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Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Superior Court House, Barnstable

Minutes, March 30, 2007

MPO Members and or Representatives / Ex-Officio Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Bernard McCourt	District Highway Director at MassHighway District 5 Office, representing Secretary Bernard Cohen, Executive Office of Transportation (EOT),
Mark Carmichael	District Projects Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) District 5 Office, representing Luisa Paiewonsky, MHD Commissioner
W. Bradford Crowell	Chairman, Cape Cod Commission (CCC)
Joseph Potzka	Administrator, Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), representing Brian Currie, Chairman, CCRTA
Paul Niedzwiecki	Assistant Town Manager, Barnstable, representing Janet Joakim, Town Council President
John P. Hinckley, Jr.	Orleans Selectman (Sub-region C: Eastham, Orleans, Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet)
Jane Otis	Dennis Selectman (Sub-region B: Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Harwich, Yarmouth)
Robert Burgmann, P.E.	Barnstable Representative & Chairman, Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee (CCJTC)
Wayne Lamson	General Manager, Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket Steamship Authority (SSA)

Other interested parties and staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Joseph Rodricks, P.E.	Engineer, Town of Dennis, and CCJTC Member
Robert Edwards	Yarmouth citizen
Richard F. Andres	Barnstable resident
Susan Rohrbach	Legislative Aide of Senator Robert O'Leary
Margo Fenn	Executive Director, Cape Cod Commission (CCC)
Timothy Kochan	MassHighway District 5 Office
Robert Mumford	CCC Transportation Program Manager
Priscilla Leclerc	CCC Senior Transportation Planner
Lev Malakhoff, Ph.D.	CCC Senior Transportation Engineer
Alan Huff	CCC Transportation Analyst

Call to Order / Introductions Bernard McCourt, Chairing for the Secretary of Transportation, EOT, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m., and began the self-introductions that continued around the room.

Minutes of February 27, 2007 The minutes were approved.

Cape Cod 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Lev Malakhoff, CCC Senior Transportation Engineer, presented comments and changes to the RTP from the Draft released for public review in February.

Bernard McCourt complemented staff by stating that the District 5 Office is very pleased with the RTP effort because it is the best RTP that has been seen in a long time—with a lot of work going into it.

Joe Potzka, Administrator of the CCRTA, representing Brian Currie, CCRTA Chairman, stated that the CCRTA Board did not act on the plan because there was too much to digest at last week's meeting. Priscilla Leclerc added that they did vote to change the Transit Marketing and Education to \$1,000,000, while Joe had suggested at a staff-level meeting combining it into the Transit Operating program. Mr. McCourt asked Joe Potzka for the CCRTA preference in listing of the transit marketing, and Joe replied that based on the Board's vote he would leave it separate for now at the \$1 million amount.

After a brief discussion on the changes to the Draft version of the RTP, the MPO discussed endorsement. The MPO considered endorsing the RTP with the changes explained today incorporated, followed by time to review the final plan—meanwhile the final RTP would be submitted to the state and federal partners allowing for state and federal reviews to begin. The MPO would then return at the next meeting with any issues, or, confirm that the published final RTP is as the MPO understands it to be today—since the final document is not before Members here. With a motion and second accepted by acting Chairman McCourt to endorse the Cape Cod 2007 Regional Transportation Plan as presented today, the MPO voted with 5 members for endorsement, and one abstention. The MPO then voted unanimously to confirm the Final RTP at the next meeting.

Public Participation Plan for Cape Cod (PPP) Priscilla Leclerc reported that the PPP is slated for an update, and had provided the existing PPP and the federal chart comparing legislative requirements for review and discussion by MPO Members. The MPO had no comments at this time. There will be a preliminary draft updated PPP provided for the next MPO meeting.

Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Priscilla Leclerc reported that there is information that a TIP Amendment for the current TIP will be required, and if so, it will need to move forward fairly quickly. There is no adjusted financial information available to the region yet.

Reports and Other Information

Project Updates—state and local project updates Specific updates were given on projects as requested, and the need for a state Transportation Bond Bill for 2006 projects to move forward was mentioned. Projects moving forward in design as reported by Mr. McCourt and Mr. Carmichael of MHD District 5, include:

- Bourne Scenic Highway project that is nearing 100% design in Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2007-2010 (TIP) year 2007.
- Falmouth Route 28 at Reine's Corner project, also in TIP year 2007, is tentatively scheduled for a MHD public hearing on May 17th.
- Bid openings on the 2006 TIP advertised projects are now scheduled for:
 - Sandwich Town Hall Square on May 8, 2007
 - Orleans Route 28 and Finlay Road on May 30, 2007
 - Dennis Swan River Road on June 20, 2007.
- On the Dennis Upper County Road Bridge, Mr. McCourt stated that he had just sent an email this week to the Department's Acting Chief Engineer to get that project moving forward—because additional elements of the bridge are now structural deficient—the project is now a full replacement.
- On the Barnstable Main Street Lighting project, the bid opening was rescheduled for this spring, but the bid opening date was not brought to this meeting.

Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee (CCJTC) Update There was no report.

Cape Cod Commission (CCC) Update There was no report.

Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA) Update Joe Potzka, CCRTA Administrator, announced that the dedication ceremony for the new Operations and Maintenance Center in Dennis is scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2007.

Public Comment There was none.

Other business /Next Meeting The next MPO meeting was scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2007, at 2:00 pm, and Jane Otis, Dennis, offered to check into the Dennis Town Hall for the meeting place.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.