

Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee (RTP)

Approved Minutes | January 13, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

Roll Call/Attendance

Members:

Jay Norton <i>Chair</i>	Wellfleet	Present
Griffin Ryder	Brewster	Present
Tom Andrade	Dennis	Present
Paul Tilton	Sandwich	Present
Griffin Beaudoin	Barnstable	Absent

Also present

Colleen Medeiros	Cape Cod Commission
Steven Tupper	Cape Cod Commission
Evan Costa	Cape Cod Commission
Phil Mele	Cape Cod Commission
David Nolan	Cape Cod Commission
Debra Shores	Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
Raissah Kouame	MassDOT
Barbara LaChance	MassDOT
Stephen Rhodes	VHB
John York	

Call to Order/Introductions

Jay Norton called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Colleen Medeiros provided instructions for participation in the virtual meeting and noted that the meeting was being held remotely, with all members of the Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee participating remotely, pursuant to Chapter 107 of the acts of 2022, an act relative to extending certain Covid-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency, as amended.

John York, Debra Shores (CCRTA), Barbara Lachance (MassDOT District 5), Raissah Kouame (MassDOT OTP) and Steve Rhodes (VHB) introduced themselves.

Public Comment

No Public comment was made.

Potential Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the draft minutes of the November 16, 2022, meeting was made by Tom Andrade, second by Paul Tilton. Members voted as follows:

Jay Norton	Aye
Griffin Ryder	Aye
Paul Tilton	Aye
Tom Andrade	Aye

The motion passed.

2024 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) *The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) establishes long-range vision and goals, and identifies major projects, studies, and programs for transportation on Cape Cod for the years 2024 through 2050. Staff will review draft changes to the vision statement and goals for the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan. Committee members will discuss project evaluation criteria and the universe of projects under consideration for inclusion in the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan.*

Colleen Medeiros reviewed the Regional Transportation Plan description. The RTP is a 20–25-year plan, includes all modes of transportation, establishes the regional vision, and Prioritizes infrastructure projects within available funding. The last update to the RTP was complete in 2019. Ms. Medeiros shared the RTP schedule and the topics of discussion for the last meeting, current meeting, and futures meetings. Ms. Medeiros shared that the Commission is expecting to receive financial guidance from the State before the next RTP subcommittee meeting. This will help with ranking and prioritization of projects at the next meeting.

Ms. Medeiros shared updates based on the RTP Subcommittee feedback. Ms. Medeiros noted the additions of the words multimodal and safety were added to the Vision Statement.

Griffin Ryder shared that the focus of the RTP regarding livability and the need to connect new developments to safe multimodal transportation, should be considered a priority.

Paul Tilton suggested that climate resiliency be added to the Vision Statement since climate change is an important topic.

Ms. Medeiros shared the 2020 RTP Goals and objectives which included safety, environmental and economic vitality, multimodal options/healthy transportation, livability and sustainability, congestion reductions, system preservation and freight mobility. Ms. Medeiros explained that the goals of the 2024 RTP have not changed at this time yet, however the objectives will provide opportunities for focused initiatives.

Members discussed the seven draft goals and associated objectives. The following topics were discussed amongst the members for potential incorporation in the draft objectives:

Safety

- Automatic braking technology
- Texting while driving enforcement
- Sidewalk accessibility
- Speeding and enforcement
- Culture of safe transportation habits

Environmental and Economic Vitality

- Upgrades to stormwater management systems
- Water flow in waterways (at bridges)

Livability and Sustainability

- Emphasis of affordability of transportation
- Safe routes to school
- Snow removal for bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure
- Emphasis for affordable housing

Based on committee member feedback, Ms. Medeiros suggested that some of the sustainability objectives could be combined with the environmental objectives and the livability and economic vitality objectives could be combined. Ms. Medeiros shared that Commission staff will revisit this next meeting after further discussion. Mr. Ryder expressed his support for Ms. Medeiros' suggestion.

Jay Norton left the meeting at 11:02 A.M. Griffin Ryder was asked by Ms. Medeiros to step in as Chair and Mr. Ryder accepted to do so in Mr. Norton's absence.

Multimodal Options/Healthy Transportation

- Context sensitive design for Complete Streets on Cape Cod
- Simplify the objective to Connect People

Congestion Reduction

- Balancing traffic flow versus maintaining Cape Cod character on roadways
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- System management
- Include construction activities with Canal bridges
- Highlight Canal bridges as bottleneck location
- Bottleneck locations and Congestion Management network (Rt 6/28)
- Congestion pricing or tolling as a management technique

System Preservation

- Overall bridge preservation needs and right-sizing for the future for climate change
- Challenge with lack of Chapter 90 dollars to maintain town roads and bridges

Freight

- Consideration of rail and water borne freight

Mr. Tilton asked the Commission if promotion of electric vehicles and installation of EV charging stations should be promoted through the RTP. Mr. Tupper expressed support for promoting both electric vehicles and charging stations as it was referenced in the 2020 RTP and that more funding opportunities are now available for this purpose.

Ms. Medeiros shared the 2024 RTP universe of projects and highlighted the changes to the list based on Committee member feedback. Ms. Medeiros shared that a project evaluation will be completed scoring the projects for the next meeting. Mr. Tupper briefly reviewed the project evaluation process completed in the 2020 RTP and highlighted the funding and project types the RTP has control of. Mr. Tupper referenced the TIP evaluation scoring as a point of reference for RTP scoring and shared questions regarding RTP project evaluation for the 2024 RTP.

Mr. Andrade asked what changed specifically based on previous RTP's regarding funding and what the greatest accomplishments finishing past projects. Mr. Tupper shared that past RTP's have been a statement of priority of projects and not a specific project. Mr. Tupper highlighted the importance of the RTP on its influence for regional project consideration.

Mr. Tilton emphasized the need for project safety effectiveness pertaining to the goals discussed.

Future Meetings

Ms. Medeiros suggested that the next RTP subcommittee meeting be held directly after the CCJTC meeting in March. Members agreed and Ms. Medeiros shared that there would be an email update pertaining to a future meeting date.

New Business

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair more than 48 hours before the meeting.

No new business was discussed.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Andrade, second by Paul Tilton. Members voted as follows:

Tom Andrade	Aye
Paul Tilton	Aye
Griffin Ryder	Aye

The motion passed.



The meeting adjourned at 11:58 PM.

List of Materials Used/Presented

- 2022-11-16 Draft meeting minutes
- 2023-01-13 Power Point Presentation
- 2023-01-13 RTP Subcommittee Agenda