



**Outer Cape Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting
Discussion Summary/Minutes
January 22, 2015
Cape Cod National Seashore Headquarters, South Wellfleet**

Steering Committee Members in attendance: Roger Chauvette (Provincetown); Eric Larsen (Provincetown); Charleen Greenhalgh (Truro), Jason Norton (Truro); Karen Snow (Truro); Suzanne Grout Thomas (Wellfleet) Sara Hutchings (Wellfleet); Martha Hevenor (CCC); Karst Hoogeboom (NPS), Sarah Korjeff (CCC) Lauren McKean (NPS). Members absent: None

Also Attending: Glenn Cannon (CCC); Lauren Markram (Americorps); Edward Feeney (MassDOT); Eileen Gunn (MassDOT); Timothy Kochan (MassDOT); Bill Travers (MassDOT)

The meeting came to order at 10 AM.

1. *Introductions*
2. *Route 6: Bike/ped considerations and issues in the three Outer Cape towns*

Karen discussed the Truro Bike & Walkways Committee's request to MassDOT to improve the shoulders and breakdown lanes on Route 6. She also discussed the locations where improved crossings are needed (Route 6/Route 6A intersection, Head of the Meadow and Standish Way at Route 6, and High Head and Stott's Crossing at Route 6). She also noted safety issues on Shore Road (Route 6A).

Lauren McKean explained NStar's proposed installation of manhole covers in the shoulder area and the staff's request to have NStar to move them outside the paved shoulder area. MassDOT indicated that there is no public process for issuance of the road opening permit to NStar. The group asked for MassDOT's help and also whether they could get the Route 6 base-map (as NStar has not provided it).

Roger noted the challenges in Provincetown for creating a route connection to Truro – Route 6A has many driveways, and Route 6 on the east end lacks a breakdown lane/shoulders and is in poor condition. He also discussed safety issues on Conwell Street.

Suzanne discussed route ideas and priorities in Wellfleet. She said the Truro proposal for bike lanes or enhanced shoulders on Route 6 is a good idea and noted the multiple curb cuts hazards. She noted the Main Street crossing issues and the bike committee's interest in having a designated bike lane on Cahoon Hollow – Main Street. She discussed the crossing issues and hazards at Route 6/Lecount Hollow, with high vehicle counts and poor sight lines.

Bill Travers said all MassDOT resurfacing projects must have bike/ped accommodations. He said Route 6 is not scheduled for repaving. He said that MassDOT will restripe every year. He explained that to erase and repaint new (wider) shoulder/fog lines would require pavement grinding. He said there's not a one-size-fits-all solution for Route 6, and that different sections would need different types of treatment.

In response to a request for examples of MassDOT bike/ped enhancements on highways, Eileen noted Route 99 in Everett and Broadway in East Somerville. She also noted the Complete Streets funding program, though others noted that the funding for towns is minimal.

Tim said his concerns are jurisdiction, maintenance, and funding. He said off road paths run \$1-\$4 million per mile and recommended that providing accommodations on existing roads should be considered. A more extensive bike/ped network could be provided at lower cost.

3. *Other business*

None

4. *Next steps*

The committee will continue to keep MassDOT informed on the project. Martha will follow up with members about scheduling the February meeting.

Meeting documents: Workshop exercise maps; email/public comments.