

# Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

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## DRAFT Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2017

### MPO Members in Attendance

Steve Woelfel  
Pam Haznar  
Leo Cakounes  
Dan Santos  
Harold Mitchell  
Tom Guerino  
R. Patrick Ellis  
Sims McGrath  
Robert Weinstein  
Jason Steiding

### Representing

MassDOT, Office of Transportation Planning, representing Stephanie Pollack, MassDOT Secretary/Chief Executive Director  
MassDOT Highway Division, District 5 representing Thomas Tinlin, MassDOT Highway Administrator  
Barnstable County Commissioner  
Representing Barnstable Town Council  
Cape Cod Commission  
Representing the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority  
Sub Region A: Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee and Sandwich  
Sub Region C: Brewster, Chatham, Harwich and Orleans  
Sub Region D: Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown  
Mashpee Wampanoug Tribe

### Others in Attendance

Gabriel Sherman  
Terry Whalen  
Tom Andrade  
Tom Cahir  
Kristen Bryd  
Lance Lambros  
Craig Martin  
Stephen Buckley  
Bill Tuxbury  
Gloria Freeman  
David Burns, MD  
Elaine Gibbs  
Rick Leavitt  
Seth Taylor  
Janice Fox  
Patty Daley  
Glenn Cannon  
Steven Tupper  
Lev Malakhoff  
Lisa Dillon

### Representing

MassDOT, OTP Liaison  
Chatham, Town of, DPW  
Dennis, Town of, DPW  
Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority  
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District Representative for State Senator Vinny deMacedo  
United States Army Corp of Engineers, New England District  
openchatham.com  
West Chatham Association  
Chatham Citizen  
West Chatham Association  
Chatham Citizen  
Chatham – WCVBA  
Chatham Selectmen  
J-1 Program  
Cape Cod Commission  
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### **Call to Order:**

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

## Minutes of August 1, 2016:

Upon a motion to approve the DRAFT minutes of August 1, 2016 by Sims McGrath, seconded by Tom Guerino, the vote was passed unanimously.

### Public Comment:

Dr. David Burns was asked by Dan Meservey to present a petition to the MPO which was also submitted to David Mohler, MassDOT in opposition of the Chatham #606596 project.

Mr. Seth Taylor requested that the Chatham #60596 be put on a future MPO Agenda to be discussed in detailed. Mr. Taylor also submitted an 8-page document for the record.

Mr. Bill Tuxbury read a statement from Amanda Love and submitted such for the record.

Mr. Stephen Buckley stated that last month US Secretary Fox released a citizen guide to assist in the understanding of the transportation planning process. There is a link to this document on Mr. Buckley's website at [openchatham.com](http://openchatham.com).

Mr. Rick Leavitt stated that he had no idea petitions would be submitted today. He stated that he will submit a petition from those agreeing with the project. He will also inform the "other" selectmen who are in support of the project to come in as well and looks forward to showing the support of the Chatham project. He stated that the idea is to build four small village centers rather than sprawling strips of development along Rte. 28. This is an essential part of Chatham's comprehensive long term plans. Getting a roadway system through the area, not a highway is critical to meeting the goals of meeting Chatham's comprehensive plan and he looks forward to talking about that more with the MPO.

Ms. Elaine Gibbs stated that Rte. 28 is the main corridor into the Town of Chatham. No traffic studies have been done during peak season and stated that there is more traffic than ever. She has concerns regarding the narrowing of the road making it difficult to handle the growing traffic. She commented that the project was originally going to take two seasons, now it is potentially going to take four seasons. She also heard that MassDOT asked for a five year temporary easement to store construction equipment. Due to the impacts of the project, she stated that it should have been determined how long the project will take. Ms. Gibbs assumes that this will affect the cost of the project, causing it to go up. The project was originally \$1.5 million and is now projected to be \$4.3 million. To include land takings the project could be raised to \$8 million. With a 3.9 needs assessment score, she asked if we looking at the cost benefits. She stated that the project is costing 1/2 of the 2018 budget and asked at what point do we decide that the project is too expensive to proceed. She has concerns about this as a taxpayer. Mr. Woelfel stated that Ms. Haznar will address some of these questions during the status updates.

**Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment:** The TIP is a recommended list of transportation projects to be advertised/eventually constructed using Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administration funding. Cape Cod Commission (CCC) staff will describe a proposed Amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP in which the National Park Service is looking at add a roadway pavement overlay for Doane Road in Eastham, a MassDOT Route 6 repaving job will increase in cost and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority is reallocating its spending in the TIP to adjust planned expenditures on transit equipment, facilities, software and planning as indicated on the schedule posted with this agenda. The MPO may **Vote Whether to** Amend the 2017-2021 TIP list of projects as described by CCC staff. - Steve Tupper, Cape Cod Commission Technical Services Planner

Mr Tupper presented a power point. The presentation describes the reasons for an Amendment, the Amendment Schedule, a summary sheet to the 2017 Transit Program and the Highway Projects. He also added Draft back up documents for review.

There were clarifying questions asked about some of the changes. Mr. Cannon added that the CCTJC members expressed concerns about the style of the new bus shelters and that they prefer the wooden shelters. He asked if we could take a closer look at this.

Upon a motion to approve the TIP Amendment be released for a 30-day period by Tom Guerino, seconded by Sims McGrath, the vote was passed unanimously.

**Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendment:** The CCMPO PPP outlines the process by which the CCMPO solicits public involvement as part of the transportation planning process. Cape Cod Commission staff will describe a proposed amendment to change the public comment period for future draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), United Planning Work Program (UPWP), and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) documents from thirty (30) days to twenty-one (21) days. The MPO may **Vote Whether to** open a forty-five (45) day public comment period to solicit input on whether to shorten the PPP public comment period for future draft TIP, UPWP and RTP documents from 30 days to 21 days. Glenn Cannon, Cape Cod Commission Director of Technical Services

Mr. Cannon presented the PPP Amendment document with the proposed change.

Mr. Woelfel stated that the reason MassDOT made this suggestion is that comments are coming in the night before documents are voted on and this change will allow time to consider. It is meant to be predictive so that members of the public can come to meetings, participate in the development then allow the MPO members the time to review comments for a few days before voting.

Upon a motion to approve the release of the PPP Amendment for 45 public comment period by Leo Cakounes, seconded by Robert Weinstein the vote was passed unanimously.

Upon a motion to amend the document to read 21 CALENDAR DAYS by Leo Cakounes, seconded by Sims McGrath the vote was passed unanimously

**Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Highway Project Readiness Update:** The TIP is a recommended list of transportation projects (such as roadway widening, traffic signals, and bike paths) to be advertised and eventually constructed using Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), Federal Highway and/or Federal Transit Administration funding. Commission staff will give an update on the pre-construction design readiness of highway projects in the current TIP to the Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO). The CCMPO will discuss the pre-construction design readiness of highway projects in the TIP. — Glenn Cannon, Cape Cod Commission Technical Services

Mr. Cannon presented a Project Readiness Summary sheet and reviewed the information.

**Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Canal Area Transportation Study:** The Cape Cod Canal Area Transportation Study seeks to identify existing and future multimodal transportation deficiencies and needs around the Cape Cod Canal area in the towns of Bourne and Sandwich. The study also describes the development and analysis of a full range of transportation alternatives including highway and non-highway improvements and alternatives that improve access for all modes of transportation. MassDOT and US Army Corps of Engineer staff will give an update on the status of the Canal Area Transportation Study, and then the MPO will discuss the study. – Gabe Sherman, MassDOT Cape Cod MPO Liaison and Craig Martin, US Army Corps of Engineers

Mr. Sherman presented a power point. The presentation included the Study Process & Framework, Summary of Existing Conditions, an Overview of Alternative Development and the Next Steps.

Mr. Guerino stated that the people in Bourne have concerns about the study. There is disagreement with the traffic demand models and feel that it needs to be revisited. The effort has been to move cars up and down Scenic Highway/Sandwich Rd over the bridge. The Town is engaged in a Main Street renovation to get people in the downtown. This group hasn't taken a lot of time to look. We think the group should work closer with Joint Base Cape Cod relative to excess as it doesn't appear to help. The town would be open to more communication relative to that issue as we understand the need to move traffic but we have plans for renovations to Main St and this does nothing to bring people to the down town.

There were questions and discussions about monitoring traffic trends. Ms. Haznar stated that in the beginning there were 20/30 blue toad locations that separated the through traffic and the local traffic she believes that some of the detail is on the website.

Mr. Cannon thanked MassDOT and their consultant for their efforts. He stated that it is the most complicated model that he has ever seen to include off season, peak season, weekday, weekend all factors making the model difficult.

Mr. Martin presented a power point. The presentation states that this is a major rehabilitation program, lists the report objectives, the federal navigation project authorization, the components of the analysis, the status of the rehabilitation evaluation report and explains the next steps.

**Reports:** MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Staff will give a status report on existing and planned transportation projects underway across Cape Cod. Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority and Cape Cod Commission staff will report on recent staff activities.

Ms. Haznar gave MassDOT updates from the spreadsheet

## **Adjourn**

Upon a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 by Tom Guerino, second by Sims McGrath the vote was passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 27, 2017

## **Documents and Exhibits:**

Agenda, January 23, 2017  
DRAFT Minutes, August 1, 2016  
Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program Federal Fiscal year 2017-2021 DRAFT Amendment  
TIP FY2017-21 DRAFT Amendment Power Point  
CCJTC Snapshot of TIP Amendment  
January 2017 – 2017 PPP Amendment  
TIP Readiness January 18, 2017 Power Point  
Cape Cod Canal Transportation Study by MassDOT  
CCC Bridges-USACE-JTC Meeting Power Point  
Public Comments  
Report from PB & BHDC to BOS on the West Chatham Roadway Project