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# Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee (CCJTC)

Cape Cod Commission Ocean Conference Room  
3225 Main Street (Route 6A), Barnstable, MA 02630

**Draft Minutes - Friday – June 26, 2015**

## **CCJTC Members**

Neil Andres, Chairman  
Roger Parsons, P.E., Vice Chairman  
Joe Rodricks, P.E.  
Jeff Colby  
Paul Tilton, P.E.  
Mark Vincent  
Kathy Williams  
Jay Norton  
Catherine Laurent  
Edward Gross, MD  
Timothy Kochan

## **Representing**

Town of Eastham, DPW Director  
Town of Barnstable, Town Engineer  
Town of Dennis, Town Engineer  
Town of Chatham, DPW Director  
Town of Sandwich, DPW Director  
Town of Wellfleet, DPW Director  
Town of Yarmouth  
Town of Truro, DPW Director  
Town of Mashpee, DPW Director  
Bicycle Representative  
MassDOT – District 5 (non-voting)

## **Others in Attendance**

Robert Burgmann, PE  
Lynn Ahlgren  
Sallie Riggs  
Rick Leavitt  
Mimi McConnell  
Mark Wirtanen  
Glenn Cannon, P.E.  
Steve Tupper  
Patrick Tierney  
Lisa Dillon  
Lev Malakhoff  
Caroline Harper

## **Representing**

Greenman-Pederson, Inc.  
Cape Cod Regional Transportation Authority  
Bourne Transportation Advisory Committee  
Town of Chatham  
Citizen  
West Barnstable Citizen  
Cape Cod Commission  
Cape Cod Commission

## **Call to Order**

### **Minutes of June 12, 2015**

Upon a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2015 meeting by Joe Rodricks, second by Mark Vincent, the vote was passed unanimously.

**Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):** *The Joint Transportation Committee will vote whether or not to recommend that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) endorse the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is a list of transportation planning projects scheduled for funding and implementation as outlined in the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 UPWP. - Glenn Cannon, Cape Cod Commission Director of Technical Services*

Mr. Cannon presented a power point. The presentation outlined Tasks 1 – 4, which describe the significant transportation planning activities planned on Cape Cod over a 12 month period, and includes a draft FFY 2015 funding summary.

Mark Wirtanen, a West Barnstable citizen asked that we work at fixing the bridges on Cape Cod. He specifically mentioned the Rail Road Bridge on Rte. 6A in Barnstable.

Mimi McConnell asked how the Committee plans to respond to the MassDOT opposition of a possible third bridge. Mr. Cannon stated that the Canal Area Study should finalize in December at which time the CCJTC will weigh in. At that time we may have to amend our Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). In the meantime we are monitoring the study. Alternatives should come out in August/September.

Mr. Andres stated that the CCJTC is an Advisory Committee and will make their recommendations and indicated that the bridge project is a massive financial undertaking.

Tim Kochan confirmed that comments will be accepted until July 15, 2015, as comments from MassDOT will be coming.

Upon a motion to vote that the CCJTC recommend that MPO endorse the FFY 2016 UPWP as presented by Roger Parsons, second by Edward Gross, the motion was passed unanimously

**2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development:** *The Joint Transportation Committee will vote whether or not to recommend that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) endorse the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a recommended list of transportation projects to be advertised and eventually constructed using MassDOT, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2016 to 2019. - Steve Tupper, Cape Cod Commission Technical Services Planner*

Mr. Tupper presented a power point. The presentation broke down funding for each year of the Highway and Transit projects.

Mr. Wirtanen asked about the lighting on Rte. 6, Exit 5. Mr. Tupper stated that since that project went up, MassDOT received a number of calls regarding lighting and landscape improvements and therefore will be adding lighting for safety reasons. Not sure when the jersey barriers will be taken away. Robert Burgmann asked who was responsible for electricity for the lights at Exit 5 and it is something that the MassDOT will look into.

Mr. Tupper indicated that there is a master list of all projects in need of funding. Relative materials are available to review.

Mr. Cannon informed the group that the Town of Chatham wishes to move the Rte. 28 project to 2016 and that Rte. 6/Main Street in Wellfleet is NOT ready to move into 2016.

Upon a motion that the Joint Transportation Committee recommend that the MPO endorse the TIP to the MPO as presented by Roger Parsons, second by Joe Rodricks, the vote was passed unanimously

**2016 – 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Development:** *The Joint Transportation Committee will vote whether or not to recommend that the Metropolitan Planning Organization endorse the Regional Transportation Plan. The Regional Transportation Plan is a long-range twenty-five (25) year transportation plan for Cape Cod. - Steve Tupper, Cape Cod Commission Technical Services Planner*

Mr. Tupper presented a power point. The RTP presentation included survey results, program funding and the next steps for the plan.

Mr. Wirtanen referred to pg. 21, Barnstable. He stated that he lives on Rte. 6a by Rte. 132 and the road drains into Barnstable Harbor, and that at some point this needs to be addressed. That committee acknowledged such and stated that this is a cape wide problem. Mr. Tupper thanked Mr. Wirtanen for his comments and stated that Transportation is always looking for new ways to engage the community to receive comments such as this.

Upon Sallie Riggs questions regarding the Belmont Circle projects as budgeted on the TIP and RTP. Mr. Tupper clarified by stating that the original construction plan will be reevaluated after the Canal Area Study but MassDOT recognizes the current need for pedestrian improvements which are currently programmed on the tip. Long term vehicle improvements will follow. These projects may require an amendment at that time.

Ms. Riggs also expressed concerns about the Infrastructure Improvements for the Buzzards Bay Commuter Rail Service and the fact that it is scheduled 15 – 20 yrs. out. She stated that the town voted to the join the MBTA and they anticipates that it will happen, but before that time frame. Mr. Cannon stated that it was put into that category due to financial constraints, but may be moved, there is room to adjust the figures. He also mentioned that the MBTA comes with a separate funding source so that project could move along but must be included in the RTP to be eligible for funding.

Mr. Andres stated that comments will be accepted until July 15, 2015.

Tim Kochan stated that there are other TIP projects to be determined which Mr. Cannon stated was ok with Federal Highway.

Mr. Kochan also stated that MassDOT will be looking at the shoulders, cross sections, drainage issues and bridge elevation issues on Mid-Cape Highway from approx. exit 2 – exit 9. He asked if it would be premature to consider identifying potential improvements within the next 10 years. Mr. Tupper stated that this project was considered by the CCJTC and it did not rise up to make these time bands but is still contained in the document as an important project.

Upon a motion to recommend that the Metropolitan Planning Organization endorse the Regional Transportation Plan with the amendment of moving Buzzards Bay to the 2016 – 2020 time band by Joe Rodricks second by Mark Vincent the vote was passed unanimously.

**Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority Comprehensive Service Assessment:** *The Joint Transportation Committee will discuss the presentation of the usage of the existing Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority transit routes. – Patrick Tierney, Cape Cod Commission Technical Services Planner*

Mr. Tierney presented a power point. The Comprehensive Service Assessment allows the agency an opportunity to step back and review its current service and determine if it matches the needs of the region. The presentation included Cape Wide Demographics, an Assessment of Transit Services, Performance Analysis, Service Scenarios and Environmental Fare Collection and Regional Job Growth Policies.

#### **Reports and Other Information**

*MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Office Project Updates and Other Regional Reports from the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), and the Cape Cod Commission.*

Tim Kochan from MassDOT gave the following updates:

#### **FFY 2014 Projects**

- Construction bids opening scheduled for June 30, 2015 for the Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension, Dennis-Yarmouth
- Construction bids were opened on June 23, 2015 for the resurfacing & related work on Rte. 28 in Bourne and the low bidder has not yet been determined
- Lawrence Lynch Corp was awarded the resurfacing & related work on Rte. 6A in Brewster, notice to proceed has not yet been issued

#### **FFY 2015 Projects**

- MassDOT received 100 design plans for Intersection improvements at Rte. 28 and Bearses Way and Right of Way (ROW) plans were accepted on June 24, 2015
- Dennis-Yarmouth, construction of a multi-use path over the Bass River Bridge is proposed to be moved to FFY 2016 due to additional investigation required to determine potential flooding impacts to low lying properties adjacent to the river resulting from the widening of the channel at the bridge span
- Intersection improvements at Rte. 6A and Main Street and Rte. 28 and Main St in Orleans is being moved to 2016

#### **FFY 2016 Projects**

- Wait for 75% design due to additional survey being acquired for the location of the new sewer line for improvements on Rte. 28 from George Ryder Rd to Barn Hill Rd in Chatham
- Dennis, Rte. 28 Dennis Commons Drive to Upper County Rd is at 25% design and has been proposed to move to FFY 2017

#### **FFY 2017 Projects**

- MassDOT is waiting for an official response from the Town of Falmouth to give their preferred alternative for intersection improvements on Rte. 28A and Rte. 151
- The resurfacing of Rte. 6 from Dennis to Harwich is a replacement project for FFY 2015
- It is proposed to move the Barnstable, intersection improvements at Rte. 28 and Yarmouth Rd to FFY 2018. This project is at 25% design. A comment resolution meeting was held at MassDOT early this month and the public hearing is anticipated to be held during the summer

- A public outreach meeting was held on June 22 regarding Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension from Station Ave, Yarmouth to Rte. 132 (Barnstable) project is at 25% design and is proposed to be moved to FFY 2018

### **FFY 2018 Projects**

- Intersection improvements on Rte. 28, Depot Rd, Queen Anne Rd and Crowell Rd in Chatham is pre 25% design, a public outreach meeting was held in June and is proposed to be moved to 2019
- Intersection improvements at Rte. 28 & Osterville-West Barnstable Rd in Barnstable are at 25% design. MassDOT submitted comments to the engineer and approval of ROW plans before a design public hearing can be scheduled. This project is proposed to be moved into 2017
- Intersection improvements at Rte. 6 and Main St in Wellfleet are at pre 25% design
- Intersection improvements at State Rte. 28 (Falmouth Rd) and Strawberry Hill Rd in Barnstable is at pre 25% design and will be going statewide HSIP funds in 2016
- Traffic improvements at Belmont Circle at Rte. 6/28/25 Main St in Bourne is proposed to be moved into 2019 and is at pre 25% design
- Corridor improvements on Rte. 151 from Mashpee Rotary to Falmouth Town line is proposed to be moved into 2019 and 2020. This project would be advanced constructed over 2 years due to the high cost
- Lighting and landscaping of the roundabout at Rte. 6 East exit ramp and Rte. 149 in Barnstable is at pre 25% design
- Resurfacing work on Rte. 6 from Harwich – Brewster – Orleans is proposed to be programmed in 2017.

Mr. Parsons suggested that we put together Project Development Workshops so that we can understand how long projects take and the various components involved.

### **Next Meeting:**

July 10, 2015 & August 14, 2015 meetings are CANCELLED. The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 11, 2015.

Mimi McConnell encouraged the group to come to the meetings regarding the Bridge. Mr. Andres stated that information discussed at those meetings will be brought to the Committee.

## **Adjourn**

Upon a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am by Edward Gross, second by Roger Parsons, the vote was passed unanimously.

## **Documents and Exhibits:**

Agenda, June 26, 2015

Minutes, June 12, 2015

UPWP power point

TIP Development FY 2016-2019 power point

TIP 2016-2019 – Cape Cod “Highway” Projects summary sheet

RTP Update power point

CSA power point

Gloria Freeman emails, 6/15 & 6/25/15

Bill Tuxbury Statement