

Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee

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Cape Cod Commission Conference Room

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Minutes - Friday, June 5, 2009

<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
Robert Burgmann, P.E., Chairman	Town of Barnstable, Town Engineer
Rickie J. Tellier	Town of Bourne, DPW Director
Bob Bersin, P.E.	Town of Brewster, Director, Department of Public Works
Joe Rodricks, P.E.	Town of Dennis, Engineer
Paul Lagg	Town of Chatham, GIS
Neil Andres	Town of Eastham, Superintendent DPW
Paul Tilton, P.E.	Town of Sandwich, Director, Department of Public Works
Edward Gross, MD.	Bicycle Representative
Karst Hoogeboom	National Park Service / Cape Cod National Seashore
John D. Harris	Cape Cod Commission (CCC)
Nick Jackson	Toole Design Group
Nicole Freedman	City of Boston
John Fallender	Orleans / MassBike
Dennis Walsh	Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
Bill Travers	Mass Highway District 5
Timothy Kochan	Mass Highway District 5
Ed Maroney	<i>The Barnstable Patriot</i> Newspaper
Scott Lajoie	Executive Director, Hyannis Business Improvement District
John Pearson	Cape Rail, Inc.
Martha Hevenor	CCC Planner II
Patty Daley	CCC Director of Technical Services
Priscilla N. Leclerc	CCC Senior Transportation Planner
Lev Malakhoff, Ph.D.	CCC Senior Transportation Engineer
Clay Schofield	CCC Transportation Engineer
Andrew Koziol	CCC Transportation Analyst
Yesher Larsen	CCC Traffic Technician

Call to Order: Chairman Robert Burgmann, P.E., Barnstable, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:32 a.m., and added that the agenda order will be changed in order to have our Boston area guest presentations first, prior to committee business and the remaining agenda items.

Creative Solutions for Promotion of Bicycle Use Nicole Freedman, Director of Bicycling Programs, City of Boston, presented various aspects of promoting bicycle accommodation that have had success in Boston, while mentioning that the City received worst international bike city and was rated nationally among the worst cities for bicycling. Nicole continued to highlight the safety, traffic, health, and environmental benefits to encourage bicycling while reporting that not all the population would be converted. One of the major accomplishments a community can have to aid in a turn toward improving change for improved bicycling conditions is the support of key persons in the community—in Boston, Nicole pointed out that the Mayor became involved and assisted in the efforts. Nicole also provided slides with examples of techniques for accommodation in Boston and other places—and commented that the

Cape is a place where many bring bikes to use so it is beneficial to provide for bikes here. Funding of the bicycle facilities varies with a separate bike path costing about \$2 million per mile, while an on road bike lane runs around \$50,000 per mile.

Designing Bicycle-Friendly Roads Nick Jackson, Senior Planner at Toole Design Group, who had chimed in on various points during Nicole's presentation, followed with additional information on planning and design trends. His presentation included examples of engineering specifics related to proposed changes in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and the bicycle guidance update by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Nick also related information on the "Complete Streets" trend, and key changes that are helpful, like reducing available parking and charging for parking.

With questions on demand, community acceptance to integrate solutions, and other aspects of community change toward bicycling promotion, Nicole pointed out that with promotion during events—such as a bike to work week—about one-third try it and one-fourth stay with it. Nick added that marketing is needed, and not just infrastructure, for example, with a signed pledge a person is more likely to carry out the promise to bike that week. Both agreed that narrowing of lanes reduces speed and improves safety, while sidewalk riding increases crash risk to the bicyclist by 25%. Benefits over time include reducing life cycle costs of infrastructure with less traffic on the road, increasing health and quality of life for the residents. Nick provided Copenhagen as an example where 40-50% bike regularly today from the promotion and improved accommodation efforts that began in the late 1970's—about 30 years ago.

Nicole and Nick agreed that once the community vision for the complete streets effort is moved forward into a plan, then the implementation can be accomplished as those streets are improved or require maintenance.

Nominating Committee / Nominations / Elections Joe Rodricks, Nominating Committee Chairman, reported on the committees nominees for CCJTC officers, as on the slate provided in the email, and as follows:

George Allaire, Yarmouth, for Chairman
and Bob Burgmann, Barnstable, for Vice-Chairman.

Bob Burgmann, Chair, then requested any further nominations and hearing none, with a motion for the slate of nominations as presented, and a second, the CCJTC voted unanimously for George Allaire, Yarmouth, for Chairman and Bob Burgmann, Barnstable, for Vice-Chairman.

Minutes of May 1, 2009 With a motion by Rickie Tellier, Bourne, seconded by Bicycle Representative Dr. Gross, the minutes were approved.

Preliminary Draft Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2013 Priscilla Leclerc, Cape Cod Commission Senior Transportation Planner handed out the preliminary financial information for Cape Cod that was developed from the state spreadsheet provided at the Quarterly Issues Task Force meeting last week. Priscilla also reported that she met with Pam Haznar and others at MHD District 5 on projects for the next TIP. We have several projects all at the same design status level, and that means that, once again, the design status review may adjust the year one projects. Project evaluation will continue, with a TIP day for Cape Cod yet to be scheduled, and a preliminary TIP list for a CCJTC recommendation will be at the July CCJTC meeting. Due to the Boston Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) still not yet released, a new TIP may also be delayed, but the estimated schedule is to have a Draft TIP out for public review and comment by the MPO in July, with endorsement to be considered in August.

Other Business Dr. Gross, Bicycle Representative, reported that the Shining Sea Bikeway Phase II is essentially completed, and an [opening event](#) has been scheduled for [Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at Carlson Lane](#).

Bob Burgmann, reported that towns may want to have a look at a House Bill that was filed with mutual aid included.

Public Comment None.

Adjourn The CCJTC voted to adjourn at approximately 10:30 a.m.