posted to the PVPC website and distributed to various organizations using PVPC mailing lists. Mr. Brennan suggested that *MassLive* and area newspapers such as the *Springfield Republican* and *Daily Hampshire Gazette* could potentially be helpful in this public survey endeavor. After a short discussion, Mr. Woelfel asked if there were any further comments, questions or suggestions regarding the planned survey. There being none, Mr. Woelfel moved to take up the next agenda item.

9. Report from Jim Czach, the Chair of the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), on Important Transportation Issues and Projects Discussed Since the Last MPO Meeting Was Held on April 29, 2014

Mr. Woelfel called on Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Chairman Jim Czach to present his report. Mr. Czach reported that the draft *Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC)* survey was created and refined based on comments received at the last two JTC meetings resulting in what he believes is a concise and easy to understand survey instrument that will yield useful feedback. There being no questions for Mr. Czach, Mr. Woelfel moved on to take up the next agenda item.

10. Updates from MassDOT District One and District Two Officials on Relevant Transportation Issues and Projects of Interest to the Pioneer Valley MPO Members

Mr. Woelfel called on Peter Frieri of the MassDOT District One office to present District One's updates on relevant transportation issues and projects. Mr. Frieri reported that construction will begin soon on facing of Route 9 project in Cummington. He added that a Retaining Wall Replacement Project on Route 9 in Cummington proposed for FFY 2015 is now at 100% design stage and it has received Conservation Commission approval; has been reviewed for endangered species; and will be reviewed by the Army Corps of Engineers later this month. Mr. Woelfel next called on Paula Simmons of the MassDOT District Two Office who reported that a FFY 2014 Chicopee Signal Improvements Project located on Route 33/Memorial Drive is now at 100% design stage; the Meeting House Road Project over Harris Brook in the Town of Pelham is at 75% design; and, the Route I-91 Viaduct Project in Springfield is at 100% design.

Mr. Woelfel thanked Mr. Frieri and Ms. Simmons for their project updates and he moved to take up the next agenda item.

11. Updates from Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) Administrator Mary MacInnes on Relevant Public Transit Issues and Projects of Interest to the Pioneer Valley MPO Members

Mr. Woelfel called on PVTA Administrator Mary MacInnes to share her report. Ms. MacInnes announced that the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) Advisory Board has approved and implemented the service recommendations that resulted from the PVTA's recently completed Comprehensive Service Analysis. Ms. MacInnes underscored that this is the greatest number of service changes and improvements to be initiated in PVTA's history and that many of these service changes are already in place while the remaining 80% will be implemented by the fall. Ms. MacInnes also announced that an extensive marketing campaign will be launched touting these service changes and additions throughout the PVTA system and encouraging new PVTA bus patrons to try out their improved transit options. Ms. MacInnes added that there will be a ribbon cutting for the PVTA's Northampton Maintenance Facility soon; a design contract is being finalized for the PVTA's new Bus Maintenance and Operations Facility in the City of Springfield; and a Comprehensive Service Analysis has been launched for the PVTA's paratransit system. Mr. Woelfel asked if there were any questions for Ms. MacInnes. There being none, he moved to take up the last agenda item.

12. Other Business

Mr. Brennan announced that the current federal transportation law, MAP-21, expires on September 30, 2014 and unless Congress takes action before that, there won't be a federal revenue stream for transportation in the new fiscal year. Mr. Brennan underscored that the Highway Trust Fund will probably go bankrupt in mid to late August and Congress must act on some sort of funding fix or state and local transportation projects will be adversely affected. Mr. Brennan stated that the Obama Administration and the United States Senate have each put forth proposals to continue transportation funding while in Massachusetts a state ballot measure has been proposed that if approved would repeal the provision for indexing the state gas tax to inflation. Mr. Brennan explained that if the indexing initiative passes, state funding for transportation improvements would be lost and the public needs to know what projects will likely be cut. Mr. Brennan urged the MPO members to begin developing compelling arguments to retain the indexing of the gas tax to inflation and to emphasize the connection between money, transportation projects and safety with their colleagues.

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Woelfel called for a motion to adjourn the June 18, 2014 meeting of the Pioneer Valley MPO.

MOVED BY AL STEGEMANN, OF THE MASSDOT DISTRICT TWO OFFICE, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN MARCUS BOYLE OF THE TOWN OF HATFIELD, TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 18, 2014 MEETING OF THE PIONEER VALLEY REGION'S MPO. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MPO MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:00 P.M. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Brennan, Executive Director
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

List of Documents and Other Items Distributed at the June 18, 2014 MPO Meeting

1. Agenda: *Pioneer Valley Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting Notice and Agenda: Wednesday, June 18, 2014*
2. *Minutes of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, 2014*
3. *2015-2018 Pioneer Valley Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Proposed Changes Based on Public Review*
4. *2015-2018 Pioneer Valley Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*
5. *TIP Comments During Public Review (May 2, 2014 to June 16, 2014)*
6. *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project List (FY2015)*
7. *Summary of Comments on the Draft UPWP*
8. *2015-2018 Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC) - STP*
9. *Comments Received on the Transportation Evaluation Criteria During Public Review*
10. *Draft Survey: Transportation Evaluation Criteria*
11. *Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Title VI Triennial Program (June 18, 2014)*
12. *Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Self-Identification Survey*
13. *Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement*
14. *TITLE VI Notice of Nondiscrimination Rights and Protections to Beneficiaries*
15. *Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Limited English Proficiency Program and Implementation Plan (updated March 13, 2013)*

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