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Minutes, Monday, January 26, 2009

MPO Members and or Representatives / Ex-Officio Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
David Mohler	Deputy Secretary/ Chairman, representing Secretary James A. Aloisi, Jr., Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works (EOTPW)
Pamela Haznar, P.E.	Projects Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) District 5 Office, representing Luisa Paiewonsky, MHD Commissioner
William Doherty	MPO Representative, Barnstable County Commissioners
John D. Harris	Chairman, Cape Cod Commission (CCC)
Ron Bergstrom	Chairman, Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA)
Wayne Taylor	Mashpee Selectman (Sub-region A: Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee, and Sandwich)
Lawrence Cole, Ph.D.	Harwich Selectman (Sub-region B: Yarmouth, Dennis, Harwich, Brewster, and Chatham)
Fred Gaechter	Truro Selectman (Sub-region C: Eastham, Orleans, Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet)
Mark Ells	Barnstable Town Council Representative
Wayne Lamson	Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket Steamship Authority (SSA)
Paul Maloney, P.E.	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Robert Burgmann, P.E.	Barnstable and Chairman of the Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee

Other interested parties and staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Ed Maroney	<i>The Barnstable Patriot</i>
Ed Silva	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Chris Anzuoni	Plymouth & Brockton Street Railway, Inc. (P&B)
Marcia King	Barnstable Town Manager's Office
Susan Rohrbach	Senator Robert O'Leary's Office
Neil Andres	Eastham DPW and Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee
Larry Nickulas	West Barnstable
Robert Edwards	Yarmouth citizen
Rachel Bain	EOTPW / Planning
Tim Kochan	Projects, Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) District 5 Office
Joseph Potzka, Jr.	Administrator, Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
Paul Niedzwiecki	Executive Director, Cape Cod Commission (CCC)
Patty Daley	Technical Services Director
Glenn Cannon, P.E.	CCC Transportation Engineer
Priscilla Leclerc	CCC Senior Transportation Planner
Lev Malakhoff, Ph.D.	CCC Senior Transportation Engineer
Andy Koziol	CCC Transportation Analyst

Call to Order / Introductions David Mohler, Deputy Secretary/ Chairman, representing Secretary James Aloisi, Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works (EOTPW), welcomed everyone as he called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m., and began the self-introductions that continued around the room.

Moment of Silence for John P. Hinckley, Jr., of Orleans David Mohler, EOTPW, commended John Hinckley's service on the MPO and locally, and a moment of silence in his memory followed.

Minutes of October 27, 2008 The minutes were approved unanimously.

Economic Stimulus for the nation and in Massachusetts--Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) AMENDMENT YEAR 2009 of the TIP for Federal Fiscal Years 2007-2010 Priscilla Leclerc, CCC Senior Transportation Planner, presented slides with an overview of the TIP process, and the proposed TIP Amendment to add Stimulus projects. Slides with proposed Cape Cod projects for stimulus funding from both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds were included. A list of EOTPW proposed stimulus projects was also provided. David Mohler, EOTPW, reported that the federal stimulus bill has about \$30 billion nationally for highways, and \$10 billion for transit nationwide. For Massachusetts, the federal highway amount is approximately \$500 million in economic stimulus funds, and about \$275 million in transit funds. The funds will be allocated through the STIP [State Transportation Improvement Program], as are other Title 23 funds. The projects must be ready to go and half of the funds need to be obligated in 180 days, with the remainder to be obligated by August 2010. FHWA funds will be by formula—4.59% for Cape Cod, and FTA 5307 funds will be allocated by formula to urbanized areas. Mr. Mohler added that due to the need to have the TIP Amendments completed, the MPO is asked to consider a shortened public comment time—to fifteen days.

Discussion, comments, and/or questions included:

- Question on having stimulus funds flow through to towns like Chapter 90—can look at it during the public comment period
- FHWA is not waving any project requirements
- Concern over operating funds for transit
- Tough for communities to come up with design funds in these tight budget times
- How would local projects be submitted for consideration? --would need to be in the TIP
- Projects would need to be on federal aid eligible roadways
- May not have to have PRC approval
- EOTPW list to consider for this TIP Amendment, and for the second half of stimulus funds there will be more time to consider other projects
- Add Steamship Authority dolphin project – amount is \$450,000

With a motion and second, the MPO voted to release, for a minimum fifteen day public comment period, the *Draft Year 2009 TIP Amendment January 2009*, with the proposed EOTPW project list and the Steamship Authority dolphin project added in year 2009.

Memorandum of Understanding Relating to the Comprehensive, Continuing, Cooperative Transportation Planning and Programming Process for the Cape Cod Massachusetts Region Priscilla Leclerc briefly reviewed a few items in the existing MOU that had not been addressed, such as adding an addendum with the now nine members of the MPO to the agreement, and the election of the Vice-Chairman. David Mohler asked for the MOU and the Election to be on the next MPO agenda.

Traffic Counting Summer 2008 Report Andrew Koziol, Cape Cod Commission Transportation Analyst, presented a slide show of the transportation data collection efforts, from vehicular count set-ups with 14 classifications, Turning Movement Counts at intersections, to Park & Ride Lot usage surveys and the labor intensive bicycle trail counts. Andy also displayed slides comparing the data from some of the approximately 4,000 counts at 1,000 locations. Andy mentioned that the data is used for input into programs that support transportation planning analysis efforts, including software for intersection analyses like VISSIM that the CCC recently acquired.

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Overview

Priscilla Leclerc presented the basics of the HSIP program to fund not just problem area locations, but to fund improvements that are geared to improving the safety problem at the location. Priscilla described the HSIP process, including the existence of the state level committee for review and approval of the proposed HSIP projects. Ms. Leclerc handed out the draft list of the 58 intersections on Cape Cod with the highest crashes from the Massachusetts

Highway Department based on geo-located Registry of Motor Vehicles 2004-2006 crashes. Priscilla reported that the HSIP list for Cape Cod relates to the TIP year 2009, because there is a targeted amount of HSIP funds for design –and the use of those funds is yet to be determined. Ms. Leclerc said that the next CCJTC meeting, the CCJTC will be asked to propose safety projects for 2009 design, and with HSIP approval, the design funds could be used to design improvements for a safety problem location, and the construction would be programmed in a later TIP year.

Reports and Other Information (1-4)

1) Project Updates—state and local project updates Pamela Haznar, P.E., MHD District 5 Office, reported project updates, including the following:

- Proposed stimulus resurfacing of Bourne Scenic Highway, Barnstable Route 6A, and Dennis Route 6A, are ready to go.
- Falmouth, Route 28 Reine's Corner is in the environmental process—needs the Order of Conditions—otherwise at 100%
- Barnstable Route 132 landscaping, the 100% design plans are under review by District 5
- Barnstable Route 28 three locations—design is at 75%
- Both the Barnstable at Route 149 and Sandwich at Route 130 project designs are at pre-25%
- Orleans, the intersection of Route 6A and Route 28, survey is underway for this project
- Bridges—Falmouth Chapoquoit bridge is in 2009, and the design of the Cohasset Narrows bridge is at 25%

Pam added that Route 6 resurfacing from Dennis to Orleans had been mentioned for possible stimulus, but there were patching and delineation being addressed, but she did not know of any resurfacing plans by highway maintenance.

David Mohler, EOTPW, thanked Pam Haznar of the MHD District 5 Office for the project updates.

2) Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee Update There was no CCJTC report at this time, Bob Burgmann, Chairman, reported, and added that the CCJTC will be meeting in February. Bob Burgmann then requested that Priscilla send out a list of the federal-aid eligible roadways to Towns. Priscilla agreed.

3) Cape Cod Commission Update There was no CCC report at this time.

4) Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA) Update Ron Bergstrom, CCRTA Chairman, reported that the CCRTA, now that Joe Potzka is leaving in September, will be looking to fill the Administrator position, and is holding an outreach meeting before the search to have input on what people are looking for in the next CCRTA Administrator. Ron Bergstrom, CCRTA Chairman, inquired about any changes to RTAs that may be forthcoming at the state level, with discussion on reorganization of transportation agencies in the news. David Mohler, EOTPW, replied that as of today, there is no change in legislation related to RTAs.

Other business/Next Meeting

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Bob Burgmann, Barnstable, inquired if the economic stimulus has the Buy America provision, and David Mohler replied that even if it is not required, it is good policy to stimulate national economy, and Massachusetts is looking to stimulate the local economy by looking for local contractors where feasible.

NEXT MEETING

David Mohler, Chairman, reported that the next meeting date preferred is Wednesday, February 25, in order for EOTPW to have the Southeastern Massachusetts MPO and Cape Cod MPO meetings on the same day. The time for the Southeastern Mass MPO has not yet been set, and so Cape Cod has the choice of morning or afternoon right now. The consensus was from those present at the Cape Cod MPO meeting to have an afternoon meeting, and Mr. Mohler said that the next Cape Cod MPO meeting would be at 1 PM or 2 PM on Wednesday, February 25.

Public Comment There was none.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:03 p.m.