

# Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee

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**Cape Cod Commission Conference Room**

**3225 Main Street (Route 6A), Barnstable, MA 02630**

**Minutes - Friday, March 6, 2009**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>
Robert Burgmann, P.E., Chairman	Town of Barnstable, Town Engineer
Rickie Tellier	Town of Bourne, Superintendent, Department of Public Works
Bob Bersin, P.E.	Town of Brewster, Director, Department of Public Works
Paul Lagg	Town of Chatham, GIS/ Community Development
Joe Rodricks, P.E.	Town of Dennis, Engineer
Neil Andres	Town of Eastham, Director, Department of Public Works
Marlene McCollem	Town of Falmouth, Assistant Town Planner
Mark Budnick	Town of Orleans, Highway Manager
Paul Tilton, P.E.	Town of Sandwich, Director, Department of Public Works
Charleen Greenhalgh	Town of Truro, Assistant Town Administrator
George Allaire, P.E.	Town of Yarmouth, Director, Department of Public Works
Edward Gross, M.D.	Bicycle Representative
Greg Taylor, P.E.	AECOM
Timothy Lefton	Greenman-Pederson Inc.
Pamela Haznar	Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) District 5
Robert Gregory	MHD District 5
Patty Daley	Cape Cod Commission (CCC) Technical Services Director
Priscilla N. Leclerc	CCC Senior Transportation Planner
Lev Malakhoff, Ph.D.	CCC Senior Transportation Engineer
Glenn Cannon, P.E.	CCC Transportation Engineer
Andrew Koziol	CCC Transportation Analyst
Rachel Bain (via telephone)	Executive Office of Transportation / Office of Transportation Planning (EOT/OTP)

**Call to Order:** Chairman Robert Burgmann, P.E., Barnstable, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:33 a.m.

**Minutes of February 6, 2009** With a motion to approve by George Allaire, seconded by Charleen Greenhalgh, the CCJTC voted to approve the minutes.

**Draft Unified Planning Work Program FY2009 Amendment** Priscilla Leclerc, CCC Senior Transportation Planner, summarized the proposed changes to the UPWP that the MPO had released for public review and comment at their meeting on February 25, 2009. Priscilla added that one reason to continue efforts from the Hyannis Access study and include the Willow Street / Yarmouth Road corridor now versus the Canal area, is the savings in new data collection due to the recent effort under the Hyannis Access study for that area. The Canal area study was postponed with the Sagamore improvements along with staff changes, and will need new data collection that could be collected by the beginning of the next UPWP.

-- Rachel Bain, EOT / OTP, joined the meeting via telephone, and agreed that the Willow St. / Yarmouth Rd. corridor study is an important effort.

Comments, discussion, and/or questions included:

Unfortunately, EOT did not include the Willow Street / Yarmouth Road corridor in the Hyannis Access Study so we need to look at it now as the last piece of the area puzzle

It will also include consideration of the alternatives for the Cape Cod Rail Trail extension

Joe Rodricks, Dennis, moved to recommend MPO approval of the Draft UPWP, and the vote carried unanimously.

**Rachel Bain, EOT/OTP**, mentioned that she had to attend another meeting and would be hanging up—and asked if there were any other questions for her. With a question for Rachel Bain related to the second round of stimulus funding, she replied that there are internal discussions on the options for stimulus round two, but the following requirements will hold:

- 1) Project needs to be federal aid eligible; \
- 2) All environmental reviews, etc., still need to be performed—there will be no waivers from federal requirements
- 3) Looking at trying to compress MHD review for project delivery.

Rachel concluded by saying that there will be more information on the second round stimulus in the future to the CCJTC and MPO.

**Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)** The CCJTC reviewed the list of projects for potential 2009 HSIP funding and established priority order as follows:

1. Sandwich Cotuit Road Harlow Road Sandwich
2. Yarmouth Mid Cape Highway (Rte 6) Station Avenue
3. Brewster Harwich Road (Rte 124) Tubman Road
4. Barnstable Falmouth Road (Rte 28) Bearses Way
5. Orleans /Eastham Eastham Rotary Route 6A Eastham Project
6. Dennis Cranberry Highway (Rte 6A) East West Dennis Rd (Rte 134)
7. Mashpee Great Neck Road North Old Barnstable Road
8. Barnstable Osterville West Barnstable Rd Falmouth Road (Rte 28)
9. Bourne Otis Air Force Base Rotary Macarthur Blvd (Rte 28)

Priscilla thanked the CCJTC, and promised to email out the priority list formulated today. Ms. Leclerc added that this list will be sent to MHD Safety for the HSIP committee, and with committee approval on the locations, crash records will be submitted, and Road Safety Audit meetings set up—possibly in April. Priscilla added that the list for 2009 is the state's list of top crash locations, and there is a difference many times between local and state data, and turned to Andy and Lev, CCC staff, who have been working to improve the safety data.

Andy Koziol, briefly reported on his experience sifting through the unlocated crashes for Cape Cod in 2008 that the state had advanced for review and possible locational information. He suggested that the CCJTC members encourage their local police to submit crash information in order to improve the data, and to be considered for the safety funding.

Suggestions for improving the crash record process, included having training for police staff on crash reports and submission, and more specifically, training that includes the relationship between safety at the scene and the potential for engineering improvements with better problem information and documentation of exactly what happened. As far as locational information, there should be GPS input for the crash location directly from the crash time / scene. The CCJTC suggested a letter to Selectman to encourage better reporting.

**Other business** Lev Malakhoff, CCC Senior Transportation Engineer, announced that the CCJTC should submit their requests for traffic counting location as soon as possible in order to have any consideration in the summer 2009 schedule.

**Public Comment** There was none.

**Adjourn** The CCJTC voted to adjourn at approximately 10:00 a.m.