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CAPE COD COMMISSION

Thank you for studying and preparing the Cape Cod Regional Policy Plan. However, I find you do not mention several problems that I feel are very important to study and to solve. Please also consider these other important aspects.

Extremely loud motorcycle noise, including that from large groups of Harleys, drives me and others along the roads near Woods Hole and Falmouth crazy in the summer months. It would very helpful to deal with this issue. Falmouth Police seem incapable of dealing with it. Please stop exceedingly noisy motorcycles from coming over the CC bridges to the Cape. If some screening of noisy motorcycles was done at the bridges the word would quickly get out and the problem would be reduced

A major problem in Falmouth and Woods Hole is the exceeding large numbers of cars and trucks that choke the roads in summer and create gridlock. A great deal of the traffic comes over CC Canal bridges and down the roads into Falmouth and Woods Hole to meet the ferries to Marthas Vineyard. The rapidly increasing noisy, dangerous ferry truck freight traffic needs to be diverted to New Bedford and not go to Woods Hole. Inexpensive parking needs to be available in Falmouth to reduce the auto ferry traffic to Marthas Vineyard, which is also choked by traffic leading to gridlock there. Hazmat trucks (gasoline, avgas, heating oil, propane, etc) to Marthas Vineyard should be diverted to ferries in New Bedford and not cross the bridges; the hazmat trucks are a major danger to the bridges and people who live on the Cape in addition to being a noisy irritant and cause of gridlock.

What are the plans to repair and replace the CC bridges? The Cape is dependent on the bridges, but they could easily be taken out by terrorists or by a hazmat crash and the resulting fire (for example). Natural gas comes over the bridges in large pipes. An accident on the bridge could cause a major explosion and fire and disruption of services to the Cape. What is the disaster planning in case of such an occurrence? What if both bridges were destroyed? Seems like a serious potential problem worth serious planning.

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