

Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

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DRAFT Minutes, July 16, 2018

MPO Members in Attendance

David Mohler

Tom Guerino
Harold Mitchell
Leo Cakounes
Judith Froman
Norman Holcomb
Alan McClennen
Jarod Cabral

Representing

MassDOT Planning representing Stephanie Pollack, MassDOT Secretary of Transportation
Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
Cape Cod Commission
Barnstable County Commissioner
Sub Region A: Bourne, Sandwich, Mashpee Falmouth
Sub Region B: Dennis and Yarmouth
Sub Region C: Brewster, Chatham, Harwich, Orleans
Sub Region D: Provincetown, Wellfleet, Truro, Eastham Alternate

Others in Attendance

Timothy Kochan
Gabe Sherman
Robert Wheeler
Noah Berger
Nelson Hoffman
Terry Whalen
Tony Lionetta
Rob Wilson
Stephen Buckley
Lisa Dillon
Steven Tupper
David Nolan
Jessica Wielgus
Lev Malakhoff
Martha Hevenor

Representing

MassDOT Highway Division, District 5
MassDOT Planning
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Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
Federal Highway Administration
Town of Chatham
Beta Group, Inc.
Citizen
OpenChatham.com
Cape Cod Commission
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Call to order

The Chairman David Mohler called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and asked that members and visitors introduce themselves.

Potential approval of the DRAFT minutes of May 21, 2018

Upon a motion to approve the DRAFT minutes of May 21, 2018 by Alan McClennen, 2nd by Judith Froman, the vote was passed unanimously. Jarod Cabral abstained from the vote.

Public Comment

There was none.

2016 Cape Cod Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment 1: The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) establishes long-range vision and goals, identifies major projects, studies, and programs for Cape Cod over the next 25 years. Cape Cod Commission staff will present a potential amendment to the RTP to include information from the July 2018 Air Quality Conformity Determination completed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The July 2018 Air Quality Conformity Determination may be found on the Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization webpage at www.capecodcommission.org/ccmpo/meetingnotices. The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization members will discuss and may vote whether to release the draft Amendment 1 for a 21-calendar-day public comment period. – Steven Tupper, Cape Cod Commission Transportation Program Manager

Mr. Tupper reviewed the 2018 Air Quality Conformity Determination completed by MassDOT.

Norm Holcolmb asked about conformity and testing. Mr. Mohler stated that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has standards that must be adhered to and that it involves regional modeling performed by MassDOT. The EPA developed new national standards and stopped enforcing the old ones, however the old standards still apply. MassDOT reports to the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the EPA. This program is based on modeling projected air quality based on planned future projects of regional significance and the Hyannis Access study fits into the modeling.

Upon a motion to release the draft Amendment 1 for a 21-calendar-day public comment period by Alan McClennen, 2nd by Tom Guerino, the vote was passed unanimously.

Outer Cape Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Implementation Update: Cape Cod Commission staff will give an update on the proposed preferred alternative for the Cape Cod Rail Trail extension as proposed in the Outer Cape Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization members will discuss the proposed bike path planning on Cape Cod as described by Cape Cod Commission staff. – Steven Tupper, Cape Cod Commission Transportation Program Manager

Mr. Tupper presented a power point. The presentation included the Study Area, Partnerships, Outlined the Public Process and displayed the Proposed Network.

Mr. Holcolm asked how safety is being addressed. Mr. Tupper indicated that safety is always a consideration and, when it is possible, bicyclist and pedestrians are protected by buffers and/or guardrails. Driveway crossings will need to be provide for appropriate visibility and will considered in the design plan.

Mr. Buckley stated that the [MassDOT Route 6 at Main Street public informational] meeting was well attended but materials where not made available in advance for people to review. Mr. Tupper indicated that there will be a Design Public Hearing in which the public will have another opportunity to attend and participate in the process.

Reports – Massachusetts Department of Transportation: The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) staff will discuss with members the status of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects. The TIP is a recommended list of transportation projects to be advertised and eventually constructed using MassDOT, Federal Highway Administration and/or Federal Transit Administration funding. The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization members may ask questions and discuss the TIP projects. – MassDOT Staff

Mr. Wheeler gave the following MassDOT updates:

| Project Year | Project Name | MassDOT Update to MPO 7/16/18 |
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| 2018 | Chatham, Rte. 28 - George Ryder Rd to Barn Hill Rd | Project was advertised on May 26th, and the bids are scheduled to be opened July 31, 2018 |
| 2019 | Barnstable, Rte. 28 at Osterville-West Barnstable Rd | On track will be advertised this fiscal year. Project is being redesigned to accommodate issues with gas lines |
| 2019 | Barnstable, Rte. 28 at Yarmouth Rd | At 75% design, 100% plans are due this week |

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| 2019 | Truro , Rte. 6 Bicycle Accommodations | Final PS&E plans submitted today |
| 2019 | Bourne to Falmouth - Rte. 28 | Sign project and is at 25% design |
| 2019 | Bourne-Wareham resurfacing and related work on Rte. 25 | Maintenance project at 25% design |
| 2020 | Mashpee , Rte. 151 | 25% design, held comment resolution meeting, revisions being done, a design public hearing will be held this year |
| 2020 | Orleans Storm water Improvements, Rte. 28 | TBD |
| 2020 | Dennis-Yarmouth Bridge Replacement | There was a bridge scoping session |
| 2020 | Barnstable, Shared used Path | 25% design has been submitted and are under review |
| 2020 | Bourne , Belmont Circle Multi-Modal Improvements | 25% received and is under review. Design public hearing to be scheduled |
| 2021 | Harwich Bridge Replacement, Herring River | TBD, Bridge Scoping meeting held in April, 2017 |
| 2021 | Chatham Rte., 28/Depot Rd/Queen Anne Rd/Crowell Rd | Received concept plans for traffic signal design. Re-evaluating roundabout option. |
| 2021 | Orleans , Rte28/Rte. 39 | 25% received and under review |
| 2021 | Yarmouth , Main St/North Main St/Old Main St | Expect 25% design at the end of March |
| 2022 | Wellfleet , Rte. 6 at Main St | Public Informational meeting was held, as a result moving forward with traffic signal at the location. |
| 2022 | Barnstable Resurfacing & Related work on Rte. 6 | Programmed in SW TIP |
| 2022 | Yarmouth/Barnstable Cape Cod Rail Trail Ext | CRM held wk. of 10/9, working on revised 25% design |
| 2022 | Sandwich Shared use path along Service Rd from Rte. 130 to Chase Rd | Pre-25% design |
| 2022 | Falmouth , Rte. 28A/Rte. 151 | 25% designs are under review |
| 2022 | Dennis/Harwich Rte. 28, from Upper County Rd to the Herring River Bridge | 25% design due late spring |
| 2023 | Provincetown Shank Painter Rd | 25% design plans are due in December 2018 |
| 2023 | Dennis/Harwich - related work on Rte. 28 | 25% design plans are due in December 2018 |

Mr. Buckley asked about the Chatham Rte. 28/Depot Rd/Queen Anne Rd/Crowell Rd project and who would be looking at the roundabout option. Mr. Wheeler stated that the designer, Howard Stein Hudson, would be considering design options along with the Town. Terry Whalen stated that the town is waiting for feedback regarding design options and once they get the information, the town will notify the public. Mr. Buckley is concerned about the process and the opportunity for public input.

Reports – Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority: Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA) staff will report on recent and upcoming transportation initiatives involving the CCRTA. – CCRTA Staff

Noah Berger gave the following updates:

- Fiscal Year is closed
- Ridership is holding steady

- Recently had a Federal Transit Review which occurs every 3 years
- CCRTA is working with the Cape Cod Commission on a study which looks at people who use the ferry as daily commutes
- Thanked Lev Malakhoff and Maria McCauley for assisting with using the bike rack program by setting up bike racks at the Hyannis Transportation Center and in Provincetown with bike racks and fix-it stations

Mr. Cakounes asked about training programs for drivers, specifically about the recent bus fire in Falmouth which was NOT a CCRTA bus. Mr. Berger stated that yes, drivers are trained extensively including on what to do if there is a fire.

Reports – Cape Cod Commission: Cape Cod Commission staff will report on recent and upcoming transportation initiative across Cape Cod. — Cape Cod Commission Transportation Program Manager

Mr. Tupper gave the following updates:

- There will be an August meeting due to the RTP Amendment and there will also be an update on the development of the 2020 RTP. If there is something members would like to see on the Agenda, feel free to let staff know.
- The Cape Cod Commission is hosting the fifth annual One Cape Summit on August 16th and 17th.

Rob Wilson commented that the Cape Cod Bridges were not on the agenda. Mr. Mohler stated that the MassDOT Cape Cod Canal Area Transportation Study will be completed soon and will be brought back to the group for discussion. Mr. Cakounes noted that he would like to see the MPO discuss this study. There was also a discussion about holding the next MassDOT Canal Study meeting in the evening so that folks that work are able to attend.

Adjourn

Upon a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 pm by Alan McClennen, 2nd by Judith Froman, the vote was passed unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits

MPO Agenda, July 19, 2018 Meeting
 DRAFT Minutes May 21, 2018 Meeting
 RTP Appendix N – Greenhouse Gas Analysis (Endorsed 7-20-15)
 MassDOT Air Quality Conformity Determination
 Outer Cape Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Implementation Power Point