

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

**Minutes – Friday, January 11, 2013**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
George Allaire, P.E., Chairman	Yarmouth, Dept. of Public Works (DPW) Director
Chris Nickerson	Harwich, Dept. of Public Works (DPW)
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
Catherine Laurent	Mashpee,
Edward Gross	Bicycling Representative
Robert Burgmann, P.E.	Greenman-Pederson Inc. (GPI)
Sue Rohrbach	Senator Dan Wolf's Office
Bill Scully	Green International
Joseph Magni	VHB, Inc.
David Beatty	WXTK News Radio
Sallie Riggs	Bourne Financial Development Commission (BFDC)
Chris Anzuoni	Plymouth & Brockton St. Railway Co., Inc. (P&B)
Julie Quintero-Schulz	Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA)
Callida Cenizal	MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning (MassDOT OTP)
Bill Travers	MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Office
Timothy Kochan	MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Office
John D. Harris	Cape Cod Commission, Chair
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 8:30 a.m.

**Minutes of October 12, 2012:** With a motion by Charleen Greenhalgh, seconded by Roger Parsons, the minutes of October 12, 2012, CCJTC meeting were approved unanimously.

**Proposed Rail Service for Cape Cod and other Transit Updates:** Julie Quintero-Schulz, Mobility Manager for Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), gave an overview of the proposed rail service from Boston to Cape Cod. The new rail service will be called Cape Flyer and it will begin service on Memorial Day weekend (May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013) and running through Labor Day (September 2, 2013). The purpose of the new service is to help eliminate traffic congestion on the bridges. The rail will depart South Station in Boston and there will be two stops on the Cape: Buzzards Bay and Hyannis. It is going to be a 2 hour ride and there will be one train from Boston to Cape Cod on Friday (arriving in Hyannis around 7pm), one train on Saturday and one on Sunday (arriving in Hyannis around 10 am) and also one return train on both Saturday and Sunday. This CCRTA service will be connecting with the ferries, taxis, car rentals, buses – all modes of transportations. There will be Cape Cod style concessions available on board. The rail will only go up to 35 mph on the Cape side so there is no reason to worry about trains speeding past people's establishments. There will be a website coming soon: [www.capeflyer.com](http://www.capeflyer.com).

George Allaire asked about the cost of the proposed rail service.

Julie replied that the cost is still to be determined but it will be around \$30.00 round trip.

Roger Parsons asked if there will be any additional signage or work at the railroad crossings for this particular project.

Julie responded that that has not been part of the main discussion. But this is a major transit project.

George Allaire queried if passengers can take bikes on the train.

Julie replied that that's one of the key components of the train. There will be an entire car dedicated to bikes.

Neil Andres asked about impacts that the new service might have on Plymouth & Brockton.

Julie replied that with one train a day it should increase the transit opportunities for Plymouth & Brockton and others since tourists might come to the Cape on the train but return to Boston by bus.

Clay Schofield mentioned that he worked on the Down Easter where there was also a parallel bus route and the train actually increased the ridership on busses. He hopes that the same will be true in this case.

Glenn Cannon inquired whether Charlie Cards can be used for the train trip from Boston.

Julie replied that no, you will not be able to use Charlie card on the train but you can use them on CCRTA busses on the Cape.

John Harris queried if there will be any passenger count on the train to measure the improvement of the traffic on the bridge and what will the capacity of the train be.

Julie responded that they have the passenger data available from the commuter trains and they will be able to figure out how many passengers are coming to the Cape. They could also count people getting off of the train on Cape Cod. Capacity of the train is still to be determined but the Friday night train will have additional 300-400 seats added to the regular commuter train.

### **Pavement Management**

Lev Malakhoff, PhD., Senior Transportation Engineer, Cape Cod Commission, gave a PowerPoint presentation on status of pavement management. The 2012 status report has been distributed to all the members present. Lev explained the PSI [pavement serviceability index] and presented the evaluation criteria. Lev stated that MassDOT evaluated 80.09 miles of municipal roads and CCC evaluated 204.68 miles for a combined total of 277 miles. He added that pavement management is also done at 250 locations surveyed by the technicians as they were setting up ATRs [Automatic Traffic Recorders] and that town-wide averages range from 2.7 to 4.0.

John Harris asked whether the data collected is used for the road building designs and to improve the quality of new road constructions and projects.

Lev Malakhoff replied that the pavement management is meant to provide guidance for different road improvements with different life cycles, so that communities can make the best decisions.

Robert Burgmann inquired whether the report is available online.

Lev responded that the report is available on the Cape Cod Commission website.

Glenn Cannon encouraged CCJTC members to provide feedback and any suggestions for improvement on the pavement management program

Neil Andres stated that this program is an excellent start to show how underfunded our roadways are. Glenn Cannon added that Patty Daley was at the Cape Cod Times editorial board meeting earlier this week about funding for transportation on Cape Cod and pavement management was one of the topics raised at that meeting.

**FFY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Year End Review**

Glenn Cannon, P.E., CCC Technical Services Director, presented an overview of the UPWP activities in fiscal year 2012. Glenn gave a PowerPoint presentation with information on work performed within each UPWP task. Copy of Glenn’s presentation is attached to the minutes.

Edward Gross asked if pavement management can include bike paths as there are chronic problems with root systems of the trees damaging the pavement.

Glenn responded that it could be included in the pavement reports.

Charleen Greenhalgh commented that 511 service on Cape Cod is not working properly.

Calli Cenizal replied that improvement of data collection for 511 is part of the ITS.

Neil Andres asked if there is any information available on locations with highest pedestrian and bike accidents rates.

Glenn responded that there is information available but it is not in a form of a separate list. But we could prepare separate list of those locations. There was a fatality last year on Rte. 28 in Barnstable and we are looking into addressing safety issues at that location.

Robert Burgmann asked if Hyannis Access meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 is open to the public and where and when will it take place.

Glenn responded that it is open to the public but it is a task force meeting and not a public hearing. It will take place at the Cape Cod Commission office at 1pm.

**Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment for Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2016**

Priscilla Leclerc, CCC Senior Transportation Planner, presented an overview of previous and current TIP projects and explained the proposed amendment of the TIP. ITS improvement for Cape Cod added 1,500,000.

Bill Travers, MassDOT District 5 Office, gave a short description of the ITS improvements for Cape Cod. The project plans to put permanent signage for ITS locations. Cameras on bridges have already been installed last year and MassDOT is looking to provide real time traffic information. There will be detectors on Rte. 25, Rte. 3, Rte. 6 and Rte. 28 - these devices will help calculate the travel time between two points by detecting signals from bluetooth devices, GPS’s and cell phones. The project is currently under design and it should be at 25% submission level by the end of this month. MassDOT would like to advertise it this spring, start construction this fall and have it done by summer 2014. A map of Cape Cod with preliminary detection points was handed out.

Charleen Greenhalgh commented that message boards are used on Jersey Turnpike and that it works very well.

Robert Burgmann asked how the data is stored and if it has an effect on privacy.

Bill Travers replied that to his knowledge data is stored on the unit only and is not shared but he does not have more exact information.

Priscilla continued her overview of the proposed TIP Amendment with proposed cost changes:

- the cost of combined Falmouth intersections improvements increased approximately \$150,000
- the Orleans – roundabout improvement at routes 28 & 6A is up about \$298,000.00
- the Cape Cod National Seashore (CCNS) bike shuttle is up about \$21,000; CCRTA will increase the hours of the shuttle service

Bill Travers added that utilities are the reason for all the cost increases because beginning this fiscal year all the utility (any utility relocation) costs have to be added to TIP projects.

Charleen Greenhalgh asked if utilities can be put underground.

Bill Travers replied that would be considered a betterment and federal government does not pay for betterments.

Priscilla reminded everyone that next MPO meeting is on January 28, 2013 where a Draft TIP Amendment will be considered for release by the MPO for public review. It will then be brought back to the CCJTC in February for a recommendation.

Robert Burgmann asked about the rationale behind combining the two Falmouth projects into one.

Bill Travers responded that the reason is coordination of work with one contractor.

**Public Comment**

Chris Anzuoni, Plymouth & Brockton, stated that he appreciates the work of this board but would like to voice some of his concerns regarding the new rail service. It starts small but where does it go? Chris added that P&B recognizes the needs of the communities and the benefit of the network services. There are mitigations going on between CCRTA and P&B and there should be an increase in funds in 2013 TIP in 5307 to benefit bus riders.

Tim Kochan, MassDOT D5, provided updates on various Cape Cod projects:

- MassDOT has received a PNF from Mashpee in September regarding Rte. 151; Town advised to set up a meeting with District 5 staff; Pam Haznar has met with the town staff and it has been moved to PIF (Project Initiation Form) stage and town was advised to begin public outreach.
- Barnstable/Yarmouth – joint submission for the extension of the rail trail from Station Ave. to Rte. 132, Barnstable/Service Rd., Hyannis; we have requested a meeting with the community.
- PNF from Yarmouth – Rte. 6 Union Street ramps improvements (exit 8); D5 decided that there are safety issues and multi model needs and advised town to move to PIF.
- PNF from Wellfleet – Rte. 6/Main Street improvements; D5 advised Town to move to PIF and to conduct public outreach.

Sue Rohrbach asked about short term safety improvements on Rte. 28 between Barse's Way and the Airport Rotary where there was a fatality last year.

Roger Parsons responded that they have met with representatives from MassDOT District 5 and also sent a letter to MassDOT with the outline of their concerns, but have not received a response, yet. Roger said that they have improved street lighting at that section of Rte. 28.

Glenn Cannon added that he has followed up on the issue and he has not heard back from the district office. There is TIP project for this area for the future, but we are looking for short term, low cost maintenance improvements.

**Adjourn** With a motion by Charleen Greenhalgh, seconded by Roger Parsons the meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Pavement Management presentation
- UPWP presentation
- Preliminary TIP Amendment presentation