

Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee

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

Minutes – Friday, October 12, 2012

<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
George Allaire, P.E., Chairman	Yarmouth, Dept. of Public Works (DPW) Director
Joe Rodricks, P.E., Vice-Chairman	Dennis, Town Engineer
Rickie Tellier	Bourne, Superintendent, DPW
Lincoln Hooper	Harwich, Superintendent of Highways
Roger Parsons, P.E.	Barnstable, Town Engineer
Mark Budnick	Orleans, Highway Department, Manager
Neil Andres	Eastham, DPW Superintendent
Charleen Greenhalgh	Truro, Assistant Administrator
Paul Lagg	Chatham, Community Development Department
Chris Adams	The Delahunt Group
Bill Reed	Fay Spofford & Thorndike (FST)
Robert Burgmann, P.E.	Greenman-Pederson Inc. (GPI)
Joe Magni	VHB, Inc.
Meaghan Corson	WXTK News Radio
Annie Ropeik	WQRC / Cape Cod Broadcasting
Sallie Riggs	Bourne Financial Development Commission (BFDC)
Chris Anzuoni	Plymouth & Brockton St. Railway Co., Inc. (P&B)
Dennis Walsh	Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA)
Callida Cenizal	MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning (MassDOT OTP)
Pamela Haznar, P.E.	MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Office (MassDOT D5)
Timothy Kochan	MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Office
Priscilla Leclerc	Cape Cod Commission (CCC)
Maria McCauley	Cape Cod Commission
Lev Malakhoff	Cape Cod Commission
Clay Schofield	Cape Cod Commission
Glenn Cannon, P.E.	Cape Cod Commission
Steven Tupper	Cape Cod Commission

Call to Order: Chairman George Allaire called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

Minutes of June 8, 2012: With a motion by Rickie Tellier, seconded by Roger Parsons, the minutes were approved with one abstention from George Allaire.

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)—the new federal transportation legislation—an overview, Transportation for America, and local needs

John Walkey, Massachusetts Field Organizer, Transportation for America/Transportation for Massachusetts, began with an overview of the organization that began at the national level to promote efforts for improved financing of transportation infrastructure. Mr. Walkey had sample publications that were passed around the room, including "Transportation 101", "Transit", and "Maxed Out".

John Walkey proceeded to present information related to federal funding programs, and an overview of the changes in the recently enacted Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) federal legislation. He stated that the primary changes are the number of transportation programs have been streamlined into fewer programs, and there is an emphasis on performance measures.

An example of program consolidation that was given is the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program in MAP-21, which now covers project types formerly eligible under Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to Schools, National Scenic Byways, and the Transit in the Parks programs that were all eliminated. TA funding will be allocated at 50% to the DOT and 50% to MPOs.

John Walkey also mentioned the TIFIA loan program, where states can borrow funds at 2.97% for large infrastructure projects, and defer payment for up to 5 years.

John Walkey summarized that the goal of MAP-21 is for accountability, transparency, and performance improvements. John concluded that money is tight, there are no earmarks—in theory, and how we access federal funding will change.

Bob Burgmann inquired about the effect of the new bill on funding infrastructure projects.

John Walkey replied that there may be additional new starts or TIFIA strategies for projects.

George Allaire queried if there has been consideration on raising the gas tax.

John Walkey replied that it will likely be part of the discussion along with other options.

Unified Bike Signage Project Implementation

Tabitha Harkin, Special Projects Coordinator, Cape Cod Commission, presented an overview of the wayfinding design guidelines recently prepared in partnership with the CCRTA. Tabitha explained that the effort included research of best practices, consideration of existing conditions, concepts and siting considerations. She stated that the goal is to have a recognizable bike sign for the entire region. The fabrication and implementation includes about 16 signs per town on average, and the CCRTA will install and maintain the signs.

Bob Burgmann asked if Old Kings Highway (OKH) had approved the signs.

Tabitha replied that OKH will not be signed at this point.

Tim Kochan, MassDOT District 5 Office, asked if the bike graphic that was shown here was shared with MassDOT.

Tabitha responded yes, that they met with MassDOT staff.

Mark Budnick mentioned that he is interested in discussing Orleans, and Tabitha responded that they could get together following this meeting.

Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects Update

Priscilla Leclerc, Senior Transportation Planner, Cape Cod Commission, briefly reported that the 2012 projects have moved forward and will be under construction, and that design efforts are proceeding on 2013 TIP year projects. A spreadsheet summary of the TIP projects was handed out. Priscilla added that the state needed to move earmark funded projects that would not be able to be obligated by year end off of the TIP and reallocate the funds, and this impacted the Cape Cod region in one project—the Hyannis earmark for the Pearl Street project. Priscilla said that the 25% design is about to be submitted for this project, and suggested that this group consider funding this project out the TIP funds when the TIP is updated or amended.

Roger Parsons, Barnstable, added that this project design is very close to submittal, and this is a small project but a very important pedestrian connection in downtown Hyannis, and he hopes that there is funding available in the TIP for this project.

Pamela Haznar, P.E., Project Development Engineer, MassDOT D5, agreed that they will work with the CCJTC and MPO in consideration of funding this project.

Pam Haznar then provided updates on various Cape Cod projects, including:

- Route 6 ramps at Route 130 in Sandwich should be completed in May 2013;
- The roundabout in Sandwich has been completed.
- In Dennis, two bridges will be under construction. The Route 28 bridge will have a temporary bridge in place and the bridge at Upper County Road will be closed after Thanksgiving, from then through Memorial Day 2013. Route 134 construction will also be underway in Dennis.

Pam continued,

- In Yarmouth, construction is underway at the intersection of Old Town House Road and Forest Road;
- And on the ITS project, there is a meeting with stakeholders and the consultant coming up.
- The Chatham bridge review process is proceeding.
- The design is proceeding to 75 % for both intersections in Falmouth.
- The Cape Cod Rail Trail extension design scope and work hour estimate is under review and should be going to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) next week.

Public Comment none.

Other Business

Lev Malakhoff mentioned that the CCC traffic counting town reports are available for towns, either here in paper or on the CCC website for download.

Priscilla mentioned that the MassDOT state plan outreach meeting is coming up—and Calli Cenizal stated that there is an outreach meeting in Hyannis on Thursday, October 25th, at the Hyannis Transportation Center.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Attachments:

Transportation4America / 4Mass and MAP-21 presentation
Bike signs presentation
TIP projects handout