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To: [Colleen Medeiros](#)
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:37:48 AM

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Hello Colleen

So far I'm 0-5 submitting comments to the CCC.
Your organization has failed the public, its purpose and is way overdue for a makeover.

I'm totally against expansion of the 132 park & ride lot. The current size is sufficient for 10 months. The state and you need to look at limiting stays. I viewed one car barnstable ticketed 10 times in 15 days! A tow truck should have been called a LOT sooner. I called Barnstable myself and the vehicle was removed the next day.

Let's start doing a better job of managing that important lot before wasting our tax money and hurting our environment by adding more bituminous roadway!

Paula Kelly
barnstable

PS I'm certain, this was a complete waste of my time.

From: [Paul Phalan](#)
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Subject: park & ride lot on rt 132 expansion
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Hi Colleen

First and foremost I have zero confidence in the CCC making any planning decisions.

I feel it's truly a waste of time commenting on the , project. The CCC does whatever they want in order to stay in business!

We live 5 min from that location and use it frequently.

It's totally mismanaged by everyone who is in charge. Every time I call authorities to report an issue they point fingers in another direction. "not our problem".

The lot works well for 10 months therefore, it's a plain and simple dumb idea to expand it. We need less hardtop due to the filtration our aquifer requires!

What a tragic waste of our tax money!

Better management, reducing stays to 4 days in a row, etc etc. I won't waste my time giving any more thoughts because the CCC does whatever they want due to its structure. An endless spigot of money.

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From: [Jonathan Sperber](#)
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Subject: Barnstable Park and Ride
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Dear Ms. Medeiros

The Barnstable Park and Ride bus shelters should be replaced, as they are uncomfortable, unsightly, and offer very little protection from the elements.

Instead of simply paving more land for parking spaces, some of the existing space should be used for a multi-story parking garage.

Yours truly,

Jonathan Sperber

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bertling, Peter](#)
To: [Colleen Medeiros](#)
Subject: Barnstable Commuter Lot
Date: Friday, April 12, 2024 10:57:46 AM

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Good morning Colleen,

I received a phone call from Town Councilor Starr yesterday. He informed me about the possibility of the cancellation of the Barnstable Commuter Lot expansion project. I then read the Cape Cod Times article this morning on the matter, and I felt the need to comment. As the Town of Barnstable's Parking Program Manager and Transportation Coordinator it is my program and staff that are tasked with the parking enforcement at the commuter lot. I disagree that an expansion is not needed. It is desperately needed. The Town of Barnstable's Parking Management office issued 609 citations at the commuter lot from April 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024. Those citations were issued for violations such as parking beyond the 21-day allowed parking period, handicap parking, or parking in prohibited areas such as in the islands or outside of the marked spaces and also for expired registration and inspection stickers as per Town of Barnstable Bylaws.

The article quoted a Dennis resident as saying, "There's plenty of room when it's not the peak season, there's tons of spots, but during the peak season, this place gets insane." I find flaws in this comment. The peak tourist season, from an enforcement side is the least busy time. It is in the off-season, when people head to warmer climates, that we've seen the parking issues there. From late-November to early-April, the commuter lot is near or at capacity. My staff monitor the vehicles for the 21-day period through ticketing, by electronic "chalking" or through observation of things like flat tires, weeds growing around vehicles, piles of snow in the winter, etc. After 21 days, the Town of Barnstable Parking Management Office tries to locate and contact the owner to find out when they might be returning. Many of the owners report not knowing about the 21-day limit, despite signage posted around the lot. My office always urges them to have someone come remove it from the lot if they do not plan on returning within one week.

If unable to locate the owner, the vehicles are reported to the State Police in Yarmouth, as it is a State property. If nothing is done about it on my reporting, the protocol that is followed is to report the vehicles directly to the MassDot District 5 Operations Engineer or call the MassDot Radio Room for them to arrange removal.

Public comments have indicated that the lot is mismanaged. The Town of Barnstable Parking Program is not the managing entity for this lot, the Town is only tasked with enforcement and we do not have the authority from the Chief of Police or Town Manager to remove vehicles by towing. When an inquiry is made, our role is explained to people, we take comments, and do our due diligence to make sure issues haven't fallen off our radar. The Barnstable Police Department is alerted to people living in vehicles in the lot in hopes of relocating them to permanent housing. There are currently 3-6 "unhoused" people who live there on and off.

I do feel that expansion is necessary. If no expansion takes place, then perhaps MassDOT engineers can re-evaluate lot for reconfiguration to make more spaces from existing "parking prohibited" areas, like the large crosshatches at the ends of aisles and maybe convert the curve at the Route 132 end to parallel parking spaces. Most recently there has been a loss of more than ten spaces available

to most vehicles with the installation of the new EV chargers. This installation limits accessibility to all vehicles except those electric cars actively charging. Additionally, more signage would be helpful in managing this lot. I can think of only three (3) signs in this lot that inform people of the 21-day limit. More signs within the lot and perhaps in the bus pickup shelters would be helpful.

I would be happy to meet with you and others out there sometime to show you some of the issues that we encounter. Perhaps persuasion from the Commission to the State could result in changes in how the lot is managed and enforced.

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From: [Donald Emerson](#)
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Subject: FFY 2024-2028 TIP Amendment 2
Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024 4:29:57 PM

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Ms, Medeiros:

I was dismayed to learn that the Cape Cod MPO may vote to remove the Barnstable Park and Ride Improvement Project from the FFY 2024 of the TIP due to funding constraints and project readiness. While I understand that this project is complicated, and that the funding assumed in the adopted TIP may be insufficient, it seems to me that this project should be one of the top transportation priorities for the Cape. Each parking space in Barnstable removes car trips from Route 6 and the canal bridges, relieving congestion and enhancing safety while reducing emissions. The private buses taking people from this lot to Boston, Logan Airport and elsewhere provide a wonderful service for Cape residents, but limited parking capacity undoubtedly discourages people from using this service. In my particular case, since I cannot count on finding a parking space in Barnstable, I try to arrange for someone to drop me off and pick me up - two 50 mile round trips - but finding a driver is not always possible.

With plans moving forward to replace the canal bridges, we should be doing everything possible to encourage people to get in the habit of taking transit rather than driving across the canal. Last summer, as you well know, traffic was severely disrupted when lanes on the bridges were closed for repairs. Rebuilding the bridges and approaches is likely to cause similar or worse traffic delays.

It seems to me that the MPO ought to keep this project in the TIP by making some reasonable assumptions about project cost and funding while the design progresses and funding commitments are sought. Initial cost might be reduced by phasing construction, and perhaps by building a gravel lot with paving to follow when funds are secured. A few funding options that occur to me - and undoubtedly there are others - include:

- Finance the park and ride lot expansion project and charge a nominal fee for parking, with revenues used to service the debt
- Fold the project into the Sagamore bridge reconstruction as an early action item to mitigate traffic during construction
- Swap money in the TIP from lower priority projects into the Barnstable park and ride project.

Thank you for considering these comments and for doing what you can to expeditiously advance this vital project as a priority for the Cape.

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From: Patti Johnson <pattij8409@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Barnstable road work repairs

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Must needed repairs on existing or current road repairs. The corner of Willow Street & Iyanough Road. The End of West main Street to Phinney's Lane. We as Barnstable tax payers needs to show us what our taxes are going to. please take care of these terrible road conditions. May I also add that we need more parking at the commuter lot . The one at Burger King off of mid cape highway. Don't tell me lack of funds. The Commission could have the plans done in one week. Tell Maura Healey to stop giving all our money to Illegal immigrants. Work with us from residences of Barnstable.

From: Greg Becker <gbstrat@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2024 4:12 PM
To: CCC Front Desk <frontdesk@capecodcommission.org>
Subject: Expansion of Barnstable Park and Ride Lot

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Having read the related article in today's Cape Cod Times, I am writing to express my opinion that expanding the parking capacity at the Barnstable Park and Ride facility is one of the most pressing transportation matters facing Cape Cod, and the planning work for such expansion should NOT be removed from the current budget.

Even during the off-season, it's a crap shoot at best as to whether you can find a parking space there... and in peak season, it's not even worth trying.

PLEASE keep this matter on the front burner!!!

Respectfully
Greg Becker (Harwich resident)