

# Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Cape Cod Commission Conference Room  
3225 Main Street  
Barnstable, MA 02630



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COMMISSION

## Minutes Monday, April 23, 2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
David Mohler	Executive Director, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Office of Transportation Planning (OTP)/ Chairman, representing Richard A. Davey, Secretary/ Chief Executive Officer (CEO), MassDOT
Pamela Haznar, P.E.	MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Office, representing Frank DePaola, P.E., Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
William Doherty	MPO Representative, Barnstable County Commissioners
Ronald J. Bergstrom	Chairman, Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA)
Curtis Sears	Yarmouth Selectman, Sub-Region B Rep., (B= Yarmouth and Dennis)
Austin Knight	Provincetown Selectman, Sub-Region D Rep., (D= Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown)
Michael Richardson	Mashpee Selectman, Sub-Region A Rep., (A= Bourne, Sandwich, Falmouth, and Mashpee)
Jason Steiding	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
Mark Ells, P.E.	Barnstable Town Council Alternate Representative
Karst Hoogeboom	Cape Cod National Seashore (CCNS)
Robert Burgmann, P.E.	Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
Florence Seldin	Chatham Selectman
Sallie K. Riggs	Bourne Financial Development Corporation (BFDC)
Thomas Cahir	Administrator, Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA)
Julie Quintero-Schulz	CCRTA
Sue Rohrbach	Senator Dan Wolf
Trey Joseph Wadsworth	MassDOT Sustainable Development Group
Heather Hamilton	MassDOT Civil Rights
Glenn Cannon, P.E.	CCC Technical Services Director
Priscilla Leclerc	CCC Senior Transportation Planner
Lev Malakhoff, Ph.D.	CCC Senior Transportation Engineer
Clay Schofield	CCC Transportation Engineer
Martha Hevenor	CCC Planner II
Steven Tupper	CCC Technical Services Analyst
Gail Coyne	CCC Fiscal Manager

**Call to order:** Chairman David Mohler called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and began the self-introductions that continued around the room.

### Minutes of February 27, 2011

With a motion by Curtis Sears that was seconded by Austin Knight, the draft minutes were on the table for discussion.

Bill Doherty, County Commissioner, mentioned that transit ridership being up is beneficial for the region, and inquired about two other items in the minutes: 1) if there was any resolution to George Allaire's issue on the Cape Cod Rail Trail (CCRT) extension project, and 2) about safety.

Priscilla Leclerc, CCC staff, responded that there is a meeting being set up by George Allaire with MassDOT on the CCRT extension project, and a safety presentation was put together following the last MPO meeting and presented to the Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee (CCJTC), but not yet here for the MPO due to the length of today's agenda.

The MPO voted to approve the draft minutes.

**Opportunity for Public comment:** none.

**Update on Title VI Compliance: MassDOT and Cape Cod**

Martha Hevenor, CCC Planner II, and Heather Hamilton, MassDOT Office of Civil Rights, presented information on Title VI and described the basic differences between federal and state requirements for the MPO, along with the difference between Title VI and Environmental Justice. Discussions are ongoing between Heather Hamilton of MassDOT and representatives from both Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) about MPO related efforts.

Martha Hevenor reported that the language for the agendas may change, and a revised complaint procedure will be brought back to the MPO at a later date.

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the MPO**

This item was tabled and will be taken up at a future MPO meeting.

**Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FFY 2013**

Glenn Cannon, P.E., CCC Technical Services Director, presented an overview of the next UPWP tasks.

David Mohler, MassDOT, suggested that if transit is part of the tasks, then perhaps transit planning funds should be used in the tasks.

Ron Bergstrom, CCRTA Board Chairman, inquired as to how the studies are chosen – and commented that some things do seem to be obvious problem areas while others do not seem necessary; who will get to decide what gets funded out of the studies?

David Mohler replied that ultimately it is an MPO decision where the regional funding is allocated.

Austin Knight, Sub-Region D Rep., (D= Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown), queried about the status of the plan for bicycle pedestrian improvements—he mentioned that there was a workshop, and the Route 6 option was shot down, and now he has not heard anything.

Clay Schofield, CCC Transportation Engineer, replied that the Outer Cape Master Plan is still in underway, but there was a time lapse while additional funding for the study was found, and now it will continue. There will likely be summer meetings.

Austin Knight reported that the summer is very busy and therefore it is not a good time to hold meetings.

Karst Hoozeboom, CCNS, replied that there is a need to hear both from residents and visitors, and that is why summer meetings are proposed.

Glenn wrapped up the discussion and reported that the draft UPWP would be brought back to the next meeting of the group.

## **Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), FFY 2013-2016: Financials, project evaluation and preliminary list**

Priscilla Leclerc, CCC Senior Transportation Planner, presented the Preliminary Draft TIP highway side financial information, evaluation results, and the preliminary “highway” project list within the estimated highway funding for Cape Cod. Priscilla added that outreach efforts will continue with the CCRTA, CCNA, and the SSA, and the Draft TIP for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2013-2016 will be brought back to an MPO meeting for public release.

Priscilla reported that the previous TIP schedule has been adjusted, from the June public release and proposed July endorsement, to a May MPO meeting for Draft TIP release and a June MPO meeting to consider TIP endorsement. Essentially the final TIP has been moved up a month to conclude in late June.

### **We Move Massachusetts**

Trey Wadsworth, MassDOT Sustainable Transportation Group, presented an overview of the MassDOT planning process that is statewide, strategic, multimodal, and basically need-based decision-making with a focus on customers. Mr. Wadsworth reported that a stakeholders group had been established for the process, and that the plan should be finished by February 2013.

Trey Wadsworth, MassDOT, reported on the website and the opportunity to provide input through the questionnaire.

Austin Knight, Sub-Region D Representative, questioned why with the Cape as a city, with air, sea, and highway modes, there was not representation from the Cape on the stakeholders group.

Bill Doherty, County Commissioner, agreed that a Cape representative to the planning group was essential—an example for justification being just the traffic trying to get over the bridge since March 2 when the Army Corps of Engineers work began.

Priscilla Leclerc added that last week it was a two and one-half hour trip from Barnstable to Plymouth as opposed to the normal half hour travel time for that same trip.

Austin Knight inquired if a letter could be sent requesting Cape representation on the group.

Michael Richardson stated support to send a letter.

Ron Bergstrom mentioned that there is one bridge that is under-utilized that may assist in alleviating congestion; that is, if rail services were extended.

Sue Rohrbach mentioned that the group could ask legislators to write a letter requesting Cape Cod representation due to unique issues.

Florence Seldin, Chatham Selectman, asked what the difference is between We Move Mass and MassDOT.

Trey Wadsworth, MassDOT, responded that MassDOT is the agency and We Move Mass is the plan.

### **Reports and Other Information**

**MassDOT:** Pam Haznar, Project Development Engineer, District 5, provided updates on Cape Cod projects, including:

Dennis Route 134 is at 100% design and ready to be advertised.

Yarmouth Old Town House Road at Forest Road intersection project was advertised and the bid opening is May 30.

Cape Cod Rail Trail extension, MassDOT received the revised scope and work hour estimate and it is under review.

Falmouth two intersections at 25%; one public hearing is set for May 17<sup>th</sup> –the website has this wrong and will be corrected, and the other public hearing will be later in May.

Orleans, intersection of Route 6A and 28 is at 75% design.

Barnstable, Route 28 at Bears's Way, there is a consultant preparing concepts for discussion with the Town

Orleans two intersections on Main Street, GPI is the consultant for MassDOT

**CCRTA:** Ron Bergstrom, Chair, reported that the budget will be at the Board meeting on this Wednesday.

Tom Cahir, CCRTA Administrator, reported that interviews to select a consultant from the RFP [Request for Proposals] for the long term plan are being conducted this week with an award expected next week. Tom continued to report that services continue to improve with approximately 1100 trips per day on the DART service, and 95% on time performance. Tom added that after the You Move Mass effort the Multimodal approach and group was formed here on Cape Cod and continues to meet regularly.

**CCC:** Glenn Cannon reported that the Cape Cod Commission wrote a letter regarding construction on the bridges and the cable barrier on Route 6. He added that the Smarter Cape Summit is on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Falmouth.

**Other Business:** Ron Bergstrom asked if there was coordination in construction efforts to prevent construction on a detour route while construction is on the main route.

Bill Doherty responded that is why there is an effort to improve real time information, and emergency response coordination.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 21, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.

Priscilla Leclerc added that the June MPO meeting will be on **June 25, 2012**, to allow for a 30-day public comment period from the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**Attachments, Documents Used/Received:**

- Meeting packet (emailed items)
- Title VI and EJ presentation
- Preliminary UPWP presentation
- Preliminary Draft TIP presentation
- We Move Mass presentation