



**Outer Cape Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting
Discussion Summary/Minutes
January 14, 2016
Truro Town Hall**

Steering Committee Members in attendance: Eric Larsen (Provincetown), Roger Chauvette (Provincetown), Jay Norton (Truro), Karen Snow (Truro), Suzanne Thomas (Wellfleet), Martha Hevenor (CCC), Sarah Korjeff (CCC), Lauren McKean (NPS). Members absent: none.

The meeting came to order at 8:40 AM.

1. Primary Route Alternatives discussion:

Sarah started the discussion by giving an overview of the three alternatives. She asked the steering committee members for comments relative to the project goals and evaluation criteria.

Variety of users: Alt C (multi use path) best. Suzanne noted that pedestrian needs/users are different from bicyclist needs/users. She said Route 6 option not as good for peds – lacks scenic qualities and that the spokes that connect to the Route 6 spine are more suited to peds. Karen said the roads in the summer are hard for pedestrians because they have to share space with high traffic. She suggested that Alt C/ multi use path would be preferable for pedestrians. Roger noted concerns about the Route 6 hills – but other alts have them as well in some sections. He felt the railroad bed was best choice for Provincetown.

Facilitates direct north -south route: The group agreed that Alt C is the most direct, with A & B being about equal. Roger said if a route is easier/less hilly, the extra distance wouldn't matter.

Provides access to destinations: The group felt the alts were fairly equal. They discussed the lack of rest rooms along the alternatives – though the beaches have bathrooms in the summer. To attract year round bicyclists better rest room accommodations are needed. Eric said that existing conditions aren't a problem but asked whether new amenities would be envisioned for the new routes. The group also discussed how pamphlets and information is available to visitors in the summer but not in the other seasons. The group agreed that none of the alternatives really stands out over the others for providing access to key destinations. Alt A & Alt B both connect to hot spots like the beaches and that Alt C is the best for access to commercial uses/services.

The group then compared and discussed the following factors: sensitive natural resources impacts, cultural resources impacts, topography & grades, and development impacts in undeveloped areas. Alt C has a greater area of disturbance than the other alts, but Lauren noted that nature of the resources there is less pristine than the other alternatives. Route 6 resources are already impacted by highway. The group agreed that Alt C would have the least resource impacts. Roger noted that he would like to see opportunities for interpretation in natural resource areas and also where there are Native American sites. Lauren noted that Head of the Meadow (Alt A segment) has the highest sensitivity. Hills: Roger said he had concerns about Route 6 hill from Pamet roads past the elementary school and between Provincetown &

Truro. Karen said that Route 6 tends to even out the grades more so than the other routes.. Suzanne said that Alt B hill north of Whitecrest is the most challenging. Jay noted that Collins Road is bumpy but there's not much of a grade change. Hill at Shore Road/Route 6 was discussed too.

Provides Outer Cape "experience": Roger said that Alt C goes from Point A to Point B; it's not scenic but is most expedient. He thought it was OK if Route 6 piece isn't scenic if the secondary routes are. Lauren said that Alt B is the most scenic but that Alt C is not bad, especially for people accustomed to urban experience. Overall the group agreed with that. Suzanne and Martha thought B was the most scenic route.

Safety/stress: Lauren suggested Alt C was the lowest stress and safest due to full separation using a multi use path. Suzanne suggested comparing the different sections of Route 6, because some have small intervals between multiple curb cuts. Jay said that Alt B on Shore Road is a high stress ride. Roger agreed, noting bus traffic in summer.

Implementation: Lauren discussed partnerships as a way of funding. Jay mentioned MassDOT Complete Streets program as an opportunity for local roads/secondary routes. He also mentioned that larger pieces would need to get on the TIP. Eric noted that for its relatively lower cost, Alt B satisfied most of the review criteria. A is ideal for comfort. He suggested that since implementation won't happen at once, we look to implement short term segments first, creating an interim route in segments that the towns could get underway before the longer term multi-use path. Lauren added that it needs help from the legislative delegation. The group agreed to create a phased approach with a hybrid of the routes. Suzanne preferred Alt A in Wellfleet. She liked B for its scenic quality and noted that potential future improvements/expansion of White Crest could provide an opportunity to move the road. Jay said that Alt B would be his choice except for the Shore Road piece – he suggested creating a hybrid with Alt A. Eric said that Alt A was his choice for Provincetown section. Karen talked about the Collins Road section providing a scenic alternative to Route 6. Eric added that the town is considering buying Duarte's lot and that could provide a connection from Harry Kemp to downtown.

2. *Alternatives Development report* - Report still underway. In the interest of time the group moved onto the next agenda items.
3. *Potential Future Workshops/Public Meetings:* With the extension for completion of the plan, Lauren said they would need to figure out date for completion and when to have another public meeting.
4. *Meetings with town officials:*

Suzanne said that end of March or end of April would be an OK time for meeting Wellfleet staff. Jay said same for Truro. Eric suggested earlier in March for Provincetown would be OK.

The meeting ended at 10:10.

Meeting documents: primary routes impacts evaluation table, Route 6 curb cuts by segment