



**Outer Cape Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting
Discussion Summary/Minutes
December 1, 2016
Truro Town Hall**

Steering Committee Members in attendance: Max Cliggot-Perlt (Provincetown), Emily Beebe (for Maureen Thomas, Truro), Karen Snow (Truro), Suzanne Thomas (Wellfleet), Martha Hevenor (CCC), Sarah Korjeff (CCC), Lauren McKean (NPS). Also attending: Lev Malakhoff (CCC), Victoria Babcock (Americorps). Members absent: Eric Larsen.

The meeting came to order at 8:40 AM.

1. Outer Cape Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan updates:

Committee members provided updates on bike/ped planning related issues in their communities. Suzanne informed the group that the Route 6/Main Street project has been delayed for a couple of years. Lauren updated the group on Cape Cod National Seashore projects, noting that she's submitted funding requests to the National Park Service for Head of the Meadow improvements, Marconi Beach Road and Marconi Site Road improvements, and bike path improvements on Race Point Road. She said the 2017 funds could be delayed. Max informed group that the Conwell Street intersection area improvements have been delayed too. MassDOT is requiring a sidewalk on both sides of the road. Karen expressed concerns about the traffic signal and how it needs an upgrade to help bicycles and pedestrians get through the full intersection, especially given the amount of people coming from the campground. There were some questions about the extent of the overall project.

Lauren said the funding runs out at the end of this year. Karen said she is not aware of any new information on the MassDOT Route 6 bike lane striping project. Suzanne also noted that the composting toilet at the rail trail/Lecount Hollow parking lot is dead and that the town will replace it with two portable toilets. Replacement would be \$65,000. Karen discussed the lack of year round public rest rooms. She also noted issues with signs on the rail trail.

2. Final Master Plan Report:

Committee members said they would go through the report and share it with their committees and provide any edits/corrections to CCC by 12/8.

3. Implementation opportunities:

Lev explained the Transportation Improvement Program(TIP) process. The Primary Route could be funded through the TIP but would need to be done on phases since the total cost exceeds the TIP funding allocation. He said the towns generally are responsible for the design. Other avenues for funding such large projects are earmarked funds. Since it's a regional project multiple towns could co-sponsor the project, as in the Dennis -Yarmouth Cape Cod Rail trail extension. He also explained the MassDOT Complete Streets program and how that works. Towns are eligible for funding after attending a training session, adopting a complete streets policy, and developing a priority plan. Some thought that the master plan could serve as the

basis for a priority plan, so that piece wouldn't be too difficult. The funding might be useful for providing sidewalks, crossings, and other bike/ped improvements.

The committee discussed potential strategies for obtaining funding and how to keep the OCBPMP effort going from plan to implementation. All agreed that support and "buy-in" from the towns is necessary. Emily suggested that the Steering Committee continue to meet and work with the bike committees and towns to build support. The committee discussed a gradual roll out of the plan. Suzanne noted that it will take outreach and work with the communities to develop support and get projects into a capital plan. She said it is important to bring town DPW and public safety people to the table in future meetings. The steering committee could also follow up on issues raised in the plan such as a Route 6 road diet. Lauren suggested the committee meet quarterly to work on implementation. The committee discussed the importance of listening to route abutters' concerns. Max said that property values tend to increase with proximity to bike/ped paths. The committee could consult with realtors for more information. Emily suggested going through the plan with town staff too. Karen said that she doesn't agree with people who think providing a path near ponds is going to lead to increased use at the ponds, though it's possible it could encourage people to bike rather than drive to the ponds, which is a good thing. Emily suggested educating people on the complete streets model and why it's beneficial to the community and smart public policy. Karen felt that resistance to providing sidewalks and other complete street elements might be due to a lack of understanding that more people are here and want to be able to get out and walk or bike. "Walkability" is important to people today. Martha suggested telling the stories of people who can't get to their destinations by bike or on foot due to lack of sidewalk or other accommodations. Many are trying to get to work or get into town, and they might not have any other way to get around. Suzanne suggested asking people on both sides of the issue what it is they wish for – what do you want? The committee agreed that the bike committees in each town would be an important resource for helping get community support. Each town would come up with its own implementation process.

The committee agreed to meet again in 6-8 weeks. Future meetings will need to include DCR, MassDOT and also get Sarah Peake up to date.

4. *Steering Committee Minutes*

Lauren suggested edits to the February 26, 2016 minutes and the August 23, 2016 minutes. On a motion from Lauren, seconded by Suzanne, the steering committee voted all in favor to accept the minutes from September 23, 2015; October 22, 2015; December 17, 2015; January 14, 2016; February 26, 2016; May 5, 2016; June 2, 2016, and August 23, 2016 as presented, except with Lauren's edits.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Meeting materials: Draft minutes from September 23, 2015; October 22, 2015; December 17, 2015; January 14, 2016; February 26, 2016; May 5, 2016; June 2, 2016, and August 23, 2016. Outer Cape Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan final report.