

Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee (CCJTC)

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

Minutes – February 14, 2014

<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
Joseph Rodricks, P.E., Chairman	Dennis, Town Engineer
George Allaire	Yarmouth
Paul Tilton, P.E.	Sandwich, DPW Director
Jeff Colby	Chatham, DPW Director
George Sala	Bourne, DPW Superintendent
Lincoln Hooper	Harwich, DPW Director
Mark Vincent	Wellfleet, DPW Director
Dan Santos	Barnstable, DPW
John D. Harris	Cape Cod Commission
Pamela Haznar, P.E.	MassDOT
Timothy Kochan	MassDOT – District 5
Sallie Riggs	Bourne Transportation Advisory Committee
Jon Nelson	Town of Bourne
Florence Seldin	Chatham, Board of Selectman
Joe Magni	Vanesse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
Joe SanClemente	Howard Stein Hudson Associates
Robert Burgmann, PE	Greenman-Pederson, Inc.
Lenny Velinchasky	TranSystems
Topher Smith	TranSystems
Gloria Freeman	Chatham Citizen
David E. Burnes	WCA Chatham
William F Tuxbury	WCA Chatham
Glenn Cannon, P.E.	Cape Cod Commission
Steve Tupper	Cape Cod Commission
Lev Malakhoff	Cape Cod Commission
Garry Meus	Cape Cod Commission
Lisa Dillon	Cape Cod Commission

Call to Order

Chairman Joe Rodricks called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes of the January 10, 2014 Meeting

Upon a motion by Jeff Colby, seconded by Joe Rodricks, the minutes of the January 10, 2014 were approved unanimously. George Allaire and Lincoln Hooper abstained from the vote.

Chatham, Route 28 from George Ryder Road to Barn Hill Road Project – Presentation

- Jeff Colby, Chatham Director of Public Works

Jeff Colby introduced Joe SanClemente, Transportation Engineer with Howard Stein Hudson (HSH) and Associates who gave a power point presentation outlining the design of the project. The information given covers design elements considered, recommended designs including proposed views, abutter meetings and the next steps of the project.

A discussion by the committee occurred that supports the proposal stating that the improvements will bring significant safety to the intersections with improved traffic calming.

Mr. Rodricks read to the committee the letter from Tony Zombas expressing his strong opposition and concerns about the project.

Mr. SanClemente explained that Mr. Zombas has been met with one on one to hear and address his concerns.

Public Comment:

David Burnes appreciates Mr. Zombas' comments and echoes them. Several years ago this project was brought up by the Board of Selectman without consulting with local businesses. The road is in need of repairs which is the primary concern. Traffic coming into Chatham during the summer months has not selected Queen Anne Road which is a well paved road and quick to get downtown. The business people in West Chatham are going bankrupt and further changes in the pattern will affect them greatly. He stated that Route 28 is one of the safest roads and that speed is not a problem. The community is concerned with the loss of character in a seaside community. They do not want what is being forced on them and feel that the project is not necessary and is unwanted. Their concerns appear to be marginalized by the Board of Selectman. The people in Chatham would like to see the roads paved and sidewalks put in. There are very few pedestrians; you need to travel around in a car.

William Tuxbury stated that there is no data to support the goals of the project. Project goals state reduction of speed on Route 28. In the months of June through August the average speed is 29 to 34 mph, not 42 as stated in the PIF. There was only 1 speeding ticket in the last 6 years in West Chatham. There appears to be contradictions in the data presented, he reviewed the data presented and made comments. The businesses do not agree with the 2 lanes on Route 28. Why change this. Local businesses rely on summer traffic and construction will cause major issues.

Mr. Colby asked that comments be respectful and not attacks – Mr. Rodricks agreed and stated that this committee makes recommendations for projects to the TIP and does not make final decisions.

Florence Seldin stated that Barnhill Rd/ George Ryder intersection problems have existed since the beginning of her term. The Board of Selectman is not anti-Business – they are very concerned about local business and they are fully aware what issues will be brought about by the disruption. We want to minimize land taking as much as possible. There are several opinions about the project and the Board took the position to move forward with the project. HSH has done a lot of public outreach; businesses gave feedback on pedestrian crossings. Roundabouts received positive responses once the project is complete. The Board is allowing public discussion and continued conversations.

Mr. Rodricks commented that all towns have the same issues and we are all on the same page. Safety is the biggest concern.

Gloria Freeman stated that the long range comprehensive plan clearly supports preservation of the neighborhood centers for the residents of each specific neighborhood. Residents have been speaking at the Town Meetings and feel it's important for the committee to also hear the voice of the residents.

Falmouth, Route 28A/Route 151 Project – Presentation

– Pam Haznar, MassDOT District 5 Project Development Engineer

Ms. Haznar gave a power point presentation on the Falmouth Route 28A/Route 151 Intersection project currently being designed. The presentation outlined the project needs, status and proposed improvements.

Lev Malakhoff asked if a roundabout had been considered and Ms. Haznar stated that MassDOT will look at doing this.

George Allaire asked if a roadway safety audit had been done at this location and Ms. Haznar replied that it had not been done yet, but it is in the works.

John Harris asked if there is a process in which a citizen can request removal of a traffic signal. Ms. Haznar stated that MassDOT works with the community. Mr. Harris stated that we need to revisit a traffic light at the intersection Route 28 Cotuit/Centerville. He added that roundabout's work well and they are a great idea.

Glenn Cannon stated that he would like to applaud MassDOT because it is so close to the Shining Sea bike path for the improvements to the Route 151 Falmouth town line and incorporating multi use improvements which will connect to path. The intersection is a critical link.

Barnstable, Route 28/Yarmouth Road Project – Presentation

- Pam Haznar, MassDOT District 5 Project Development Engineer

Lenny Velinchasky & Topher Smith gave a power point presentation for the Route 28/Yarmouth Road intersection improvements. The presentation covered the design coordination, impacts, shared use path and project status.

Robert Burgmann asked if anything was being done to facilitate access to the Transportation Center. There had been a requirement for a signal at the intersection and he sees nothing in the plan to indicate such.

Mr. Cannon explained that the Hyannis Access Study had looked at the 2 signals that would be close together and had discussions about a proposed roundabout at that location. Tom Cahir is involved with this. Mr. Cannon also mentioned that this route is also the easiest flow to the hospital.

Mr. Cannon stated that we are dealing with one intersection at in the TIP. If it is outside the scope of the TIP, MassDOT considers it a mega project. Mr. Cannon has attended many meetings and has had discussions with business owners and the impact, the issue always comes down to cost.

Traffic Counting Program – Discussion

- Lev Malakhoff, Senior Transportation Engineer, Cape Cod Commission

Mr. Malakhoff distributed traffic counts to each town represented which are also available from the Cape Cod Commission website. He then walked the group through the website and gave an overview of the products that the Cape Cod Commission provides.

Mr. Rodricks, asked if the traffic volumes shown on the web mapping indicated are for the year 2013 – and Lev explained that it is an estimate based on the most recent 6 years. Mr. Rodrick stated that in the town of Dennis there is an annual sidewalk program and traffic counting efforts in which pedestrian data is included. If you build it, they will come – people will walk if there are sidewalks. Mr. Malakhoff stated

that they state has a mode shift goal. Ms. Haznar stated that that goal is a 30% mode shift of trips by pedestrian and bicycles by 2030.

Mr. Rodricks asked if a permit was required to conduct traffic counting, none are required.

Mr. Cannon explained the importance of the traffic technicians stating that projects begin with this data. Phone calls requesting information are also tracked.

Mr. Hooper and Mr. Rodricks stated that this was an excellent presentation and all of the information is helpful. Also thanking for assistance with traffic counting in the towns.

Public Comment/Other Business

Steve Tupper – updated the committee stating that MassDOT has finalized the high crash curve safety improvement program and informed the group that any public road would qualify for this program, although funding is limited. Mr. Tupper will give updates on the bicycle and pedestrian safety program as they the program is developed.

Mr. Cannon stated that in the Transportation Bond Bill there is \$50 million available for complete street projects not picked up by MassDOT. He will keep the committee informed.

Mr. Cannon introduced Garry Meus as a new employee of the Cape Cod Commission.

Mr. Harris has been attending these meeting for 10 years and he is so impressed with the work. He suggested that semiannual presentations be given to the town representatives keeping them informed.

Ms. Haznar asked if there are any questions on the status of projects, please feel free to call her or see her after the meeting. One project she mentioned is an emergency repair project in Dennis/Yarmouth town line at the Bass River Bridge. MassDOT is currently looking at different scenarios that will cause the least amount of disruption.

Mr. Rodricks thanked speakers and those who came in support of the projects on the TIP

Adjourn: Joe Rodricks motioned to adjourn; Jeff Colby seconded the motion, meeting adjourned at 10:17 am

Documents and Exhibits:

Chatham, Route 28 from George Ryder Road to Barn Hill Road Project – Presentation
Email from Tony Zombas regarding the Route 28 from George Ryder Road to Barn Hill Road Project stating his opposition to the project.

Falmouth Route 28A/Route 151 Intersection Improvements - Presentation

Barnstable, Route 28/Yarmouth Road Project - Presentation

Complete Streets Policy

Complete Streets Resolution: Town of Maynard, MA