

Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee (CCJTC)

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

Minutes – December 13, 2013

<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
Joseph Rodricks, P.E., Chairman	Dennis, Town Engineer
George Allaire, P.E., Vice Chairman	Yarmouth, DPW Director
Roger Parsons, P.E.	Barnstable, Town Engineer
Neil Andres	Eastham, DPW Superintendent
Bob Bersin, P.E.	Brewster, DPW Superintendent
Paul Tilton, P.E.	Sandwich, DPW Director
Jeff Colby	Chatham, DPW Director
Catherine Laurent	Mashpee, DPW Director
Lincoln Hooper	Harwich, Director Department of Highways and Maintenance
Charlene Greenhalgh	Truro, Assistant Administrator
Jack McCormack	Cape Cod Commission, Yarmouth Representative
Edward Gross, M.D.	Bicycle Representative
Pamela Haznar	MassDOT
Timothy Kochan	MassDOT – District 5
Dennis Walsh	Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA)
Sims McGrath, Jr.	MPO Sub-Regional Representative
Sallie Riggs	Bourne Transportation Advisory Committee
Kyle Takakjian	Town of Truro, Police Department
Ken Petraglia	BETA Group
Tom Stoves	Howard/Stein Hudson
Steve Seymour	Town of Barnstable, Growth Management Department
Sue Rohrbach	Senator Dan Wolfe, District Aide
Robert Burgmann, P.E.	Greenman-Pederson Inc. (GPI)
Glenn Cannon, P.E.	Cape Cod Commission
Steve Tupper	Cape Cod Commission
Lev Malakhoff	Cape Cod Commission
Lisa Dillon	Cape Cod Commission
Edward Etsten	Harwich Citizen
Jacqueline Etsten	Harwich Citizen
Jenny Dickson	Harwich Citizen
Anne Stewart	Harwich Citizen - Route 124 Abutter
Dave Byron	Harwich Citizen – Route 124 Abutter

Call to Order: Chairman Joe Rodricks, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Upon a motion by George Allaire, seconded by Neil Andres, the minutes of the October 11, 2013 meeting were approved. Charlene Greenhalgh abstained from the vote. Mr. Rodricks asked for a minor change to the Upper County Bridge discussion item stating that it had been closed for construction and was now open.

Road Safety Audit

Mr. Kyle Takakjian, Truro Police Chief, spoke about the attached email.

Mr. Takakjian explained that he has been working over the past year to identify the areas in the Town of Truro that are of concern with regard to traffic speed, road design and safety. These concerns were originally brought forth by neighborhood groups and public safety officials. The Chief stated his concern for all users. Phase 1 of the research identified 8 specific roads where signs and speed limits are outdated. He asked how safety can be improved on these roadways. Three additional locations under state jurisdiction (on Route 6) which would require engineering work and assistance/permitting from State Highway officials which are outlined in the email. They include Shore Road from Route 6 north past the Highland Road intersection and Dutra's Square where a house on the corner has been crashed into with cars twice. On Route 6 south of the Truro Central School between the intersections of Castle Road to Whittmanville Road along with the entrance of Truro Central Liquors/Hillside Farm stand and associated businesses. Lastly on Route 6, the area between the public safety facility and the intersection of Aldrich/Noons Drive is a concern. Residents have come forward expressing concern that their children do not have a safe way to cross the highway.

Glenn Cannon responded that the funding will need to be approved through the CCJTC.

Neil Andres asked if this would be amendment to the current UPWP. Mr. Cannon said that it would not be an amendment. This is budgeted within our scope of work.

Roger Parsons wants to be sure that we have an acceptable process for lining up for funding, and that all tracking is appropriate.

Mr. Rodricks suggested that members of the JTC be invited to potential Road Safety Audits (RSA) related this project so that they may learn from the RSA as well as share their knowledge.

Pam Haznar wants to be involved and take lead with the state highway portion.

Mr. Allaire motioned to accept this proposal, Neil Andres seconded the motion, and the vote was passed unanimously.

Route 28/Bearse's Way

Pam Haznar gave an update on the Route 28/Bearses Way via a Power Point Presentation. Ms. Haznar stated that this area is a gateway to Hyannis and that it is a high crash location in the Region. She stated that the scope of the project (TIP FY 2015), has expanded from the intersection with Bearses way to also include the intersection with the Cape Cod Mall drive and the segment of road between these two intersections where 2 fatalities occurred. The area will include pedestrian accommodations. The project will also include bike shoulders as well as sidewalks on both sides. Other items are included which are stated in presentation.

Mr. Parsons stated that he is pleased with the progress, highlighting the proposed complete street and design and desired connections from the residential neighborhoods to the economic center.

Steve Seymour added that there will be access management improvements for the gas station on the corner of Route 28 at Bearses Way.

Paul Tilton mentioned the Bearses Way southbound lane configurations and the possible need for an extra through lane. Mr. Parsons stated that there is not room to do more and that the biggest issues at the intersection will be addressed. Mr. Allaire commented that improved lighting should be a focus for bike and pedestrian safety. Tom Stoves stated that there has been a lot of public outreach. Ms. Greenhalgh asked if Hirammar Road was going to be a right-turn/right-turn-out only as well. Mr. Parson stated that this road is a one one-way southbound so there are no conflicts. Mr. Andres inquired as to who is responsible for the maintenance of the signal and Ms. Haznar stated that it will still be the state. Robert Burgmann made another comment about focusing the pedestrians to the signalized intersection and that there needs to be a physical separation. Mr. Parsons stated that they are looking to do it on the

northbound side. They are looking to possibly upgrade utilities at the same time. Ms. Haznar stated that municipal utilities impacted by the project are paid for by the state with the exception of any upgrades included by the municipality and 50% is paid by the state for impacts to private utilities, if certain criteria are met.

Route 124

Lincoln Hooper presented a power point presentation on the Route 124 project which was given at the Board of Selectman meeting on November 18, 2013.

Mr. Cannon asked if a 4' shoulder is a design exemption. Ms. Haznar stated that since the road is a National Highway System (NHS) road an 8' shoulder is standard; therefore, a 4' shoulder is an exemption. She stated that the state's new Healthy Transportation Policy requires that every bridge must have shoulders and sidewalks on both sides and the same for urban roads. The exemption process will be developed as part of an upcoming design directive.

Mr. Andres questioned the classification of the road stating that he was under the impression that Route 6 was the only Cape Cod road on the NHS. Ms. Haznar suggested going online to the MassDOT website through the planning department for detailed maps with this information. A question was raised as to whether functional reclassification should be brought to the MPO and CCJTC. Glenn Cannon noted that a functional reclassification would need to be brought to MPO and CCJTC.

Public comments related to the proposed project were raised by members of the public in attendance at the meeting:

- Questioned safety as a driver for the project
- Questioned whether the algae bloom was caused by roadway runoff and also stated that herring were also a problem causing algae blooms and are the herring also going to be eliminated?
- Stated that the funds could be used in another area
- Questioned the need for sidewalks given lack of pedestrians
- Stated that there is a drainage issue not a safety problem
- Questioned spending funds on this project and the public process
- Believes there are other ways of addressing the problem
- Noted Concerns about the sewers later ripping up the new road
- Noted that this is a Community discussion not an abutter issue

Mr. Rodricks stated that this needs to be brought to the Board of Selectman.

Anne Stewart had a technical question regarding the public parking at the school. Mr. Rodricks and Mr. Cannon stated that students walk into the center of town. Rail Trail access parking was the priority. Ms. Stewart asked if a 2 foot shoulder was enough for vehicles to pull over. She believes that it is safe to pull off now. What would retaining walls really look like in 3d? She also had a concern about replacing mature trees with saplings. Ms. Stewart also noted that she has seen that the existing catch basins work as well.

Jacqueline Etsten stated that she has concerns about the late notice in the public process. She is also concerned about prioritizing funding on the rural road as opposed to Route 6 and roads in the Hyannis area. How is this urban arterial given its nature and connections and what are the impacts on the cranberry bog and the store?

Lev Malakhoff confirmed that Route 124 is an urban principal arterial not a National Highway System (NHS) according to the MassDOT online viewer. Ms. Haznar stated that NHS is based on new MAP-21 designation and that the designation may not have been updated on the online viewer.

Regarding the public concern as to whether installing sewer would mean ripping up new road, Mr. Hooper stated that there are no sewers planned north of Route 6.

Preliminary Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Cannon presented an update on TIP project costs, and stated that these will be explained further refined next month. Ms. Haznar stated that there have been no further discussions regarding splitting the Orleans Route 6A and Main Street project it into 2 years as of yet. Next month there will be discussion on the ramifications of moving projects around.

Mr. Andres asked for an update about the Route 6 at Governor Prince Road intersection. Mr. Cannon explained that a discussion needs to be had with the Cape Cod National Seashore (CCNS) and MassDOT. It is currently not on the TIP. He stated that federal funding needs to be on the TIP. Mr. Cannon stated that further discussions will be had to discuss how to handle this process.

Bob Bersin stated that any Route 6A resurfacing should wait until after gas lines which potentially will be in installed by next summer.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Certification Review

Mr. Cannon briefly discussed the attached MPO Certification Review Power Point Presentation, which is a review of the Cape MPO procedures. This is how funding from MassDOT and Federal Highway is received. This review is used to confirm that we are in compliance with their regulations. The Federal Highway Administration is very interested in seeing how their money is being spent.

Top Fifty (50) Crash Locations on Cape Cod

Mr. Malakhoff discussed the Top 50 crash site locations on Cape Cod and the importance of performing crash rate analysis. He explained the importance of good crash reporting. Since a significant portion of this information is obtained from the Police Departments, information on proper reporting procedure should be presented at the Police Chiefs meeting to stress the importance of updating their data and educating them on the affect. The report will include notes identifying proposed road improvements such as those identified audits. Mr. Malakhoff will put together a report for each town and notes about improvements can be added to that the report. Mr. Cannon explained that this information is helpful for us to determine where the focus of our work should be.

Ms. Greenhalgh commented that Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown are not on the list – Mr. Malakhoff explained that none of their intersections rose to the top of the cape-wide “Top 50” list. Mr. Cannon suggested making a list for each town.

Other Business

Sue Rohrbach asked if any short term improvements for the Bearses Way area have been implemented. Mr. Parsons and Ms. Haznar stated that some have already been done.

Mr. Andres stated that Chapter 90 is very important and gets a lot of work done. Ms. Rohrbach stated that it’s being worked on. Sims McGrath stated Chapter 90 funds are a top priority for Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Adjourn: Joe Rodricks motioned to adjourn; Mr. Allaire seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.