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Regional Transportation Planning Begins Anew

Transportation planning affects all of us, directly or indirectly. With nearly \$10 million of federal and state funds distributed for transportation projects throughout the Cape Cod region annually, residents and visitors have a lot to gain, this year in particular by directly participating in the review of one of the major documents that influences transportation choices and projects here.

Every four years the Cape Cod Commission transportation staff initiates a public process to update the long-range (20-plus years) Cape Cod Regional Transportation Plan in cooperation with state and federal agencies. The plan is a 'forecast and action' document, ultimately to be approved by the Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The plan is the primary means by which federal and state funds are allocated to transportation projects on the Cape.

The Regional Transportation Plan reviews the entire transportation system, including roadway, bus, bicycle, pedestrian, rail, water, and air modes of travel. It also reviews the system in sub-regions of the Cape, for example,

considering the entire Cape Cod Canal area separately. The plan also reviews safety, security, and congestion management region wide, and it makes an analysis of alternatives. Finally, it includes a financial plan and recommendations for projects.

This week marked the beginning of the preparatory work for the next edition of the plan, which will span the period 2011 through 2035. Commission transportation planners held three workshops (one in Eastham on March 15, one in Hyannis on March 16, and one in Buzzards Bay on March 18—this edition's publication date). In addition, an online questionnaire is now available on the web site: www.gocapecod.org/rtp

Over the coming year, public comments and transportation and demographic data will be gathered, analyzed, and integrated into the plan. Staff members of the Commission's transportation department will meet with various stakeholder groups throughout the Cape.

According to Senior Transportation Engineer Lev Malakhoff, one of the organizers of the update process for the plan, draft chapters will be prepared this spring and summer and made available on the web site.



In summer, planners will hold workshops on four specific topics: roadways and the environment; public transit services; bicycle and pedestrian uses; and air, ferry, and rail services.

"When we last updated the plan [in 2007], we held these kinds of workshops and found them to be very informative and helpful," notes Malakhoff. Dates and locations for the workshops will be announced later this year.

In October 2010, a report will be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. A public draft of the full plan will be released in December, and the final draft is expected to be approved by the US Department of Transportation in March 2011.



20 Years Ago This Month...

Following the January 1990 signing of the state legislation that established the Cape Cod Commission by then-Governor Michael Dukakis, voters ratified the Cape Cod Commission Act through a Barnstable County-wide ballot on March 27, 1990.

Towns Win ARRA from DOER for PV

First, a translation: ARRA is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (formerly called the ‘federal stimulus program’). DOER is the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. And PV is photovoltaic, as in solar energy. One can also throw in CCC, for the Cape Cod Commission, and summarize the following good news about renewable energy in the region:

The DOER recently announced ARRA funding awards to several Cape towns for solar photovoltaic projects that will help increase the towns’ production of renewable energy and reduce their fossil-fuel emissions. Successful Cape communities include the following:

- Dennis – awarded \$77,423 for the installation of a 17-kilowatt solar PV system at the police station;
- Falmouth – awarded \$148,500 for the installation of a 27-kilowatt solar PV system at town hall;
- Mashpee – awarded \$150,000 for the installation of a 262-kilowatt solar PV system at the high school;
- Orleans – awarded \$122,480 for the installation of a 14.7-kilowatt solar PV system at the Council on Aging facility;
- Truro – awarded \$90,000 for the installation of a 25-kilowatt solar PV system at the elementary school; and
- Wellfleet – awarded \$145,000 for the installation of a 29-kilowatt solar PV system at the fire station.

Last year, the Collins Center of the University of Massachusetts–Boston contracted with the Cape Cod Commission to help Cape towns write applications for these ARRA grants. Commission planner and energy specialist Ryan Christenberry helped several communities with their applications, including the successful ones for Dennis, Mashpee, and Orleans.

For additional information, visit the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources web site (www.mass.gov/doer), contact each municipality, or send e-mail to Ryan Christenberry at rchristenberry@capecod-commission.org.



Personnel Notes



Goodbye, Brad Crowell

In February 2010, Brad Crowell resigned as the Cape Cod Commission representative from the Town of Dennis. Crowell served since May 2002,

participating on many subcommittees reviewing Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) and on the standing Planning and Executive committees. Crowell was an officer of the entire board for several years, first as secretary in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005, then as vice chair in FY 2006 and as chair in FY 2007. During his chairmanship, the Commission’s operations and policies were reviewed by the Barnstable County Commissioner-appointed “21st Century Task Force.” The Dennis Board of Selectmen have not yet appointed Crowell’s replacement.

Hello, Austin Knight

The Cape Cod Commission welcomed new Provincetown representative Austin Knight in February 2010. Knight fills the post previously held by Roslyn Garfield, who resigned in October 2009.

Ocean Management Planning DCPC

On March 11, 2010, the Cape Cod Commission voted unanimously with 13 members present to recommend that the Ocean Management Planning District of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC) be forwarded to the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates for the Assembly to designate the DCPC by a regional ordinance. The Commission’s action followed five public hearings and two public meetings about the DCPC in February and March. Information is available online: www.capecodcommission.org/oceanplanning

Cape Cod Commission • Regulatory Status Report

Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) and other regulatory matters currently under review by the Cape Cod Commission are listed below. A check mark (✓) in front of a

project's name indicates that Commission regulatory activity is scheduled for that project in the next month. Details about activities listed here and in the calendar on

the back cover may be found online in the Regulatory section of the Web site: www.capecodcommission.org

CCC Regulatory Queues

DRI PROJECT REVIEWS:

BARNSTABLE

- **Hyannisport Club/2 Irving Avenue**—proposed demolition of the 18th century “Marchant House” on the grounds of the Hyannisport Golf Course. On 12/3/09, CCC accepted the project as a discretionary DRI referral from the Barnstable Historical Commission. The review is limited to historic preservation/community character issues.

BREWSTER

- ✓ • **Windrift Acres**—proposed 22-lot residential subdivision on 55 acres of land in West Brewster.

FALMOUTH

- **The Golf Club at Cape Cod/Ballymeade**—proposed construction of an 18-hole golf course on approximately 183.41 acres within Ballymeade Estates. Extension agreement to 9/29/13.

MASHPEE

- **Mashpee Watershed Plan**—proposed watershed nitrogen management plan.

ORLEANS

- **Orleans Stop & Shop Gasoline Station**—proposed 10-pump gas station on the site of an existing commercial plaza (“Cranberry Plaza”) near the Orleans traffic rotary. On 1/7/10, CCC accepted the project as a discretionary DRI referral. The review will address water and coastal resources, wetlands, transportation, solid waste/hazardous materials, economic development, and heritage preservation/community character.

SANDWICH

- ✓ • **Forestdale Village**—proposed 80,000-sq.ft. commercial development on Route 130.

YARMOUTH

- **Cape Wind Energy Project**—proposed wind energy facility in Nantucket

Sound, with 130 wind towers transmitting power via an underground cable with a proposed Yarmouth landfill.

Joint MEPA/CCC review. MEPA issued FEIR certificate on 3/29/07. CCC denied the project without prejudice on procedural grounds on 10/18/07. Cape Wind Associates petitioned the state Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) for a “Certificate of Environmental Impact and Public Interest” on 11/21/07. EFSB held a hearing in mid November 2008 and issued a final decision to grant the certificate on 5/27/09. CCC filed a petition to appeal that decision on 6/12/09. The matter is before the MA Supreme Judicial Court.

- **Siddharth, Siddharth Lot Clearing**—more than two acres of land in Yarmouthport cleared without a clearing permit.

NO DRI REVIEWS AT THIS TIME:

- Bourne
- Chatham
- Dennis
- Eastham
- Harwich
- Provincetown
- Truro
- Welfleet

DRI REVIEWS PENDING ISSUANCE OF MA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA) CERTIFICATES:

- **South Coast Watersheds Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan/Falmouth**—proposed Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan to address water quality problems of Little, Great, Green, Bourne, and Eel ponds, and Waquoit Bay.
- **Holland Mills Well and Pumping Station/Mashpee**—proposed installation of new public water supply well/pump station.
- **Orleans Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan**—proposed draft Comprehensive Wastewater

Management Plan that identifies and evaluates three alternative plans for wastewater treatment and disposal.

- **Provincetown Airport Capital Improvements Plan**—proposed safety and facility improvements to the Provincetown Municipal Airport.
- **Sandwich Beach Nourishment and Dredging**—proposed beach nourishment and maintenance dredging.
- **Herring River Tidal Restoration Project**—proposed reestablishment of tidal flow to the 1,100-acre Herring River estuary and floodplain.
- **Parker’s River Marine Park/Yarmouth**—proposed marine park on the 22-acre site of the former Yarmouth drive-in theater.

PROPOSALS WITH APPROVED “NOTICES OF INTENT TO FILE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT”:

Dates shown are deadlines for anticipated filings.

- **Mashpee Commons Master Plan/Mashpee**—2/18/11
- **Red Jacket Resorts Development/Yarmouth**—8/20/10
- **The Villages of Barnstable/Barnstable**—12/17/10

ACTIVE DISTRICTS OF CRITICAL PLANNING CONCERN (DCPCs):

- **Ocean Management Planning DCPC/Capewide**—CCC voted on 3/11/10 to recommend that the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates designate the district by regional ordinance (see page 2).
- **Craigville Beach DCPC/Barnstable**—The town is creating “implementing regulations” for the district.

Commission Meetings and Events

Cape Cod Commission meetings and hearings are open to the public. Call (508) 362-3828 to confirm times and check for last-minute changes.

Standing Committees

Regulatory, Planning, and Executive committee meetings held at the Commission offices. Call for times.

Monday, April 12

Monday, April 26

Full Commission Meetings

Held at the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates Chamber at 3 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, April 15

Thursday, April 29

Regulatory Calendar

- **April 15:** CCC MEETING: 3 p.m., Assembly of Delegates Chamber, Barnstable. Agenda tentative; please call to confirm:
 - Sandwich Land Use Vision Map modification

Other Events

• Route 6A Corridor Management Plan Update Meeting:

Tuesday, March 23, 2010, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at CCC to discuss the draft document. Download from the CCC "Planning Program" web site (www.capecodcommission.org/planning) under "Planning Projects and Studies."

• Historic Buildings and Green

Design: Cape-wide historic preservation workshop on Thursday, March 25, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harwich Community Center. Download the brochure from the CCC "Historic Preservation" web site (www.capecodcommission.org/historic).

• Cape Cod Joint Transportation

Committee Meeting: Friday, April 9, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at CCC.



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