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Minutes, Monday, July 20, 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	Projects, Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) District 5 Office, representing Luisa Paiewonsky, MHD Commissioner
William Doherty	MPO Representative, Barnstable County Commissioners
Lawrence Cole, Ph.D.	Harwich Selectman (Sub-region B: Yarmouth, Dennis, Harwich, Brewster, and Chatham)
John D. Harris	Chairman, Cape Cod Commission (CCC)
Karst Hoogeboom	Cape Cod National Seashore (CCNS)/ National Park Service
George Allaire, P.E.	Chairman, Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee (CCJTC)
Ed Silva	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Other interested parties and staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Edward S. Gross, MD.	CCJTC Bicycle Representative
Joanne O'Keefe	Cape Cod resident, Economic Development Committee in Sandwich
R.F. Andres	Barnstable
Sue Rohrbach	Senator Robert O'Leary
Joseph Potzka, Jr.	Administrator, Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
Rachel Bain	EOT
Patty Daley	Technical Services Director
Priscilla Leclerc	CCC Senior Transportation Planner
Lev Malakhoff, Ph.D.	CCC Senior Transportation Engineer
Andy Koziol	CCC Transportation Analyst
Clay Schofield	CCC Transportation Engineer

Call to Order / Introductions David Mohler, Deputy Secretary/ Chairman, representing Secretary James Aloisi, Jr., Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works (EOTPW), welcomed everyone as he called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m., and began the self-introductions that continued around the room.

Minutes of March 30, 2009 With a motion by Bill Doherty, County Commissioner, seconded by John Harris, CCC, the MPO members voted to approve the minutes, with one abstention due to absence from the previous meeting.

MPO Election Process Priscilla Leclerc, CCC, reported that under the 2005 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), elections in the MPO sub-regions are every two years, and will be held this fall. Priscilla handed out draft materials for the upcoming elections along with the proposed schedule.

Public Participation Plan Addendum The Addendum to the PPP was distributed for review and discussion. David Mohler, EOT, reported that this proposed change is in response to a federal request to have a shortened public comment period time frame in the public participation process, in case it is necessary to allow for an expedited MPO process. Priscilla Leclerc, CCC, added that the Addendum for the PPP here requires a vote by the MPO in order for the public comment period to be shortened from 30 days to 15 days. The PPP Addendum has been posted on the web site since June 26, 2009.

Economic Stimulus Update—American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009—Massachusetts Economic Stimulus Transportation Projects Update Rachel Bain, EOT, reported that Massachusetts met the requirement for the amount to be obligated in the first 120 days, and there are 22 projects with Notices to Proceed (NTP), so far. Rachel added that for the ARRA projects, the time frame from advertising to NTP has been cut in half.

Questions / comments included: and *response*

- How much is the minimum cost for a design build project? *\$5 million*
- How many projects were completed that were initiated by cities and towns? *Not sure, but highway projects need to have been through MHD process, PRC, design review, etc., In the first round, shovel ready projects were inserted in the TIP Amendments.*
- Considering the TIGER grant stimulus opportunity and wonder if right-of-way (ROW) acquisition is a feasible cost? *EOT is not spending stimulus on ROW because there are not a lot of jobs produced.*
- On the transit side, there is an allowable 10% of capital that may be used for operating—how will that be handled for the RTAs? *EOT will flex that money.*

David Mohler, EOT, said that Rachel Bain is the contact for stimulus program and any further questions should be directed to Rachel.

Preliminary Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Federal Fiscal Year 2010– Patricia Daley, Cape Cod Commission (CCC) Technical Services Director, presented an overview of the preliminary draft UPWP.

Comments and/or questions included: and *response*

- Concern about engaging the Army Corps of Engineers in the Canal area discussion—*the Army Corps will be included in the planning process.*
- Comment about the list of previous documents—*this list will be updated.*

Following the discussion, Bill Doherty moved that the Draft UPWP be released for public comment period, and with a second by John Harris, the motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary Draft Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2013 – Priscilla Leclerc, CCC Senior Transportation Planner, presented a few slides on the preliminary draft TIP, while updating the MPO members on the Boston Regional Transportation Plan scheduled release expected in late August—August 20 by the latest EOT schedule. With the schedule for official release of the Transportation Improvement Programs delayed, Priscilla requested that the MPO vote to release the 2010-2013 project list for discussion and continued outreach at this time. The MPO voted to release the 2010-2013 project list to the public.

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:

- Barnstable Route 132 landscaping was advertised on May 9, bids were opened July 14, and a contract award is pending.
- Barnstable Route 28 intersections (Rte. 149, So. County and Lumbert Mill Rds.), was advertised on June 27, and the bid opening is scheduled for September 1.
- Barnstable signal and intersection improvements at Route 149 and Route 6, the 25% design is under review by MassHighway.
- Barnstable U.S. Route 6 bridge over Route 132 is on the Accelerated Bridge Program.
- Bourne / Wareham Bridge replacement over the Cohasset Narrows is on the Accelerated Bridge Program at 25% design with the public hearing set for August 12.
- Other Cape Cod bridges under design in the Accelerated Bridge Program are the Chatham bridge over Mitchell River, the Dennis Upper County Road bridge, and the Dennis Route 28/Main St. bridge over Swan Pond River.
- Dennis Route 6 bridge over the Bass River; the weight restrictions have been removed due to further more detailed testing of the structure.
- Chatham submitted project forms to the District for Route 28 between Barn Hill Road and George Ryder Road, and for Queen Anne Road, Crowell Road and Depot Ave. MHD District 5 met with Town officials and further advancement to define the project is needed for the next Project Information Form stage.
- Falmouth, Chapoquoit Bridge, is in year 2009 of the TIP and 100% design is under review
- Falmouth, Route 28 Reine's Corner, at 100% and Project, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&Es) are being prepared so it can be advertised
- Falmouth submitted two intersection project forms for Route 28 and the easterly end of Jones Road, and at the intersection of Davisville Road and Old Meetinghouse Road; these will be submitted to the Project Review Committee (PRC) in November.
- Harwich, Route 137 reconstruction from Queen Anne Road to the Brewster town line is on the draft TIP in 2011
- Sandwich, intersection improvements of Route 6 at Route 130
- Orleans, Route 6A at Route 28, MHD District met with the Selectmen last week, and they are potentially interested in a roundabout at this location
- Yarmouth, Old Town House Rd. at Forest Rd., MHD is waiting for the revised 25% design to be submitted
- Dennis, Yarmouth, the Cape Cod Rail Trail extension is of local and regional significance.

2) Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee Update George Allaire, Chair, CCJTC, stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

3) Cape Cod Commission Update Patty mentioned that the Open Cape effort to improve infrastructure for communications should be kept in mind as roads are opened for construction. Clay mentioned the video produced with Mary Richardson of channel 5 to promote the Flex bus service is on the web site, and ridership was up 17% in June.

4) Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA) Update Joseph Potzka, Jr., Administrator, reported that the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority is proceeding with services and projects under the stimulus /ARRA funding. CCRTA incorporating energy savings into the design of the bus shelters with a solar powered component, and looking at a wind turbine for the operations center.

Other business/Next Meeting David Mohler, Chairman, inquired about the next Cape Cod MPO meeting date and time, and after a brief discussion, the next meeting was set for Monday, August 24, 2009 at noon.

Public Comment There was none.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.