

# WELLFLEET

## Planning continues on Outer Cape bike path

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**WELLFLEET** — Close to 50 people representing the towns of Provincetown, Truro and Wellfleet gathered at the Wellfleet Library on Thursday for the third workshop in a series being held by the county and the National Seashore on the Outer Cape Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan.

Sarah Korjeff, planner with the Cape Cod Commission, explained that the National Park Service, through the Cape Cod National Seashore, is partnering with the Commission and the three Outer Cape towns to develop plans for an interconnected bicycle-pedestrian network linking the three towns with the Seashore, the Cape Cod Rail Trail and other destinations within the communities.

The master plan is funded by a Paul S. Sabanes Transit in the Parks Grant, a program established to address increasing vehicle congestion in and around national parks.

“We began in the summer of 2014 and held a workshop in Truro in October where we got a lot of input on the routes the people want to be able to design and use,” Korjeff told the gathering.

At the October workshop, participants identified favorite bikeways and pedestrian routes in their towns, as well as hazardous locations for bicycles and pedestrians, she said.

The purpose of this workshop was to determine preferences for primary and secondary routes.

Maps showed the “whittled down” list of options for routes that came out of the October workshop, and participants were asked to review the maps and indicate their preferred primary and secondary routes.

“Today we are representing specific alternates,” she said. “From here, we’ll go on to an analysis of those alternatives, both options within the towns and options that connect to bigger towns, and for all the options within the Seashore, an environmental assessment will be done,” she said.

The plan calls for more workshops in June, and presentation of the environmental assessment in the June-July period. The project is slated to wrap up in December 2015, Korjeff said.

The master plan steering committee, which includes representatives from the three towns, the Commission and the Seashore, meet monthly. They have met with the state Dept. of Transportation to talk about the Route 6-Main Street intersection, and both Truro and Wellfleet have written to MassDOT asking that they make special accommodations for bicycles on Route 6.

Korjeff then asked the representatives from each town to give brief updates.

Wellfleet’s rep Suzanne Grout Thomas reported that Wellfleet is working with the state on the Route 6-Main Street intersection and that the state expects to have funds to re-work it by 2018. Four alternatives have been proposed and can be viewed on the Wellfleet website under “reports and plans.” “It is very exciting because right now it’s only for vehicles, but our goal, and the goal of a lot of people on this committee, is to create safe ways for bicycles and pedestrians to cross Route 6.” She urged Wellfleet voters to go to Town Meeting and approve an article seeking \$69,000 to help pay for this project’s costs.

Karen Snow, Truro’s rep on the steering committee, said Truro and Wellfleet have asked



Participants study a map to consider their preferred routes.

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MassDOT to designate the breakdown lanes on Route 6 from the Wellfleet line to Route 6 and Route 6A to North Truro as potential bike lanes. “There’re 25 miles of potential bike lanes

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