



CAPE COD
COMMISSION

Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: Monday, June 15, 2015

MPO Members in Attendance

Steve Woelfel

Leo Cakounes
Richard Roy
Daniel Santos
R. Patrick Ellis
Sims McGrath
Robert Weinstein
Tom Guerino
Tim Kochan

Leah Sirmin

Wayne Lamson

Representing

MassDOT, Office of Transportation Planning, representing
Stephanie Pollack, MassDOT Secretary/Chief Executive Director
Barnstable County Commissioners
Cape Cod Commission
Representing Barnstable Town Council President
Sub Region A: Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee and Sandwich
Sub Region C: Brewster, Chatham, Harwich and Orleans
Sub Region D: Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown
Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
MassDOT Highway Division, District 5 representing Tim Tinlin,
MassDOT Acting Highway Administrator
Federal Highway Administration, representing Pamela S.
Stephenson, FHWA Division Administrator (non-voting)
Steamship Authority (non-voting)

Others in Attendance

Bryan Pounds
John Fuller
Terry Whalen
Sally Riggs
Susan H. Rohrbach
Clay Schofield
Seth Taylor
Daniel Meservey
Stephen Buckley
Dr. David E. Burns
Rick Leavitt
Elaine B. Gibbs
Bill Tuxbury
Patty Daley
Jessica Wielgus
Glenn Cannon, P.E.
Lev Malakhoff
Steven Tupper
Patrick Tierney
Lisa Dillon

Representing

MassDOT, OTP Liaison
CCRTA
Town of Chatham
Bourne Transportation Advisory Committee
Representing Senator Dan Wolf
Town of Barnstable
Town of Chatham, Selectman
Meservey's Hess, West Chatham
openchatham.com
WCA Chatham
West Chatham Village and Business Association
Chatham Citizen
Chatham Citizen
Cape Cod Commission, Deputy Director
Cape Cod Commission, Commission Counsel
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, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

Steve Woelfel 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 May 18, 2015:

Upon a motion by Tom Guerino to approve the minutes of May 18, 2015, second by Richard Roy the vote was passed unanimously.

Public comment:

David E. Burns, MD, Elaine Gibbs and Bill Tuxbury read their comments from the attached documents as well as comments by Tony Zombas who was not able to attend today's meeting.

Dan Meservey stated that most people in the Town of Chatham are against the project and have been for several years. He feels that the project is overdone and not a good project for the community. He asked the engineer at the last meeting if the rotary was designed for trucks and the engineer stated it was designed for vehicles of 55 feet bumper to bumper.

Stephen Buckley stated that he sent a letter to Federal Highway, Massachusetts office. There is a copy on openchatham.com dated June 16th. Mr. Buckley stated that he is giving Federal Highway Administration a second chance to show how MassDOT is doing with public involvement as it relates to the Massachusetts Design Guide.

Seth Taylor stated that 3 out of the 5 members who approved the Chatham project on the board of selectman are no longer on the board. He is asking to hold off on the project to allow time for study results and for the new Board of Selectman to look at other options. The residents of the neighborhood ask that the project be pushed off until 2017. They feel that what is currently there works well.

Green House Gas Self Certification Compliance Statement: *Vote to Endorse. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects have been analyzed for Green House Gas emissions and the results will be included in MassDOT state wide Green House Gas impact assessment – Lev Malakhoff, CCC Transportation Engineer*

Mr. Malakhoff introduced the Self-Certification Compliance Statement for the MPO which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Upon a motion to table this agenda item until the next meeting by Robert Weinstein, second by Leo Cakounes, the vote was passed unanimously.

Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): *Vote of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to release the list of transportation planning projects scheduled for funding and implementation as outlined in the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 UPWP - Glenn Cannon, CCC Director of Technical Services*

Mr. Cannon reviewed a power point. He reviewed Task's 1 – 5 and additional planning efforts. The presentation included diagrams, characteristics, crash information and average daily traffic counts to support the Rte. 28 Corridor / Rte. 132 project selection process.

Upon a motion to release the DRAFT UPWP for a 30 day public comment period by Sims McGrath, second by Leo Cakounes, the vote was passed unanimously.

2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment: *Vote of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to endorse the TIP Amendment (The TIP Amendment is a recommended list of transportation projects to be advertised and eventually constructed using MassDOT, FHWA and FTA funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2015 to 2018) - Steve Tupper, CCC Technical Services Planner*

Mr. Tupper reviewed a power point. The presentation included the TIP Amendments, the Amendment to 2015 Transit Target Projects, Amendment to 2015 Highway Target Projects and an Administrative Adjustment.

Upon a motion to approve the Amendment to the 2015-2018 TIP by Tom Guerino, second by Sims McGrath, the vote was passed unanimously.

2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustment: *Vote of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to adjust the TIP (The TIP is a recommended list of transportation projects to be advertised and eventually constructed using MassDOT, FHWA and FTA funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2015 to 2018) - Steve Tupper, CCC Technical Services Planner*

Mr. Tupper gave an overview of the proposed 205-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Adjustment.

Upon a motion to approve the 2015-2018 TIP adjustment by Ton Guerino, second by Sims McGrath, the vote was passed unanimously.

2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development: *Vote of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to release the TIP (The TIP is a recommended list of transportation projects to be advertised and eventually constructed using MassDOT, FHWA and FTA funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2016 to 2019) for a 30 day review period - Steve Tupper, CCC Technical Services Planner*

Mr. Tupper reviewed a power point. The presentation included Highway Funding Regional Targets, Discussion of the Highway Regional Target Project Selection, Highway TIP Projects and the CCRTA TIP Project Summary.

Upon a motion to release the DRAFT 2016-2019 TIP for a 30 day Public Comment Period by Sims McGrath, second by Patrick Ellis, the vote was passed unanimously.

Mr. Woelfel asked if Mashpee Rte. 151 in TIP year 2019 is a defined project. He stated that because it is a large project we can't split the project. Mr. Tupper explained that it is a corridor project being designed by the town and as suggested by Pam Haznar at a CCJTC meeting, there is a possibility of splitting the project over two years possibly in phases. Specifics can be determined as we move forward.

Mr. Cakounes asked for clarification of the Public Comment Period due to the level of discontent of the Chatham Project as presented by the public.

Mr. Weinstein commented that the Wellfleet project is a Safety Improvement Project. He feels that this project is a priority and would advocate that project be moved forward.

Mr. Tupper stated that project readiness and project scoring are key factors in determining where a project fits on the TIP adding that MassDOT gives direction on which projects will be ready for advertising. Based on information received from MassDOT none of the projects in 2017 will be ready for advertising in 2016. Mr. Cannon added that this information has been presented at the CCJTC meetings. The Chatham DPW Director stated that the Chatham project is ready and Mark Vincent, DPW Director, Wellfleet stated that this project will NOT be ready to be moved. Mr. Ellis commented that the DPW Director in Chatham has received direction to move forward with the project. At the same time we are hearing from a different group relative who is in opposition. Mr. Cannon stated that there was a vote 4 – 1 to support the project by the selectman. Mr. McGrath stated that as well as being a selectman he is a business owner in the Town of Chatham, and he is sensitive to concerns. As a SubRegion C representative he stands with the official position of the Board of Selectman and is aware that the Chatham Town meeting had declined to embrace initiatives that would have stalled the project. If they were to reconsidering, Mr. McGrath would have to discuss that with this group. Mr. Guerino stated that boards change frequently. He does not see a need to change the presentation as brought forward to release for public comment. Mr. Guerino added that he is disappointed that there is nothing listed on the TIP for Bourne Rotary as it relates to Rte. 28. Mr. Cannon stated that this will be continued the Canal Area study. It was then clarified that if the project were to be removed, the funds become available to anyone; however, the funds are lost in that year if not used. It causes a ripple effect. It was determined that within the 30 day comment period there would be enough time to have 2 town meetings to revote the Chatham project. If they should vote against proceeding, MassDOT will see if there is another project that had the possibility of moving forward. Mr. Ellis also stated that he supports Mr. Guerino comments regarding the Bourne Rotary.

Rich Leavitt would like the new members of the Board to know that there strong majority support from a wide variety of people from Chatham for this project.

Upon a motion to release the DRAFT FFY 2016-2019 TIP for a 30 Day Public Comment Period by Sims McGrath, second by Patrick Ellis, the vote was passed unanimously.

Mr. Woelfel stated that based on comments made today, it is clear that there are issues. He strongly urges that all sides attend the next meeting.

2016 - 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Development: *Vote of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to release the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for a 30 day review period. The RTP is the 25 year transportation plan for Cape Cod - Steve Tupper, CCC Technical Services Planner*

Mr. Tupper reviewed a power point. The presentation included the schedule, The Document Outlines, Vision Statement, Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, Strategies and Polices, Funding & Programming Review and the Next Steps.

Questions regarding performance measures were addressed and there are a variety of ways in which to do this with modifications as time progresses. Each project is looked at individually as they each have their own challenges. This is required under MAP 21 and there are no specific guidelines at this time.

Mr. Ellis asked how MPOs deal with fiscal constraints as we cannot include our most significant projects. There is just not enough money in the system, Federal or State funds... We could apply for additional state funds.

Upon a motion to release the RTP for a 30 Day Public Comment Period, by Sims McGrath, second my Patrick Ellis, the vote was passed unanimously.

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.

Tim Kochan gave the following MassDOT updates:

2014 Projects

- The construction bid for the Dennis/Yarmouth Rail Trail Extension is set for June 30, 2015
- The construction bid opening for the Bourne/Rte. 28 resurfacing project is set for June 23, 2105
- The construction bids opened on May 19, 2015 for the Brewster resurfacing project, Rte. 6A, notice to proceed has not been issued

2015 Projects

- Barnstable, Rte. 28 intersection improvements at Falmouth Rd and Bearses Way is at 75% design, 100% design plans are due June 19, 2015
- Dennis/Yarmouth multi use path of the Bass River Bridge is at 75% design. An additional investigation is required to determine potential flooding impacts to low lying properties adjacent to the bridge
- The Orleans intersection improvements at Rte. 6A and Main St and Rte. 28 and Main St are being moved to 2016 due to ROW issues

2016 Projects

- Designs for Rte. 28 from George Ryder Rd to Barn Hill Rd in Chatham are 25% complete; Design Public hearing was held 2/19/15; public meeting hold May 5th, awaiting 75% design. An additional survey is being acquired for the new sewer line
- Improvements on Rte. 28 from Dennis Commons Drive to Upper County Rd in Dennis are at 25% design. ROW plans need revision prior to scheduling of DPW, tentatively scheduled for mid-June. It is recommended that this project be moved to FFY 2017

2017 Projects

- MassDOT is awaiting a response from the Town regarding the intersection improvements at Rte. 28a and Rte. 151 in Falmouth and is at pre 25% design
- Resurfacing on Rte. 6 from Dennis to Harwich is at 75% design and is being recommended as a replacement project for 2015
- The design public hearing for Barnstable intersection improvements at Rte. 28 and Yarmouth Rd is anticipated during the summer of 2015
- 25% design is under review for the Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension from Station Avenue, Yarmouth to Rte. 132 in Barnstable

2018 Projects

- Intersection improvements and related work at Rte. 28, Depot Rd, Queen Anne Rd and Crowell Rd in Chatham are at pre-25% design
- Comments on 25% design by MassDOT were submitted to the Design Engineer on 6/4/15 regarding Intersection improvements at Rte. 28 & Osterville-West Barnstable Rd
- Intersection Improvements on Rte. 6 and Main St. in Wellfleet are at pre 25% design
- Intersection & signal improvements at Rte. 28 and Strawberry Hill Rd in Barnstable have been designated to be entirely funded with CMAQ funds in 2016

Mr. Cannon stated that paper copies of the RTP are available.

Mr. Cannon announced the loss of Robert Mumford, and stated that his services will be on June 18th @ 2:00 pm at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans.

Next Meeting: July 20, 2015

Adjourn

Upon a motion to adjourn at 3:00 by Sims McGrath, second by Patrick Ellis, the vote was passed unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used/Received:

Agenda, June, 15, 2015

Minutes, May 18, 2015

Self-Certification Compliance Statement for Metropolitan Planning Organization

Final Regulation
Massachusetts Conformity Handout
2016-19 TIP GHG Monitoring and Evaluation Draft Text
Waltham CO
UPWP FY 2016 Power point
UPWP – Draft Release
TIP FFY 2015-2018 Amendment & Adjustment, Power Point
TIP FFY 2016-2019 Development, Power Point
TIP FFY 2016-2019 Summary Sheet
TIP FFY2016-2019 Draft
RTP Update, Power Point
Email from George Myers to Glenn Cannon dated 5/29/15 regarding the West Chatham Roadway Project
Email from Glenn Cannon to Bill Tuxbury dated 5/29/15 regarding the MPO Project Evaluation form for Rte. 28 in Chatham
Letter to MassDOT from The West Chatham Association, Inc. dated 6/3/2015