



CAPE COD
COMMISSION

Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: Monday, May 18, 2015

MPO Members in Attendance

David Mohler

Pam Haznar

Leo Cakounes

R. Patrick Ellis

Sheryl A. McMahon

Sims McGrath

Tom Guerino

Leah Sirmin

Wayne Lamson

Representing

MassDOT Director of Planning, representing Stephanie Pollack,
MassDOT Secretary/Chief Executive Director

MassDOT Highway Division, District 5, representing Thomas
Tinlin, MassDOT Highway Division Administrator

Barnstable County Commissioners

Sub Region A: Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee and Sandwich

Sub Region B: Dennis and Yarmouth

Sub Region C: Brewster, Chatham, Harwich and Orleans

Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority

Federal Highway Administration, representing Pamela S.
Stephenson, FHWA Division Administrator (non-voting)

Steamship Authority (non-voting)

Others in Attendance

Bill Travers

Timothy Kochan

Robert Weinstein

John Fuller

Jill Goldsmith

Terry Whalen

Clay Schofield

Catherine Allard

Stephen Buckley

Dr. David E. Burns

Rick Leavitt

Gloria Freeman

Patty Daley

Glenn Cannon, P.E.

Lev Malakhoff

Steven Tupper

Patrick Tierney

Caroline Harper

Lisa Dillon

Maria McCauley

Representing

MassDOT Highway Division, District 5

MassDOT Highway Division

Sub-region D: Eastham, Provincetown, Truro and Wellfleet,
nominee

CCRTA

Town of Chatham

Town of Chatham

Town of Barnstable

Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce

openchatham.com

WCA Chatham

West Chatham Village and Business Association

Chatham Citizen

Cape Cod Commission, Deputy Director

Cape Cod Commission, Technical Services Director

Cape Cod Commission, Senior Transportation Engineer

Cape Cod Commission, Technical Services Planner

Cape Cod Commission, Technical Services Planner

Cape Cod Commission, Planner

Cape Cod Commission, Administrative Assistant

Cape Cod Commission, Fiscal Officer

Call to Order

David Mohler called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Members of the Board introduced themselves as well as the Cape Cod Commission staff and visitors.

Minutes of April 27, 2015:

Upon a motion by Tom Guerino to approve the minutes of April 27, 2015, second by Cheryl McMahon, the vote was passed unanimously. Pam Haznar abstained from the vote.

Public comment:

Stephen Buckley stated that there was a public informational meeting on May 5, 2015 in Chatham regarding the West Chatham Rte. 28 project. Mr. Buckley provided a link on openchatham.com. He remarked that the former consultant to the Town of Chatham, now consultant to MassDOT, Joe SanClemente admitted that he screened out information on the design report for the third option presented to the Town of Chatham. Mr. Buckley has been in discussions with MassDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. He will be submitting a formal complaint and request a formal investigation regarding the Town of Chatham government questioning if they have followed the rules required by the MassDOT design guide also required by Federal Highway.

Cape Cod Sub Region D Special Election: Open nomination ballots and proceed with the MPO Sub-region D special election — Maria McCauley, CCC Staff

Upon a motion to open the ballots by Pam Haznar, second by Tom Guerino, the vote was passed unanimously.

Upon a motion to read the ballots by Sims McGrath, second by Patrick Ellis, the vote was passed unanimously.

There were 3 nominees for the initial Cape Cod Sub Region D Special Election. Robert Weinstein, Berta Bruinooge and Jay Coburn. Ms. Bruinooge and Mr. Coburn declined their nomination due to conflicting obligations.

Robert Weinstein received 8 votes.

Upon a motion to accept Robert Weinstein as the Sub-region D representative by Sims McGrath, second by Tom Guerino, the vote was passed unanimously.

Project Selection Advisory Council: Presentation and Discussion
— David Mohler

Mr. Mohler explained that the Project Selection Advisory Council was established by Massachusetts Legislature in 2013. Its mission is to develop the criteria and prioritization processes for Massachusetts multi modal transportation systems. MassDOT will select its projects. This report is due to Legislature on June 30th. The council consists of gubernatorial appointees, appointees by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as well as from the Senate President. The report will be released for public review by the end of this month or the first week in June. This report will be available on the MassDOT website.

2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Amendment 2: Vote to Release for Public Comment

— Steve Tupper, CCC Technical Services Planner

Mr. Tupper presented the potential amendment based on the May 8, 2015 CCJTC recommendations. He explained the Orleans, Main St. at Route 28 and Main St. at Rte. 6A will be moved to 2016 due to ROW issues causing a delay in project readiness and replace it with a Rte. 6 paving project in 2015. Mr. Tupper explained that at the request of MassDOT funding sources were shifted on the Barnstable Rte. / 28 at Bearses Way, but will have no effect on the project.

Leah Sirmin commented that she did not see the Orleans project in 2016. Mr. Tupper stated that MassDOT requested that the focus be on 2015. We will the talk about the 2016-2019 TIP which is currently under development.

Upon a motion by Leo Cakounes to release the 2015-2018 TIP Amendment for an abbreviated comment period of 21 days, second by Sims McGrath, the vote was passed unanimously.

2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development: Presentation and discussion

— Steve Tupper, CCC Technical Services Planner

Mr. Tupper presented a power point. The presentation focused on the Highway Funding Regional Targets for FFY 2016-2016. Included in the presentation is a summary of the target projects as well as the recommendations from the CCJTC on May 6, 2015 and includes the newly approved CMAQ projects.

Mr. Cannon stated that the CCJTC was clear about splitting up Mashpee, Rte. 151. He asked if we could show the year 2020 in the TIP to show that a partial Rte. 151 project has been programmed. Mr. Mohler stated that Federal Highway will not consider that on the TIP. They also stated that if this was being done, it would be required of ALL MPO's. Mr. Cannon stated that it would show the partial Rte. 151 project for the town to see it, but it is currently not an "official" 2020 project. Mr. Mohler stated that it would require a vote from the body to determine if they would like to show a project in 2020 or whether they want to build the entire year. Sims McGrath stated that given the substance of what is bring proposed for 2020, it would make sense to list that project for discussion purposes so that it is traceable. Tom Guerino asked if the "unprogrammed projects" would then need to be added to that year. Mr. Mohler stated that is what needs to be determine – listing one project or the entire year. Mr. Guerino supports listing that one project since it is being split, but at this point doesn't want to schedule the 5th year. Mr. Mohler stated that we could list the Mashpee project, then state that other projects with a specific dollar value "to be determined". He stated that we could draft it that way and debate it if need be, later.

Pam Haznar commented that there is a concern by MassDOT regarding ROW on the Chatham, Rte. 28, George Ryder Rd. to Barn Hill Rd as it relates to project readiness but the issue is being working on. Ms. Haznar also mentioned that in each of the 4 years be mindful of increasing costs as there is not a large amount of money available. In the particular with the CCRTA Hyannis Villager Project.

Leo Cakounes stated that, a discussion at the CCJTC meeting occurred regarding the land taking paperwork which doesn't begin until the final plan is done. He asked if there was an opportunity for the County to step in and assist with back paperwork. Ms. Haznar stated that she would have to defer to the ROW section. The CCJTC is interested in seeing presentations. She suggested that maybe the County and ROW section could coordinate the effort.

John Fuller reported that the CCRTA is requesting CMAQ funds for the Barnstable, Hyannis Villager Project. He stated that the Hyannis Villager would run a route which would be in concentrated areas that are underserved. The additional service adds 6 new stops with reconfiguration of the routes. Mr. Fuller explained that the balance of federal and state funds are primarily 5307 funds which are used for operating costs such as replacing buses and a rehab program. Rehabbing the buses is less than half of the full cost of a new bus and doubles the life of the bus. The funds also go to the transit oriented design projects such as shelters, the operations center in Dennis, and hardware and software for tracking purposes.

Leah Sirmin asked if the Hyannis Villager has gone through the CMAQ Consultation Committee. During the discussion it was determined that it had as part of the application requirements.

Mr. Tupper stated that we are looking to release this document in June for public comment period and endorsement in July.

2016 Regional Transportation Plan Development: Presentation and discussion
— Steve Tupper, CCC Technical Services Planner

Mr. Tupper reviewed a power point. The presentation included the RTP development schedule and results received by the public. It also included a graph based on survey results which display the primary mode of travel, questions regarding the canal crossing and results. Other survey results reviewed included a list of projects and the percentage of support or opposition, results regarding the types of projects to prioritize, and the budget challenges as well as some example comments. The presentation summarized the outreach plan, the estimated funding, the financial constraints, the discretionary funding allocation, and the approximate distribution of RTP funds, ending with the upcoming schedule for review, release of draft, comment period and anticipated endorsement.

Mr. Tupper indicated that the questions were specifically mentioned in the survey results but that there was an "other" category for additional comments.

Mr. Tupper explained that the Bourne Rotary project is not listed in the Region Discretionary Projects due to the high cost of \$50 million. If we would like to consider this project we will have to remove others.

Discussion regarding the Rte. 6 Exit 1c reconfiguration included comments from Mr. Guerino, stating the the Town of Bourne is strongly opposed. Mr. Tupper clarified that there are a couple or proposals but no determination at this time. Mr. Malkhoff stated that MassDOT did some conceptual plans that include a crossing over the roadway with ramps to eliminate the neighborhood traffic. These are all ideas, no determination has been made.

Ms. Haznar asked about the Rte. 28 multimodal improvements. She agreed that the road could use improvements, but the time frame is not reasonable. Mr. Tupper stated that this project fits into other projects on the TIP.

There was a discussion with regard to Exit 6 ½ which was mentioned as a project in the past. Patty Daley stated that when the Hyannis Access study was being done, the Exit 6 ½ was not completely eliminated but it was postponed. The reason is that until the transportation system is corrected in Hyannis as it didn't make sense to bring more cars into that area.

Mr. Cannon explained that the Outer Cape Safety Improvements have not been defined. There will be a comprehensive evaluation to make that determination.

Mr. Tupper concluded that the CCJTC subcommittee asked him to convey that they intentionally considered the Canal Area crossing study when programming projects, but given that the study won't have recommendations until the end of the calendar year, they felt that it was premature to include it.

Reports and Other Information:

Project updates and other regional reports from MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Office, Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), and the Cape Cod Commission.

Pam Haznar gave the following MassDOT updates:

2014 Projects:

- The bid opening is expected in late June for the Cape Cod Rail Trail
- The bid opening for Bourne, Rte. 28 is in late June
- The bid opening is late May for the Brewster, Rte. 6A project

2015 Projects:

- Consultant is working on final designs on Barnstable, Bearses Way, Rte. 28
- Finalizing design and environmental permitting on the Dennis/Yarmouth Bass River Bridge
- The ROW is not ready in FFY 2015 for the Orleans Rte.28/6A/Main

2016 Projects:

- Comments from the public informational meeting on May 5, are being reviewed by MassDOT and the Consultant regarding the Chatham, Rte. 28, George Ryder Rd to Barn Hill Rd
- Revising the ROW plans for on Rte. 28 in Dennis, the next step is to schedule a Design Public Hearing

2017 Projects:

- MassDOT met with Falmouth last week regarding the Rte. 28a/151 project and asked the town to forward a letter by the end of the month regarding roundabout vs lights
- Rte. 6, Dennis, Harwich, Brewster, Orleans project is a potential replacement in FFY 2015. Dennis and Harwich were broken out and advancing to cover the Orleans project in 2015. Stormwater improvements will be incorporated in 2017

2018 Projects:

- Barnstable, Rte.28/Yarmouth Rd is at 25% design, coordinating with Rail Road, Airport, utilities etc.

- Barnstable/Yarmouth Cape Cod Rail Trail is at 25%
- Met with the Town of Chatham and the designer regarding, Rte.28, Depot Rd, Queen Ann Rd, Crowell Rd project working on 25% design
- Met with the Town of Wellfleet regarding, Rte. 6, Main St is the designer is working toward 25% design
- Due to the low cost the Barnstable, Rte. 28/Strawberry Hill safety project and a safety audit was recently done
- The in house design for the Bourne, Rte. 149 roundabout lighting and landscaping is in the works
- Bicycle, Pedestrian, lighting and pavement marking for the Bourne Belmont Circle is underway

Mr. Cannon reported the following updates:

- He thanked the district for working on the resurfacing project in the 2015 TIP
- At the last MPO there was a discussion regarding Rte. 6 from the Sagamore Bridge to exit 6. We will be looking at the storm water improvements and landscaping
- The MPO staff met with the Wampanoag tribe. They have a program that comes from the bureau of Indian affairs. They will perform 4 roadway safety projects in the town of Mashpee at no charge to the region. This will allow them to apply for design and construction funds at those 4 locations
- The commuter rail vote in Bourne is tomorrow night

Mr. McGrath stated that it is the time of year where we get a buildup of traffic Rte. 6 east exiting at Exit 6, Rte. 132. Could we pursue retiming the lights to keep things moving along better? Mr. Cannon asked for more detail and he will look into it.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2015

Adjourn

Upon a motion to adjourn at 2:15 by Tom Guerino, second by Sheryl McMahan, the vote was passed unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used/Received:

Agenda, May 18, 2015

Minutes, April 27, 2015

Project Selection Advisory Council 2014 Summary Sheet

Copy of letter to Stephanie Pollack dated April 10, 2015 regarding the Highway Transportation Funding Formula

2015-2018 TIP Amendment summary

2016-2019 TIP Development Power Point Presentation

2016-2019 TIP "Highway" Target Projects summary

RTP Power Point

Copy of edits to the minutes from Stephen Buckley

Copy of Email from Berta Bruinooge requesting that she be removed from ballot, dated April 28, 2015

Copy of Email from Jay Colburn requesting that he be removed from the Ballot date April 28, 2015

