

# Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

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## DRAFT Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2017

### MPO Members in Attendance

Steve Woelfel  
Pam Haznar  
Leo Cakounes  
Dan Santos  
Harold Mitchell  
Jill Goldsmith  
Tom Andrade  
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  
Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority, Alternate  
Sub Region B: Dennis and Yarmouth, Alternate  
Sub Region c: Brewster, Chatham, Harwich and Orleans  
Sub Region D: Truro, Wellfleet, Provincetown  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

### Others in Attendance

Gabriel Sherman  
Timothy Kochan  
Tom Currier  
Terry Whalen  
Tom Andrade  
Tom Temple  
John Fuller  
Lance Lambros  
Tom Cahir  
Alan Pollock  
Stephen Buckley  
Elaine Gibbs  
Gloria Freeman  
David Burns, MD  
Rick Leavitt  
Dean P. Nicastro  
Shareen Davis  
Cory Metters  
Douglas Turner  
Dedra Knowes  
Florence Seldin  
Peter Tarrant  
Judy Patterson  
David R. Whitcomb  
Keith Fernandes  
Jessica Wielgus  
Patty Daley  
Glenn Cannon  
Steven Tupper  
Lev Malakhoff  
Lisa Dillon  
Martha Hevenor  
Sylvia DeSantos

### Representing

MassDOT, OTP Liaison  
MassDOT Highway Division, District 5  
MassDOT  
Chatham, Town of, DPW  
Dennis, Town of, DPW  
Chatham, Town of, DPW  
Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority  
Senator DeMacedo's office  
Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority  
Cape Cod Chronicle  
openchatham.com  
Chatham Citizen  
Chatham Citizen  
West Chatham Association, Inc  
West Chatham Village & Business Association  
Board of Selectmen, Chatham  
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Chatham  
Chatham  
Chatham  
West Chatham  
Chatham Citizen  
West Chatham Resident  
VHB, Inc.  
Cape Cod Commission  
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Cape Cod Commission, Translator

**Call to order:**

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

**Public Comment**

Judy Patterson a long-time Chatham resident read her previously submitted letter to the board. She feels that there are no safety issues that need to be addressed and that there are many other roadways that could use the funding. She asked the Board reconsider the Chatham project and direct the funds elsewhere.

Dr. David Burns read a letter from Amanda Love who was unable to attend the meeting. She asked that the committee postpone a vote on the project until the BOS have the opportunity to discuss the project and that she is strongly opposed to the Chatham project.

Dr. David Burns referred to his attached email which gives the history of the West Chatham project and the issues relating to the timeline.

Shareen Davis, Chatham BOS is in favor of the project and in keeping within the Comprehensive Plan and stated that its time to move on from the Chatham project

Doug Turner stated that there is no need to beautify the area and believes that the Chatham project is expensive.

Lance Lambros would like to thank MassDOT Region 5 for their quick action on the reflectors on Rte. 6 in Orleans, on behalf of Senator deMacedo, Senator Cyr and Representative Peake. Calls were received stating that reflectors were down and in need of repair.

Peter Tarrant, a member of the Chatham Summer Residence Committee stated that the committee has reviewed the Chatham project and they approve of the project which has been approved every year since 2011.

Stephen Buckley stated that he made a public records request to MassDOT and commented that he did not receive the "official" record on the BOS West Chatham project therefore his request is non-responsive.

Rich Leavitt corrected statements that were made. He stated that 11 BOS throughout the history have supported the Chatham project. He added that the Summer Committee is in support of the project and the Village Center Development which is a high priority. This TIP project scores high on safety, technology and is the highest among projects on the TIP and he appreciates support for the project.

Gloria Freeman read her attached statement which outlined the history of the opposition to the Chatham project.

Dedra Knowes stated that she is a business owner and a summer resident and she is opposed to the Chatham project.

Elaine Gibbs stated that normal CTD's are required at 25, 75 & 100% design. She asked when the original was done and the time frame. Ms. Haznar stated that she received a CTD approximately 2 months ago, which had standard and accelerated time frames. The standard was about 3 years and the accelerated is what has been presented. The difference is that the accelerated shows concurrent operation. Ms. Gibbs stated that this is a significant difference from the beginning of the project. She expressed her concerns regarding the difference and the duration of time of the project. She hopes that the board will vote against the Chatham project.

**Minutes of April 24, 2017**

Upon a motion to approve the DRAFT minutes of April 24, 2017 with an amendment that indicates Leo Cakounes is NOT an alternate, by Leo Cakounes, seconded by Robert Weinstein, the vote was passed unanimously. Sims McGrath abstained from the vote.

**Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridors:** Cape Cod Commission staff will give a presentation outlining the National Highway Freight Program. National Highway Freight Program funds may be used for projects that contribute to the efficient movement of freight on the critical urban and rural freight corridors on Cape Cod. The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization will discuss the proposed critical urban and rural freight corridors on Cape Cod and may vote whether to endorse a list of proposed critical urban and rural freight corridors on Cape Cod. Lev Malakhoff, CCC Senior Transportation Engineer

Mr. Malakhoff presented a power point. The presentation lists the Goals and Outcomes of the Massachusetts Freight Plan, Requirements of the State Freight Plans, National Highway Freight Network, Designation of the CRFCs and CUFCS,

Designation Process, Proposed Critical Rural Freight Corridor on Route 6, Proposed Critical Urban Freight Corridors; Routes 132 & 28; Yarmouth Road/Willow St and Route Descriptor.

Upon a motion to approve the Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridors by Sims McGrath, seconded by Pam Haznar, the vote was passed unanimously.

Discussion revealed that all other regions are endorsing this week. The Urban allotment cannot be over the designated amount. If we want to make a change, we can revisit later as Mr. Cakounes expressed concerns about designating areas close to the Harbor.

**Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development:** The UPWP is a list of transportation planning projects scheduled for funding and implementation as outlined in the Federal Fiscal Year 2018 (October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018) UPWP document. Cape Cod Commission staff will give a presentation outlining potential planning projects to be included in the UPWP. The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization will discuss the proposed UPWP, any public comment received regarding the UPWP, and may vote whether to endorse the list of transportation planning projects scheduled for funding and implementation as outlined in the Federal Fiscal Year 2018.

Mr. Cannon presented a power point. The presentation describes Tasks 1 – 4. Task 3.1 within Task 3 proposed two Corridor studies which are outlined in the presentation and includes a DRAFT FY 2018 UPWP Funding Summary. The Cape Cod Unified Planning Work Program DRAFT April 14, 2017 document was also included.

Upon a motion to endorse the FFY 2018 UPWP by Sims McGrath, seconded by Leo Cakounes, the vote was passed unanimously.

Comments were made regarding the Rte. 6 interchange in Orleans. It was asked if there was data available regarding the amount of traffic vs the accidents. The accident to volume may not be as bad as in other locations. A comment was made that the equipment used is older, but determined that it fits within the funding constraints. Mr. McGrath is surprised by accidents at Exit 9 as MassDOT just worked on the exit. It was explained that the data is not necessarily the exact location it is the "area" which could include Rte. 6. Ms. Haznar stated that MassDOT has updated crash data and could vary than reflected here. Mr. Cannon will work with MassDOT on that information. Mr. Tupper added that comments from the Brazilian church are included in both the UPWP and TIP and the project that they are most interested in are the Rte. 6 projects.

**Federal Fiscal Years 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2:** The TIP is a recommended list of transportation projects to be advertised and eventually constructed using Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administration funding. Cape Cod Commission staff will describe a proposed Amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP in which the MassDOT Route 28 project in Dennis (#606707) will increase in cost by approximately \$1,400,000. The MPO may vote whether to endorse the Amended 2017-2021 TIP as described by CCC staff. - Steve Tupper, Cape Cod Commission Technical Services Planner

Mr. Tupper presented the TIP Amendment #2.

Mr. Cannon thanked MassDOT for the additional funds give to TIP projects.

Upon a motion to approve the FFY 2017-2021 TIP Amendment #2 by Leo Cakounes, seconded by Sims McGrath, the vote was passed unanimously.

**Federal Fiscal Years 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development:** The TIP is a recommended list of transportation projects to be advertised and eventually constructed using Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2018 to 2022 (October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2022). Cape Cod Commission staff will give a presentation explaining the process of developing the TIP. The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization will discuss the proposed TIP, review and

consider any public comments received on the proposed TIP and may vote whether to endorse the 2018-2022 TIP list of projects to be constructed. - Steve Tupper, Cape Cod Commission Transportation Planner

Mr. Tupper presented a power point. The presentation included the Development Schedule, what it takes to get a Project on the TIP, Project Selection Factors, Transit Funding Programs Reflected in the TIP, 2018-2022 CCRTA TIP Project Summary, State Prioritized Projects, Highway Funding for MPO Projects, Regionally Prioritized Projects and Targets, FFY 2018-22 Regional Prioritized Highway Projects as released by the MPO (4/24/17) and FFY 2018-22 Unprogrammed Projects.

Tom Cahir thanked the MPO for supporting initiatives and helping to prioritize projects for the region. He stated that the Cape Flyer is going on its fifth year, the CCRTA is working on Senior initiatives to include mobility, and thanked the Cape Cod Commission for their work which helped narrow locations for bus stops.

Mr. Woelfel acknowledge that the public would like to postpone the vote today. He stated that it is not possible and that all MPO's in the state have voted and all of this information will be going to the State Transportation Meeting. He stated that a TIP can be endorsed with holes in funding and discussions can continue. Mr. Cakounes asked if we vote to endorse the TIP today, and the BOS in the Town of Chatham vote not to support the project, does the Town cannot move forward with the project? Mr. Woelfel stated that in all his years, that has never happened, he believes that we would have to come together as an MPO and figure out what to do with the funding.

There have been discussions at the CCJTC meetings in which requests were made to have pavement/sidewalk projects available to fit into the funding slots on the TIP. Mr. McGrath asked if there was a significant difference in installing new sidewalks opposed to repairing existing sidewalks? Ms. Haznar stated that there isn't a big difference and that they have to be surveyed and go through the process and meet ADA standards. Mr. Cannon with work with MassDOT for future needs.

Upon a motion to approve moving the Dennis/Harwich, Rte. 28 Reconstruction into FFY 2022 on the FFY 2018-2022 TIP by Leo Cakounes, seconded by Robert Weinstein, the vote was passed unanimously.

Upon a motion to approve both the Transit and Highway projects in the FFY 2018-2022 TIP by Leo Cakounes, seconded by Sims McGrath, the vote was passed unanimously.

Mr. Cakounes stated that he personally does not support the project but feels that he needs to do what's right for the process.

Mr. Woelfel added that there has been discuss about the construction schedule given to the town. The schedule is in the early stages and this is our best guess and MassDOT is being as transparent as possible. Projects always change and evolve.

Upon a motion to approved the FFY 2018-2022 TIP projects to include Dennis/Harwich, Rt2. 26 by Leo Cakounes, seconded by Sims McGrath, the vote was passed unanimously.

**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 and upcoming activities that staff has participated in.

Ms. Haznar gave the following updates:

#### 2018

The park and ride facility in Harwich has been advertised

The resurfacing on Rte. 6 through Harwich, Brewster & Orleans has been advertised and the bids will be opened in October

The Dennis Rte. 28 project is on track to be advertised in this fiscal year, expecting PS & E shortly

Barnstable intersection improvements at Rte. 28 at Osterville-West Barnstable Rd are @ 75% design

Chatham, Rte. 28 George Ryder Rd. to Barnhill expecting PS & E in June

#### 2019

Barnstable, Rte. 28 At Yarmouth Rd at 75% design stage

Truro, Rte. 6 Bicycle Accommodations, survey is complete and design will begin

## 2020

Expecting 25% design on the Bourne, Belmont Circle Improvements

Expecting 25% submission for Wellfleet, Rte. 6 @ Main St

Mashpee, Rte. 151 expecting 25% design in August

## 2021

Chatham, Rte. 28 at Main St, Depot Rd, Queen Anne Rd and Crowell Rd spoke with Designer last week and they are working through some grading issues

## 2022

There was a recent scoping session on the Dennis/Harwich, Rte. 28 Reconstruction Project, starting move ahead with that.

Falmouth, Rte., 28A reworking 25% design

John Fuller, CCRTA stated that he included a report in the packet.

Glenn Cannon attended a South Coast Rail meeting. South Coast Rail C is the connection from New Bedford to Fall River with an option to go through the existing Middleboro line. The Cape Cod Commission sent a letter requesting that they look at the Buzzards Bay option. He also mentioned that the Canal Area study should be concluding this summer. At this point we don't know when it will be available to the public but the CCC will be notified.

## **Adjourn**

Upon a motion to adjourn at 2:35 pm by Sims McGrath seconded by Dan Santos, the vote was passed unanimously

## **Documents and Exhibits**

Agenda, May 22, 2017  
DRAFT MPO Minutes April 24, 2017  
Proposed Freight Corridors, Power Point  
UPWP FFY 2018, Power Point  
UPWP FFY 2018, Document  
Cape Cod 2017-2021 TIP Amendment Document  
TIP FFY 2018-2022 TIP Development, Power Point  
Cape Cod 2018-2022 TIP Document  
2018-2022 TIP Highway Project Summary Sheet  
Public Comments Matrix  
Letters sent from Terry Walen RE Public Participation