

Date: November 1, 2022
From: Lenard Diggins
To: The Regional Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC)
RE: Candidacy for Chair of RTAC

Dear Advisory Council Colleagues,

Four years will be enough time, and that's not because I'm tired or uninterested or feel that I have little left to offer. Indeed, the opposite is the truth. In fact, one of the things that I want to offer by stepping down after my fourth year is my enthusiastic willingness to assist the next Chair in any ways that I can and in any ways the next Chair welcomes. To the extent that during this next year I can help and give advice to anyone who is interested in being the Chair after my last term, I welcome the opportunities.

Here are my goals for the upcoming year:

1. Continue to work on inviting a greater variety of guests who can give us different perspectives on handling the transportation challenges in our region
2. Continue the effort to combine forces with other regional stakeholders such as the MBTA Advisory Board in order to increase membership in our group as well as theirs
3. Work with MPO staff to better understand how RTAC can play a more meaningful and helpful role in the UPWP process, in particular, with the creation of the universe of projects.
4. Based on the foundation of knowledge that we have built, play as great a role as possible in reviewing the Needs Assessment for the next LRTP and in helping the MPO develop its vision the next LRTP.

Of course, there are certain Federal mandates as well as obligations in the MOU that require the MPO Board and its staff to work with and support the Advisory Council. That said, the primary goal is for the Advisory Council is to be the kind of organization with which people want to work. As we learn more and getting a deeper understanding of how all the different elements of our regional transportation network function, we can become better advocates for our individual organizations as well as the entire region. My strongest desire is to help us all learn and grow and become better collaborators. I may have lots of ideas, but I'm more interested in your ideas; so, please bring them to me, either in public or in private.

Finally, thank you all for your support over the last 3 years!

Sincerely,
Lenard Diggins

