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Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

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MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at **7:00** p.m.

This will be a virtual meeting as allowed by Ch. 2 of the Acts of 2023 extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20 until March 31, 2025.

To participate virtually join Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88481018298>.
Meeting ID: 884 8101 8298, Phone: 646.558.8656, 301.715.8592, 312.626.6799

Meeting Materials are posted at www.berkshireplanning.org. Click on the meeting in the Events Calendar to open them.

Agenda

(All times estimated)

I. Opening

(7:00-7:05)

- A. Call to Order and Open Meeting Law Statement*
- B. Roll Call of Commission Members Attending the Meeting*
- C. Vote to Approve Minutes of the March 16, 2023 Full Commission Meeting*

II. Comments from and Discussion with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegates and Alternates Issues

(7:05-7:10)

Delegates and Alternates may bring up any issue not on the agenda for discussion. Any possible action will be referred to a future meeting.

III. Presentation of Executive Committee Actions

(7:10-7:15)

Executive Committee actions taken on the Commission's behalf at its April 6, 2023, April 20, 2023, and May 4, 2023 meetings are presented for discussion.

IV. Vote to Authorize the BRPC Chair to Vote to Approve the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CHST) Plan at the June 27, 2023 Metropolitan Planning Organization(MPO) Meeting

(7:15 – 7:30)

The Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CHST) assesses the transportation needs of and identifies strategies to improve the quality and availability of transportation services for persons with disabilities and seniors within Berkshire County. It is updated every four years with input from, or representatives of, seniors and individuals with disabilities, and public, private and non-profit transportation and human service providers and coordinated with other transportation service providers. The Berkshire MPO is scheduled to endorse the update plan at their June 27th meeting. The Commission's review of the draft CHST plan and associated vote guides the Chairman on how to vote at the June 27th MPO meeting.

V. Vote to Authorize the BRPC Chair to Vote to Approve the October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at the May 23, 2023 Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting (MPO)

(7:30 – 7:45)

The updated Transportation Improvement Program for the Berkshires

establishes the projects that will receive the limited federal transportation funds in the region. It is scheduled to be before the Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization at its meeting on May 23, 2023 for adoption. The Commission's review of the draft TIP document and associated vote guides the Chairman on how to vote at the May 23rd MPO meeting.

VI. BRPC Nominating Committee Report for BRPC Officers for FY 2024 (7:45 - 7:50)

The Nominating Committee will present its proposed slate of BRPC officers for FY 2024 to be voted on at the first BRPC Full Commission meeting after July 1, 2023.

VII. Vote to Adopt the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission FY 2024 Budget (7:50 – 7:55)

In accordance with the BRPC bylaws, BRPC must adopt an annual budget for the coming fiscal year, which begins July, 1, 2023. The Finance Committee recommended the version contained in the meeting material.

VIII. Digital Equity Planning Presentation (7:55-8:10)

Senior Planner Wylie Goodman will provide information about the Massachusetts Broadband Institute's digital equity programs and efforts to advance digital equity.

IX. Executive Director's Report (8:10 – 8:15)

The Executive Director is available to discuss items in his report

X. Comments from the Public (8:15-8:30)

Members of the public may offer comments regarding topics on the agenda or other matters they wish to bring to the Commission's attention. Comments are to be directed to the Commission. Commenters must state their names and the city or town they are from.

XI. Adjournment (8:30)

Other interested citizens and officials are invited to attend.

All times listed are estimates of when specific agenda items may be discussed.

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