

# Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

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



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COMMISSION

## Minutes: Monday, June 25, 2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Clinton Bench	Deputy 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
Peter Graham	Cape Cod Commission (CCC) Chairman, Truro Rep.
Austin Knight	Provincetown Selectman, Sub-Region D Rep., (D= Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown)
Curtis Sears	Yarmouth Selectman, Sub-Region B Rep., (B= Yarmouth and Dennis)
Karst Hoogeboom	National Park Service / Cape Cod National Seashore
Daniel Alexander	Cape Cod National Seashore
Paul Lagg	Town of Chatham, Community Development Dept.
Rick Leavitt	West Chatham Village and Business Assoc.
Gloria Freeman	West Chatham Association, Inc.
David Burns	West Chatham Association, Inc.
Bill Tuxbury	West Chatham Association, Inc.
Sallie K. Riggs	Bourne Financial Development Corporation (BFDC)
Julie Quintero-Schulz	Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA)
Sue Rohrbach	Senator Dan Wolf
Chris Adams	The Delahunt Group
Calli Cenizal	MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning
Timothy Kochan	MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Office
Glenn Cannon, P.E.	CCC Technical Services Director
Priscilla Leclerc	CCC Senior Transportation Planner
Maria McCauley	CCC Administrative Assistant
Lev Malakhoff	CCC Transportation Engineer00

**Call to order:** Chairman Clinton Bench called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m., and began the self-introductions that continued around the room.

Clinton Bench, noting a lack of a quorum, then asked Pam to provide her project updates while waiting for other members to arrive.

Pamela Haznar, MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Office, provided project updates for the group.

**Opportunity for Public Comment:** Chairman Clinton Bench noted that CCC and CCRTA are encouraging alternate mode use with Smart Transportation week, and that soon the Secretary will be presenting MassDOT's mode shift effort.

Clinton then inquired of those present if there were any public comments.

Peter Graham, CCC Chair, reported that John Harris was elected as CCC Chair and will be returning to this group.

With a question from a resident, Clinton discussed the UPWP and TIP processes.

Dr. David Burns, West Chatham Association, reported that there has been a lack of community input on the Route 28 roadway section design. There is strong opposition to the Selectmen's design from businesses and residents.

Gloria Freeman, West Chatham Association, reported that 2,186 signatures were collected on a petition and copies provided to Priscilla.

Priscilla Leclerc reported that she brought limited copies of the petition papers here for the MPO, and passed around the copies.

Bill Doherty, County Commissioner, inquired about the rail bridge over Bass River connecting the Cape Cod Rail Trail (CCRT) extension.

Pam Haznar, MassDOT Highway Division District 5, replied that the CCRT extension is in TIP year 2014, and the bridge over Bass River is part of the project.

Clinton then noted that the MPO did now have a quorum established for today.

**Minutes of May 21, 2012:** Bill Doherty moved approval of the minutes, and with a second by Curtis Sears, the MPO voted unanimously to approve the draft May minutes.

### **MPO Vice-Chair: Nominations and Election**

Clinton Bench, Chair, called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the MPO.

Bill Doherty nominated Austin Knight, Provincetown Selectman and MPO Sub-Region D Representative (Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown), for MPO Vice-Chair.

With no other nominations, Clinton asked for unanimous consent to elect Austin Knight as MPO Vice-Chair. Hearing no objections, Clinton declared that by unanimous consent Austin Knight is the MPO Vice-Chair.

**Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FFY 2013:** Glenn Cannon, P.E., CCC Technical Services Director, presented an overview of the UPWP that has planning activities for the next federal fiscal year for Cape Cod.

Glenn then reviewed the comments and changes to the Draft UPWP that has been out for public review, including:

- Page 24, on procedures, there was additional information added regarding data collection;
- Page 48, added language regarding a map of nitrogen sensitive areas;
- Page 72, the budget page, the 5303 transit planning funds were included in all of the Task 3 items.

Sue Rohrbach asked about the Canal Area Study, and if the region were still trying to access funds for that study, and whether any data collection relates to the Canal area.

Glenn Cannon replied that CCC is still trying to access additional funds for the Canal Area study, and there will continue to be data collection efforts, including Bourne.

With a motion by Bill Doherty, seconded by Austin Knight, the MPO voted unanimously to endorse the UPWP.

**Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), FFY 2013-2016:** Priscilla Leclerc, CCC Senior Transportation Planner, presented the comments received on the TIP, and an update.

The TIP comments included:

- a correction to the total cost of both CMAQ transit services from Dennis Walsh, CCRTA, which does not affect the programmed amounts
- Comments received from Paul Maloney, FHWA, in summary:
  - to include Pamela S. Stephenson, Division Administrator, as Non-Voting on the MPO Ex-Officio Members list in place of Paul Maloney, P.E., on page 2;
  - on the highway project programming lists for 2013 and 2014, FHWA requested the addition of design status, along with the total estimated project cost where that was not entered;
  - to add the year of funding where applicable, for example, transit service CMAQ Year 2 of 3;
  - identify projects for CMAQ and HSIP minimums where not yet determined
  - to update the advertising status for the Dennis bridges if advertised in May –these were actually not advertised until June 9, 2012, and that information is now added
- Wendy Northcross, Cape Cod Chamber, inquired if there is funding available for Canal Area planning in the TIP
- Tony DeSilva of CapeNet wondered about including conduit in TIP projects
- West Chatham Village and Business Association, May 22, 2012, letter of support for TIP year 2016 project 606596, improvements to Route 28 from George Ryder Road to Barn Hill Road in Chatham
- The West Chatham Association, Inc., letter to Ms. Mary-Joe Perry, MassDOT D5 DHD, copy received May 23, 2012, regarding the petition signed by 2,186 people and 32 West Chatham business owners –do not support tax dollars being used to eliminate the turning lane on Route 28 in West Chatham and stating that there has been no outreach by the BOS. Priscilla reported that Dr. David Burns also read a statement at the TIP public meeting and that is included in the comments
- West Chatham Village and Business Association, June 7, 2012, letter of support to Mary-Joe Perry, MassDOT District 5 District Highway Director, Route 28 improvements in Chatham
- The West Chatham Association, Inc., letter to the MPO, regarding Route 28 improvements and outlining specific points, is not supporting removal of the turning lane, supporting ADA approved crosswalks, a new south 5' sidewalk, not supporting a roundabout at George Ryder Road, and supports a traffic signal at Barn Hill Road.

Ms. Leclerc circulated copies of the comment letters and the petition, and included them in the final draft TIP before the group today.

She reported that the Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee (CCJTC) had voted to recommend the TIP with the TIP year 2014 available amount include in the Cape Cod Rail Trail extension project. The available amount less the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds is now included in the Cape Cod Rail Trail extension project, with the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds for the CCRT ext. now totaling \$7,598,693. The earmark funding for construction of the CCRT ext. remains the same in TIP year 2014--\$2,096,080.

Priscilla also reported that the air quality language was updated in the Final Draft TIP handout.

The MPO voted unanimously to endorse the TIP as presented.

**MassDOT Highway Design Project Process:** Pamela Haznar, P.E., Project Development Engineer, MassDOT Highway Division District 5, presented the design process with slides.

**Reports and Other Information**

Pamela Haznar, P.E., MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Office, reported earlier on project updates.

Clinton Bench, MassDOT, mentioned that the lack of a quorum at the start of the meeting is an issue that needs to be addressed. Perhaps a call to each member needs to be made as a reminder a week before the meeting.

Austin Knight said no calls are needed, email is preferred.

Clinton Bench suggested that maybe the Chatham project should be put on the next agenda.

Paul Lagg, Town of Chatham, reported that the Town is committed to the project, and is in the process of hiring a consultant for the design.

Pam Haznar, MassDOT District 5, reported that we have received correspondence from both proponents and opponents of the concept; it seems about even at this point.

Dr. Burns remarked that the quandary is, aside from the retired community that wants to preserve the town; the business community is up in arms that they have not been allowed to provide input.

**Next Meeting:** to be determined.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

**Attachments, Documents Used/Received:**

- MassDOT Highway Design Project Process presentation
- Final Draft TIP 2013-2016