

Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee (CCJTC)

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COMMISSION

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CCJTC Members

Roger Parsons, Chairman
Neil Andres
Jeff Colby
Paul Tilton
Tom Andrade
Frank Nichols
Richard Waldo
Tom Temple
Mark Vincent

Others in Attendance

Harold Mitchell
Pam Haznar
Timothy Kochan
Shane Souza
John Fuller
Clay Schofield
Joe Rodricks
Patrick Tierney
Heather Ivester
Jay Messier
John Bergmann
Keith Finindes
John Bechard
Ed Maroney
Colleen Medeiros
Glenn Cannon
Steve Tupper
Lisa Dillon
Lev Malakhoff
Patrick Tierney

Representing

Barnstable, Town of, Town Engineer
Eastham, Town of, DPW Director
Yarmouth, Town of, DPW Director
Sandwich, Town of, DPW Director
Dennis, Town of, Civil Engineer
Orleans, Town of, DPW Operations Manager
Provincetown, Town of, DPW Director
Chatham, Town of, DPW Director
Wellfleet, Town of, DPW Director

Representing

Cape Cod Commission
MassDOT – District 5 (non-voting)
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MassDOT
Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
Barnstable, Town of
Stantec
Michael Baker International
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VHB
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Cape Cod Chronicle
McMahon Associates
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The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am by Chairman, Roger Parsons. The Chairman asked that members of the committee as well as visitors introduce themselves.

Upon a motion to approve the draft minutes of the July 8, 2016 meeting by Mark Vincent, seconded by Jeff Colby, the vote was passed unanimously.

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Small Bridge Program: The Small Bridge Program (BRI) was signed into law on August 10, 2016 by Governor Charlie Baker. This 5 year, \$50Million program will provide reimbursable assistance to cities and towns of up to \$500,000 per year to aid in the replacement and preservation of municipally owned bridges with spans between 10 and 20 feet. MassDOT staff will give an overview of the new MassDOT

Small Bridge Program to the Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee (CCJTC). The CCJTC will discuss the new MassDOT Small Bridge Program. – Shane Souza, MassDOT District 5 Bridge Engineer

Mr. Souza presented a power point. The presentation outlined the Program Overview Program Details, Review & Approval Process and the Application Form. It included information regarding eligible bridges, funding, municipality's responsibilities, tour of the program website and the available documents through the site, the application process, reimbursement process and reviewed the application form.

Mark Vincent asked if this is a reimbursable grant and if MassDOT would be receiving a commitment through the town through a funding article. Mr. Souza stated that some sort of bonding is what was discussed last week.

A discussion ensued regarding funding and permitting. Mr. Souza stated that as of right now, we do not have a performance period defined. MassDOT needs to know where the money is going and don't want the permit process to hold up a project for several years when there are other communities needing those funds. It will make sense to have a cut off period. The permits required for the bridges will be local permits and normally MassDOT is exempt from certain permits on bridge. These funds are for municipal owned structures, not state. There is a separate funding source for state.

It will take about 12 – 18 months to complete the BRI inventory. Mr. Cannon stated that we can put a list together for Cape Cod with mapping and get the information to the towns to confirm.

Small Bridge Inspections: Michael Baker International staff will give an overview of the structural inspection process including the inspection process for small bridges. The presentation will include an overview of condition ratings, typical issues that may be observed in the field, recent bridge projects on Cape Cod and bridge design solutions specific to Cape Cod. The CCJTC will discuss the process for conducting small bridge inspections. – Patrick Tierney, Michael Baker International

A power point was presented by the Michael Baker International Group. The presentation included an overview of services, inspections and bridge design concepts.

Mr. Parsons asked when will report from MassDOT will be filtered back to the communities on the small bridges. Shane Souza stated that these inspections just began, they are processing the information and the reports will be sent to the towns.

Center Street in Yarmouthport - Speed Study request (Potential Vote): Cape Cod Commission staff will give a presentation to the Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee on the necessity of conducting a speed study on Center Street in Yarmouthport. A speed study is conducted to recommend the appropriate motor vehicle speed limit for a roadway. The Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee will discuss the practicality of performing a speed study on Center Street and potential vote to authorize Cape Cod Commission staff to conduct this speed study. — Glenn Cannon, Cape Cod Commission Director of Technical Services

Mr. Colby requesting a safety audit on Center Street in Yarmouth. This road is the access road to a free town beach and creates significant traffic.

Upon a motion to proceed with a speed study test on Center Street in Yarmouth by Neil Andres, seconded by Mark Vincent, the vote was passed unanimously

Potential Route 28/Route 39 Intersection Improvements in Orleans: Town of Orleans staff and their consultant (Vanesse Hangen Brustlin) will give a presentation to the Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee on the potential to improve the intersection of Route 28 and Route 39 in Orleans, MA. The Town of Orleans may request that this potential project be included onto the Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program in the near future.
— Frank Nichols, Town of Orleans Department of Public Works Operations Manager
— Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

Mr. Nichols thanked the committee for this agenda item. The town has had an advertised public hearing and they are in full support of this project as well as having support from the Board of Selectman.

John Bechard presented a power point. The presentation included the Existing Conditions, the TIP Improvement Program Process, Possible Solutions, Project Impacts, Project Costs, and the Next Steps.

Ms. Haznar stated that this project has been developed through the PRC Process and approved by the project review committee in October. She encouraged the town to work with MassDOT to submit a schedule asap. A recommendation to PRC was for a project cost of \$2 million. Tim Kochan added that the \$2 million considers an inflation factor and the fact that project may not be programmed for another 4 – 5 years. This project was one of two project approvals on cape cod and the letters to proceed will be sent out shortly.

Mr. Nichols commented that ROW seems to be an issue with projects and as far as he knows, there are no takings.

Reports: MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Staff will give a status report on existing and planned transportation projects underway across Cape Cod. Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority and Cape Cod Commission staff will report on recent and upcoming activities that staff has participated in.

Ms. Haznar gave the following MassDOT updates:

Ms. Haznar attended a bridge dedication to Ralph W. Byrnes WWII Veteran US Lieutenant Jr. Grade, missing in action 73 years ago which was in Harwich, she commented that it was quite impressive and emotionally moving

Truro phase II bicycle improvements on Rte. 6 to including Shore Rd heading North, this project will be developed in house, possibly in the next two years.

TIP and SIP which includes every region of the TIP is ongoing development. The TIP is a planning process and the SIP is a budget account.

MassDOT will be releasing a budget manual which is estimated to be released summer of 2017

Moving forward, work notifications could be sent to Lisa or Glenn for distribution.

2015 Projects:

- The construction bid opened on 3/15/16 for the intersection improvements at Rte. 28 and Bearses Way, Barnstable and the contract was awarded on 5/9/16. Contractor has installed construction signage. Work this year includes utility, drainage AND RETAINING WALL CONSTRUCTION. Anticipated completion date is 11/17/18. Pam has been in touch with HESS changing to SPEEDWAY and will require a permit
- The resurfacing work on Rte. 6 from Dennis to Harwich was awarded to Lawrence Lynch Corp, a notice to proceed was issued 4/1/16. This includes exits 10 and 11, and exit 10. The contractor is finish Rte. 6 EB paving. Milling operation of Rte. 6 to begin Sunday night, October 16 following by paving Rte. 6 which is anticipated to be completed by the mid/end November. Anticipated date is 4/11/17. Pam has been in communication with the town as they want to extend the merges will work with the commission and town for outreach MassDOT will handle the engineering

2016 Projects:

- Resurfacing on Rte. 6 from Dennis to Yarmouth was advertised 9/17/16 and the construction bid opening is scheduled for 2/22/17
- Intersection improvements at Rte. 6A/Main Street and Rte. 28/Main Street in Orleans. Construction bids opened 9/27/16, low bidder was Lawrence Lynch Corp

- Construction bid opening is scheduled for 11/22/16 for the construction of a multi-use path over the Bass River Bridge in Yarmouth
- Intersection & signal improvements at Falmouth Rd, Rte. 28 and Strawberry Hill Rd project in Barnstable. 25% design. Construction bids opening is scheduled for 1/24/17
- The contractor has installed curbing at the roundabout at the mid-cape Highway Rte. 6 eastbound exit ramp & Rte. 149. Currently waiting on approval of electrical submittals followed by conduit trench work. Landscaping of the roundabout to begin the week of October 17, 2016
- Construction bids opening scheduled for 1/24/17 for sign replacement on Rte. 6 from Sandwich to Orleans. NOT changing the exit numbers, will look at potential changes in the future if need be

2017 Projects:

- 75% design received 3/4/16 for corridor improvements on Rte. 28 from Dennis Commons Drive to Upper County Rd in Dennis, there are 132 Right of Way actions, project is moving along. ROW Plans received 7/22/16, approved 7/28/16 100% due shortly
- Resurfacing & related work on Rte. 6. MassDOT is investigating the possibility of restriping the acceleration and deceleration lanes at Exit 11/
- Resurfacing and related work on Rte. 6 & 28 Bypass Rd has been approved for federal funding by PRC on 6/9/16
- Improvement to park and ride facility including a new bus shelter at Rte. 124 park and ride in Harwich have been approved for federal funding by PRC

2018 Projects:

- Public Hearing has been scheduled on 10/27/16 on the intersection improvements @ Falmouth Rd (Rte. 28) & Osterville-West Barnstable Rd
- Comments were sent to the design engineer on 8/24/16 in the improvements on West Main St (Rte. 28) from George Ruder Rd to Barn Hill Rd in Chatham
- There is a comment resolution meeting scheduled the 3rd week of October on the Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension from Station Ave (Yarmouth) to Rte. 132 (Barnstable) project

2019 Projects:

- 75% design plans are due late November on the Intersection Improvements at Rte. 132 and Yarmouth Rd
- Falmouth Intersection improvements & related work at North Falmouth Hwy & Nathan Ellis Hwy (Rte. 151), MassDOT comments on ROW plans sent to design engineer 6/26/16

2020 Projects:

- Traffic improvements at Belmont Circle at Rte. 6/28/25 Main St in Bourne was original proposed to be designed in-house. Due to shifting priorities, project will be designed by a consultant

- Corridor improvements & related work on Rte. 151 from Mashpee rotary to Falmouth town line are at pre-25% design and concept plans are under review
- Intersection improvements and related work at Rte. 6 and Main Street in Wellfleet are at pre 25%

2021 Projects:

- Pre-25% concept plans are under review for the corridor improvements and related work on Nathan Ellis Highway (Rte. 151) from Mashpee rotary to Falmouth town line
- The consultant is performing additional data collection to present alternatives to the town for intersection improvements and related work at Main St (Rte. 28), Depot Rd, Queen Anne Rd and Crowell Rd in Chatham
- Construction of shared use path along Service Rd from Rte. 130 to Chase Rd in Sandwich is at pre 25% design

Ms. Haznar recommended that If you don't have a schedule for any project that is on the TIP, you should work on getting it sooner rather than later to ensure success of your projects

John Fuller stated that we can wait until the next meeting.

Mr. Tupper stated that attended a Bay State Road program and there were 3 representatives from the Cape. There is a new session on November 8th if others are interested he highly recommends attending.

Mr. Cannon gave the following Cape Cod Commission updates:

- Mr. Cannon attended a Canal Area Study in which MassDOT presented ideas to improve traffic flow and they are looking at the Army Corp to replace the existing bridges. MassDOT will come back in November with analysis and different options
- The Commission Staff also attending the "Moving Together" held by MassDOT. You learn what is going on and get some great ideas of where things are going. The Secretary of Transportation seems to be data oriented.

Public Comment / Adjourn

Upon a motion to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Colby at 10:04 am, seconded by Tom Andrade the vote was passed unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits:

Agenda, October 14, 2016
 DRAFT Minutes of July 8, 2016
 Small Bridge Inspection, Power Point from Michael Baker International
 Municipal Small Bridge Program, dated October 2016 from MassDOT
 Email from Jeff Colby dated 9/23/16 to Glenn Cannon RE: Center Street, Yarmouth MA Traffic Study Request
 Letter from Hollie Baker dated 9/21/16 to Jeff Colby RE: Center Street Safety
 Route 28/Route 39/Quanset Road Intersection Power Point