

Vision statement of Bass River bridge future in attachment
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I am a citizen who is on the Dennis Economic Development committee. The focus on Dennis Port and the expenditures there are a problem for me when other parts of town with promise are overlooked or put on hold until 2024.

I have put together a vision statement myself. I own property on both sides of the 28 bridge so either I have standing or conflict of interest-- maybe both. My purchases were based on the unfulfilled promise of the area but with full awareness of the assets and liabilities. The attachment may provide a clearer view.

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VISION IMPACT STATEMENT for New Route 28 BASS RIVER BRIDGE

A watershed moment for the Mid-Cape is possible. The new wider bridge will accommodate separate pedestrian and bike lanes with even a bump out for fishing. Opportunity presents itself to make the Route 28 bridge a destination framed with Bass River Park on the Dennis side and Packet's Landing on the Yarmouth bank. Could this be Cape Cod place making? 2020 is the target time for completion at a cost of \$17.5 million. Mass DOT has conducted well attended public meetings and received strong support. Boaters are looking forward to safer passage under the bridge.

A task force could think boldly about how our river banks can shape a new take on an age old crossing that started with Elijah Kelley's ferry from Ferry Street. The strong possibility of a multiplier effect could raise the economics of both West Dennis and South Yarmouth with the new bridge. Most importantly, average people need to have access to shoreline. Tourists and citizens could be the major beneficiaries.

Two basics of a reduced speed on route 28 from 40 mph to 25 mph and an on demand, lighted crosswalk are essential and can be accomplished now. Bureaucratic stipulations that this cannot happen until 2024 are misguided.

Boston wants to seize the moment to connect public spaces for recreation along the waterfront so the public has access to valuable shoreline. A web tool is being launched to attract people to the offerings. The opportunity is nearing to make the Bass River bridge area more accessible and inclusive as well as scenic in the creation of a major destination. If leadership does not come from in front, it may come from behind.

Ideas were borrowed from plans for Boston's Northern Avenue Bridge, Harborwalk 2.0 and the Malden River projects.

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