

Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

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DRAFT Minutes, September 17, 2018

MPO Members in Attendance

Steve Woelfel

Pam Haznar

Harold Mitchell

Daniel Santos, P.E.

Tom Guerino

George Slade

Paul McCormick

Alan McClennen

Robert Weinstein

Representing

MassDOT Planning representing Stephanie Pollack, MassDOT Secretary of Transportation

MassDOT Highway Division, District 5 representing Administrator Jonathan Gulliver

Cape Cod Commission

Representing Barnstable Town Council

Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority

Sub Region A: Bourne, Sandwich, Mashpee Falmouth, Alternate

Sub Region B: Dennis and Yarmouth, Alternate

Sub Region C: Brewster, Chatham, Harwich, Orleans

Sub Region D: Provincetown, Wellfleet, Truro, Eastham Alternate

Others in Attendance

Nelson Hoffman

Timothy Kochan

Gabe Sherman

Noah Berger

Terry Whalen

Rob Wilson

Stephen Buckley

Patty Daley

Lisa Dillon

Steven Tupper

Lev Malakhoff

David Nolan

Representing

Federal Highway Administration

MassDOT Highway Division, District 5

MassDOT

Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority

Town of Chatham

Citizen

OpenChatham.com

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Call to order

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

Potential approval of the DRAFT minutes of August 20, 2018

Upon a motion to approve the DRAFT minutes of August 20, 2018 by Alan McClennen, 2nd by Woody Mitchell, the vote was passed unanimously. George Slade abstained from the vote.

Public Comment

Steven Buckley commented that he is not aware of public meetings scheduled by the Army Corp as stated in the power point by Army Corp at the last Canal Area Study Working Group Meeting and is wondering how members would be notified rather than via Cape Cod Times.

Rob Wilson stated that if the Cape Cod Canal bridges are replaced it will be a massive project and planning should be done around that.

Mr. Woelfel stated that he will notify the Army Corp that the Cape Cod Commission would like to receive updates which can be distributed via email and at meetings.

System Performance Measures: Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) staff will give an overview of the system performance measures, including reliability, congestion, and emissions measures. The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) is required to adopt statewide system reliability performance targets for interstate and non-interstate roadways on the National Highway System or to establish its own. System Performance Measures are part of the overall [Transportation Performance Management](#) program, which the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) defines as a strategic approach that uses system information to make investment and policy decision to achieve national performance goals. The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization may vote to adopt statewide system reliability performance targets, as described by MassDOT staff, or to establish its own. – MassDOT Staff

Gabe Sherman presented a Power Point. The presentation gave an overview of the Performance Measure Background, Required Performance Measure under PM3, NHS Lane-Miles Inventory, Heat map for NHS Inventory by Town, listed Municipally Owned NHS by and Town and MPO, Data Issues, Level of Travel Time Reliability with Calculation Data, Truck Travel Time Reliability with Calculation Data and a final Summary.

Steve Tupper stated he is looking for a vote today to agree with the states targets or to establish the regions own targets as a region. It would be logistically challenging to establish unique targets for the region as we don't have the data or staff and would need to get concurrence from the state. Mr. Tupper is comfortable at this time to move forward with what is being presented by the state and noted that this is the beginning of the process and in two years we will have an opportunity to make revisions.

Mr. Hoffman stated that Federal Highway looks all of the information and would like to work with the DOTS' to break down the data by Regions. Mr. Santos is concerned that this area is unique as it is a tourist destination. Mr. Hoffman stated that this is a starting point and there are no established trends. He added that each State will have it's own measures.

Upon a motion to adopt the statewide System Reliability Performance Targets as described by MassDOT by Woody Mitchell, 2nd by Alan McClennen, the vote was passed unanimously.

2020 Cape Cod Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Development: The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) establishes long-range vision and goals, identifies major projects, studies, and programs for Cape Cod over the next 20-25 years. Cape Cod Commission staff will present a status update on highway regional target projects identified in the current (2016) RTP and highlight major transit planning efforts completed since the adoption of the current (2016) RTP. Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization members may discuss the development of the 2020 RTP. — Lev Malakhoff, Cape Cod Commission Senior Transportation Engineer

Mr. Malakhoff presented a Power Point. The presentation reviews the Priority of Highway Projects Status and Transit Planning Efforts and also identifies the next steps

Tom Guerino stated that the Town of Bourne is opposed to an Exit 1 C relocation. The Police Department and the Selectmen are on record opposing an Exit 1C relocation unless there is a new bridge going in. If there is a new bridge going in, they understand the necessity of reconfiguring the on and off ramps. Mr. Guerino also stated that there is nothing shown for Scenic Highway Safety Improvements. He is aware that MassDOT has done some work but there are no dedicated funding sources shown.

Ms. Haznar stated that MassDOT has survey for Scenic Highway and preliminary designs but if there are no funds available for the project they have to prioritize on where resources are spent. Ms. Haznar has been working with the Boston office looking at some mid-term improvements to the Airport Rotary such as a rotary retrofit. She is also working on with Eastham/Orleans/Wellfleet/Truro, Route 6 corridor, working with the Complete Streets division in Boston for improvements.

Tim Kochan added that funding for projects such as Scenic Highway are an ongoing issue. He suggested that we consider swamping Exit 1 C with a segment of Scenic Highway in the short-term.

Mr. Santos asked if have short term measure been considered for Scenic Highway. Ms. Haznar stated that there is not enough room to add a barrier by moving the travel lanes.

Mr. Woelfel announced that the Pedestrian Plan by MassDOT went live this morning and the public comment period is open until October 18, 2018.

2018 Regional Policy Plan Development: The Regional Policy Plan (RPP) establishes a coherent set of goals, policies, and standards to guide planning and development on Cape Cod in a way that will protect its resources. Cape Cod Commission is in the process of developing the 2018 update to the RPP. Staff will highlight the relationship between the 2018 RPP and the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan. Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization members may ask questions and discuss the presentation with staff. – Steven Tupper, Cape Cod Commission Transportation Program Manager

Mr. Tupper presented a Power Point. The presentation identifies the Responsibilities of the Cape Cod Commission, Evolution of the Regional Policy Plan, Regional Vision for Cape Cod, Cape Cod Systems, Key Challenges Facing the Region, Goals and Objectives, Coordinated Regional and Local Planning, Cape Cod Placetypes, Regional Regulatory Review, Regional Performance Measures and the Recommended Actions.

Mr. Tupper noted that the Draft Regional Policy Plan will be released for a 60 day public comment period soon.

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

Pam Haznar gave the following MassDOT updates:

Ms. Haznar stated that the Bourne Rail Trail proposal is advancing and PIF is the next step. She expects that it will go to the project review committee in the Fall.

Project Year	Project Name	MassDOT Updates to MPO 9/17/18
2018	Chatham , Rte. 28 - George Ryder Rd to Barn Hill Rd	Bids opened Lawrence Lynch apparent low bidder. Notice to proceed has not yet been issued
2018	Barnstable , Rte. 28 at Osterville-West Barnstable Rd	Has been advertised
2018	Truro , Rte. 6 Bicycle Accommodations	Has been advertised, Bid opening 12/16/18
2019	Barnstable , Rte. 28 at Yarmouth Rd	100% designs are under review
2019	Bourne to Falmouth - Rte. 28	Sign project and is at 25% design
2019	Bourne-Wareham resurfacing and related work on Rte. 25	Pavement preservation project pre-25% design will not conflict with Bourne Bridge Army Corps
2020	Mashpee , Rte. 151	25% design, held comment resolution meeting, revisions being done, a design public hearing will be held this year, site meeting 8/21/18
2020	Orleans - Stormwater Improvements, Rte. 28	TBD
2020	Dennis-Yarmouth Bridge Replacement	There was a bridge scoping session
2020	Barnstable - Shared Use Path	Had a comment resolution meeting and moving toward 75% design

2020	Bourne , Belmont Circle Multi-Modal Improvements	Design public hearing held 8/15/18 and moving toward 75% design
2021	Harwich Bridge Replacement, Herring River	A preliminary structure report has been completed
2021	Chatham Rte., 28/Depot Rd/Queen Anne Rd/Crowell Rd	Received concept plans for traffic signal design. Submitted comments to Project Manager
2021	Orleans , Rte28/Rte. 39	25% received and under review
2021	Yarmouth , Main St/North Main St/Old Main St	25% designs received in July
2022	Wellfleet , Rte. 6 at Main St	Public Informational meeting was held, as a result moving forward with traffic signal at the location. Coordinating with DCR for Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension
2022	Barnstable Resurfacing & Related work on Rte. 6	Programmed in SW TIP
2022	Yarmouth/Barnstable Cape Cod Rail Trail Ext	CRM held and working on revised 25% design
2022	Sandwich Shared use path along Service Rd from Rte. 130 to Chase Rd	Pre-25% design
?	Falmouth , Rte. 28A/Rte. 151	Will be scheduling a design public hearing
2022	Dennis/Harwich Rte. 28, from Upper County Rd to the Herring River Bridge	25% design due late spring, no info
2023	Provincetown Shankpainter 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. Have concepts, site meeting with towns is Friday

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 CCRTA Updates:

- New bus schedules were released after Labor Day
- Cape Flyer ridership has increased by 1.6 % this year
- Installing new bike racks at the Hyannis Transportation Center as well as update racks throughout the system at the shelters
- The RTA is hosting Massachusetts Regional Transit Authority annual meeting September 24-25th at the Red Jacket in Yarmouth
- Tom Cahir was appointed by the Governor to serve on a new RTA Task Force to assist on allocation of additional transit funds throughout the state

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

Mr. Tupper gave the following CCC Updates:

- There will be a meeting in October and we will be discussing Performance Measures, please do your best to attend. We appreciate alternates attending to ensure that we have a quorum. The Canal Study is of high interest and we will continue to update as we receive information.
- The CCJTC is meeting monthly and they review the details of the projects.
- MassDOT Moving Together annual conference is on November 1, 2018 at the Park Plaza Hotel

Adjourn

Upon a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 by Alan McClennen, 2nd by Tom Guerino, the vote was passed unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits

Agenda, August 20, 2018 Meeting
DRAFT Minutes of July 16, 2018 Meeting
West Chatham Roadway Design Project – Public Participation Chronology Summary
RTP Appendix N – Greenhouse Gas Analysis
RTP Update, Power Point
MassDOT Canal Area Study Update – Power Point