

Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee

Transportation Advisory Group for the Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Minutes - Friday, November 2, 2007

<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
Robert Burgmann, P.E., Chairman	Town of Barnstable, Town Engineer
Paul Tilton, P.E.	Town of Sandwich, Department of Public Works
Rickie Tellier	Town of Bourne, Department of Public Works
Robert Bersin, P.E.	Town of Brewster, Department of Public Works
R. Gregory Taylor, P.E.	Town of Mashpee, Department of Public Works
Paul Lagg	Town of Chatham, Community Development
Marlene McCollem	Town of Falmouth, Assistant Town Planner
Michael Ferreira	Town of Eastham, Assistant Administrator
Charleen Greenhalgh	Town of Truro, Assistant Administrator/ Town Planner
David Gardner	Town of Provincetown, Assistant Administrator
Edward Gross, M.D.	Bicycle Representative
Chris Anzuoni	Plymouth & Brockton Street Railway, Co. (P&B)
Joseph Magni	Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB)
Robert Patneade, P.E.	Greenman Pederson (GPI)
Susan Rohrbach	Senator Robert O'Leary
Russ French	Eastham
Tim Kochan	MassHighway District 5 Office
Rachel Bain	Executive Office of Transportation (EOT), Planning
Dennis Walsh	Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), Assistant Administrator
Robert Mumford	Cape Cod Commission (CCC) Transportation Program Manager
Priscilla Leclerc	CCC Senior Transportation Planner
Lev Malakhoff, Ph.D.	CCC Senior Transportation Engineer

Call to Order: Chairman Robert Burgmann, P.E., called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes of September 7, 2007 With a motion by Greg Taylor, seconded by Paul Tilton, the minutes were approved.

First Quarterly Meeting of regional, state, and federal transportation partners

Priscilla Leclerc reviewed the items that were mailed out to Members from the First Quarterly Meeting. She also reported that the regional TIPs with endorsement are compiled into a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and the STIP is submitted to federal agencies for approval. The state has not received any federal approval letter for the 2008-2011 STIP, but Federal Highway Officials stated at the meeting that the approval letter will be conditional, and one reason is Federal Highway's concern about the lack of funds programmed for bridge preservation. Priscilla concluded by saying that the consensus of those at that meeting was that the discussion on finances needs to look at the whole financial picture—including the Central Artery / Tunnel finance plan, and not just at more for bridges, although bridges are in dire need of attention at this time.

Preliminary TIP AMENDMENT FFY 2008-2011—the Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Federal Fiscal Years 2008-2011 Priscilla Leclerc began the discussion on the proposed TIP Amendment with pertinent project updates that were emailed late Thursday from Tim Kochan, MassHighway District 5.

After further discussion, and questions for Rachel Bain, EOT, on whether the Falmouth or Dennis bridge project and/or a design/build project could be inserted into the targeted amounts available, Priscilla reminded the group that with an MPO vote to release a TIP Amendment for public comment, the TIP Amendment will be on the December 7 CCJTC meeting agenda.

The CCJTC voted the following recommendation for the MPO on the TIP Amendment, with 8 in favor and Falmouth opposed:

TIP Year 2008

603894 Bourne Scenic Highway intersection improvements with Edgehill Road \$4.580 million
----- Cape Cod Project to be determined \$1.013 million
CMAQ 604882 Harwich Route 124 at Queen Anne Rd intersection improvements \$1.376 million

TIP Year 2009

604914 Barnstable Route 132 Boulevard Landscaping \$1.50 million
603609 Falmouth Route 28 Reine's Corner section \$1.90 million
----- Cape Cod Project to be determined \$2.103 million
CMAQ 605037 Dennis Route 28 and Route 134 intersection improvements \$1.376 million

TIP Year 2010

604096 Barnstable Route 28 Intersection Improvements at 3 locations \$3.00 million
604744 Sandwich Route 6 Ramps at Route 130 Intersection Improvements \$2.50 million
CMAQ ----- Cape Cod Project to be determined \$1.376 million

TIP Year 2011

604093 Barnstable Route 6 Ramps at Route 149 Intersection Improvements \$1.50 million
604488 Dennis-Yarm, Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension \$2.10 million
----- Cape Cod Project to be determined \$1.378 million
CMAQ 604488 Dennis-Yarm, Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension \$1.376 million

Rachel reported that she would provide any new information on the Cape's bridges as soon as there is an updated state list.

MPO election news

Bob Mumford reported that the MPO elections were held for representatives from sub-regions, and the results are:

Wayne Taylor, Mashpee Selectman—for Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee, Sandwich
Lawrence P. Cole, Ph.D., Harwich Selectman—for Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Harwich, Yarmouth
John Hinckley, Orleans Selectman—for Eastham, Orleans, Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet

An MPO meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2007, and the MPO will consider public release of the Draft TIP Amendment for FFY 2008-2011.

Other business / Public Comment

Barnstable Park and Ride Lot, Route 132

Chris Anzuoni, Plymouth & Brockton Street Railway, Co. (P&B), reported that there is a state hearing in Boston today on the proposed changes to park and ride lots and it includes a ban on overnight parking. Mr. Anzuoni added that local bus to Logan airport services, which are about 50% of the Barnstable Route 132 Park and Ride lot use, would be impacted by an overnight ban. He asked the opinion of the CCJTC on this matter, and if they could put a letter together to request that other options be considered before a ban is instituted.

With a motion by Greg Taylor to have Priscilla compose a letter for Bob Burgmann to sign for the CCJTC stating that there should not be a ban imposed on overnight parking while considering options, and include the CCJTC offer to lend assistance in the review and options for the Barnstable park and ride lot. The motion was seconded by Charleen Greenhalgh, and the CCJTC voted unanimously to send the letter.

Eastham Route 6 at Bracket Road intersection

Russ French, Eastham, and a member of the Local Planning Committee, suggested that the signal operations at the intersection of Route 6 and Bracket Road could be improved by an adjustment. He has observed congested related issues from the Old County Road and Bracket Road intersection leg, and a change in the signal phasing may alleviate issues.

Bob Burgmann, Chairman, offered that to begin the process the Town should send a letter to MassHighway, and if you have an engineer on board to collect data that assists in initiating the project.

Michael Ferreira, Assistant Town Administrator, Eastham, reported that the Town is hiring a traffic engineer to look at improvements

Russ French, Eastham, added that the North / South Route 6 vehicles are never queued for more than one light phase, and it is worth considering because a software fix could be accomplished as an interim measure, and would not take years where it may for a construction project.

Paul Tilton, Sandwich, suggested that it may not be a simple adjustment if the signal heads need to be changed.

It was mentioned that the intersection had been recently improved in 2004, and Bob Burgmann wrapped up the discussion by repeating that the best thing for the Town of Eastham to do is to begin the data collection and engineering effort.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment, and Discussion on Safety Study Locations

Bob Mumford reported that he had a request from the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA) to add \$70,000 for the CCRTA, in cooperation with the Town of Barnstable, to hire a consultant to study transit access into Hyannis and prepare a Transit Development Plan. Bob explained that this amount is from the Federal Transit Administration funds, and is in addition to the other UPWP items for Federal Fiscal Year 2008.

Bob also informed the group that Lev Malakhoff has been looking into the three safety study locations that were not yet specified in the UPWP, and turned it over to Lev.

Lev Malakhoff, Ph.D., Senior Transportation Engineer, reported that he looked geographically and from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) along with other studies to assemble the preliminary list before the group today. Lev asked for the CCJTC to consider the list, and determine their top 3-4 locations to look at safety improvements.

Discussion on safety study locations proposed in the UPWP ensued, and the group suggested that two of the locations on the list may be worth studying. The two intersections are:

- 1) Eastham Route 6 and Bracket Road intersection
- 2) Sandwich Route 6 off ramps at Route 130

Future Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee Meetings

Priscilla Leclerc reported that with a question to look into second Fridays for Rooms 11&12 availability in 2008, both the first and second Fridays are penciled in, but she needs to clear one set. Priscilla added that the only exception is in July, where the Fourth is on a Friday, so only the second Friday, July 13, is reserved for that month. Priscilla then asked for the CCJTC preference. After a brief discussion, and the information that the planners meetings are on second Fridays, Dr. Gross moved that the CCJTC meet on 1st Fridays of each month, seconded by Charleen Greenhalgh, and carried unanimously.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.