



# Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Approved Minutes | December 16, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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## Roll Call/Attendance

<u>Members/Designees</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
David Mohler	MassDOT, <i>Representing Monica Tibbits-Nutt</i>	Present
Shaun Handy	MassDOT District 5, <i>Representing Jonathan Gulliver</i>	Present
Harold Mitchell	Cape Cod Commission	Present
Robert Lawton	Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority	Present
Mark Forest	Barnstable County Commissioners	Absent
Brian Weeden	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council	Absent
Daniel Santos	Town of Barnstable	Present
Scott Zylinski	Sub-region A: Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee & Sandwich	Present
Jeff Colby	Sub-region B: Dennis & Yarmouth - <i>Representing Peter Smith</i>	Present
Kevin Galligan	Sub-region C: Brewster, Chatham, Harwich & Orleans	Present
Leslie Sandberg	Sub-region D: Eastham, Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet	Absent

### Ex-officio Members

Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee	Absent
NPS/CC National Seashore	Absent
US Army Corps of Engineers/Cape Cod Canal	Absent
Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket Steamship Authority	Absent
Federal Highway Administration	Absent
Federal Transit Administration	Absent

### Also Present

David Nolan	Cape Cod Commission
Steven Tupper	Cape Cod Commission
Joyia Smikle	Cape Cod Commission
Colleen Medeiros	Cape Cod Commission
Evan Costa	Cape Cod Commission
David Still	Cape Cod Commission
Sarah Colvin	Cape Cod Commission
Deb Shores	Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
Miranda Briseno	MassDOT
Barbara Lachance	MassDOT
Derek Shooster	MassDOT

Derek Krevat	MassDOT
Michelle Scott	MassDOT
Andrew Wang	MassDOT
Thomas Andrade	Town of Dennis
John York	
Stephen Buckley	

## Call to Order/Introductions

David Mohler called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Steven Tupper provided instructions for participation in the virtual meeting and noted that the meeting was being held remotely, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, as further amended by Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023. The roll was called to determine which members were participating remotely, as reflected in the roll call vote listed above. Attendees were invited to introduce themselves.

## Potential approval of prior meeting minutes

A motion to approve the draft minutes of the November 18, 2024, meeting was made by Kevin Galligan, second by Scott Zylinski. Members voted as follows:

David Mohler	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Harold Mitchell	Abstain
Robert Lawton	Aye
Daniel Santos	Aye
Scott Zylinski	Aye
Jeff Colby	Abstain
Kevin Galligan	Aye

The motion passed.

## Public Comment

Stephen Buckley shared he asked what the traffic capacity of the proposed Canal bridges would be when he attended the last open house for the project. Mr. Buckley shared that he did not receive an answer to this question and that the next step of the draft Environmental Impact Statement would be the last time for the public to comment on the project and receive responses from MassDOT. Mr. Buckley suggested the Canal Bridges Project Manager and the Federal Highway Administration point of contact should attend a meeting before the draft Environmental Impact Statement is released to answer questions related to the project from the public.

John York shared he attended the Cape Cod Bridges open house. Mr. York shared the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) had a table, but there was no representative from FHWA. Mr. York suggested FHWA

should be better represented at open house meetings and to be available to field questions from the public. Mr. York asked to provide additional comments about the Cape Cod Vision Zero Safety Action Plan agenda item.

**FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2:** *Staff will review, and Committee members will consider public comments on and may vote to endorse, draft Amendment #2 to the TIP, which would adjust the funding sources for the Bourne Route 6 Scenic Highway Median Installation project, add a SMART Microgrid at the Cape Cod Airport project, and add funding for Phase 1 (Sagamore Bridge) of the Cape Cod Bridges Program.*

Colleen Medeiros reviewed FFY 2025-2029 TIP Amendment 2 which includes the following project funding:

- **Bourne Scene Highway Median (#606082):** Added \$4,604,167 of CMAQ funding in FFY 2026 as a new funding source
- **Federal SMART Discretionary Grant, Cape Cod Gateway Airport Microgrid Project:** \$1,950,000 to be programmed in FFY 2025
- **Federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Discretionary Grant, Sagamore Bridge:** \$365,420,000 to be programmed in FFY 2025-2029

Ms. Medeiros shared a total of 8 public comments were received during the 21-day public comment period that were all in favor of the BIP Discretionary Grant for the Sagamore Bridge. Comments were received from Senator Susan Moran, Town of Barnstable, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, Southeastern MA Building Trades Council, Eldredge and Bourne Moving and Storage, Cape Cod Cooperative Bank, Dorothy Savarese, North Atlantic States of Regional Council of Carpenters Local 346.

Ms. Medeiros shared MassDOT’s public comment that included a revised cash flow document with an updated amount for the BIP Discretionary Grant for the Sagamore Bridge. The total amount now programmed between FFY 2025-2029 is \$480 million, with a note that an additional \$1.057 billion will be programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) between FFY 2030-2024.

A motion to endorse FFY 2025-2029 TIP Amendment 2 as presented was made by Harold Mitchell second by Kevin Galligan. Members voted as follows:

David Mohler	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Harold Mitchell	Aye
Robert Lawton	Aye
Daniel Santos	Aye

Scott Zylinski	Aye
Jeff Colby	Aye
Kevin Galligan	Aye

The motion passed.

**Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Statewide Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP) – Solicitation of Projects:** *Staff will present, and members may vote to approve, a regional list of roadway projects to submit to MassDOT for inclusion in the Resilience Improvement Plan for potential federal grants.*

Steven Tupper reviewed the FHWA PROTECT Grant, which is available to eligible applicants including states, local governments (including counties), RTAs, and recognized tribes. Eligible activities include planning and or constructing surface infrastructure related to resiliency. Approximately \$576 million is available for the FFY 2024-2025 round and approximately \$300 million is available for FFY 2026. There is a 20% non-federal match required, though the match can be reduced to 7% if the project is in the state's RIP and by 3% if the project is in the Regional Transportation Plan. Applications are due February 24, 2025.

Mr. Tupper shared MassDOT will be soliciting transportation projects to include in the Statewide Resilience Plan (RIP). Projects that are included in the RIP will not require a Benefit-Cost Analysis if a PROTECT grant for that project is pursued. Regionally endorsed lists prepared by regional planning agencies are recommended to have an endorsement from their MPO for inclusion on the RIP. Submitted projects will be evaluated for inclusion in the RIP according to the resilience priorities established in the state's RIP document.

Mr. Tupper then briefly reviewed the initial draft list of projects for potential inclusion on the State's RIP and encouraged members to review and consider the list for endorsement. Mr. Tupper highlighted the priority projects that were identified through the Commission's [Regional Low Lying Roads](#) project for each town were selected to be included in the State's RIP. Mr. Tupper shared the draft list was supported by the Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee at their last meeting. Mr. Tupper that the MPO could approve the draft list today and instruct staff to prepare and submit a final list after consultation with towns who may want to add additional qualifying projects. The list is due to MassDOT by January 15, 2024, and the final list will be shared with MPO members at their next meeting in January. The Commission will also coordinate with potential towns to pursue PROTECT grant funding for any of these eligible Low Lying roads projects.

Kevin Galligan shared the Healy-Driscoll administration set up a federal funds infrastructure department and a federal funds bill that passed in the State Senate last year. Mr. Galligan shared the bill provided \$750 million over 3 years to assist local applicants for match funding, and an

additional \$12 million municipal technical assistance.

A motion to approve the regional list of roadway resiliency projects, with the potential for additional projects to be added by staff based on follow-up conversation with towns, for inclusion in the RIP was made by Harold Mitchell, second by Kevin Galligan. Members voted as follows:

David Mohler	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Harold Mitchell	Aye
Robert Lawton	Aye
Daniel Santos	Aye
Scott Zylinski	Aye
Jeff Colby	Aye
Kevin Galligan	Aye

The motion passed.

**Cape Cod Vision Zero Safety Action Plan:** *Staff will provide an update on the Vision Zero Safety Action Plan project. The Vision Zero Safety Action Plan project will develop a comprehensive safety action plan to reduce and eliminate serious-injury and fatal motor vehicle crashes affecting all roadway users on Cape Cod.*

Colleen Medeiros provided an update for the Cape Cod Vision Zero Safety Plan. Ms. Medeiros provided an update on the public outreach events that were held in the Fall including three public meetings and three focus groups. Ms. Medeiros shared the online public comment tool for is coming to a close at the end of the year with nearly 700 public comments received so far.

Ms. Medeiros asked members for feedback on the potential Vision Zero goal year for eliminating serious injury and fatal motor vehicle crashes in the region. Ms. Medeiros provided examples of different Massachusetts counties, cities, and towns with their chosen years meet Vision Zero goals. A potential goal to reach zero fatalities for Cape Cod could be the year 2040 or 2050 with staff recommending 2050 as a potential reasonable goal. Ms. Medeiros encouraged member feedback so work on a commitment statement from the MPO can begin. Once finalized, the Regional Safety Action Plan and the Vision Zero goal will make each town eligible to apply for a Safe Streets for All Implementation Grant. Towns are strongly encouraged to make their own commitment which could include adopting a town Vision Zero policy, amending Complete Street policy to reference Vision Zero, or signing an endorsement letter or Memorandum of Understanding.

John York suggested future projects should involve a requirement to comply with the Vision Zero

Safety Action Plan.

## Reports

*MassDOT staff will discuss the status of the Transportation Improvement Program projects and the Cape Cod Canal Area Transportation Improvement Program. Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority and Cape Cod Commission staff will report on recent and upcoming transportation initiatives across Cape Cod.*

### MassDOT

Barbara Lachance provided updates for MassDOT.

#### FFY2024

- **Dennis/Yarmouth (612574) – Bass River bridge replacement** – project advertised/bid opening rescheduled for January 14, 2025

#### FFY 2025

- **Dennis/Harwich (608742) – Route 28 reconstruction** – at 75% design/ revised schedule needed
- **Barnstable (612053) – Bridge Preservation Oak Street over Route 6** –25/75% design plans under review
- **Bourne to Braintree (610714) – Guide and traffic sign replacement Route 3** – Project advertised/Bid opening scheduled for January 7, 2025
- **Bourne/Sandwich (612053) – Resurfacing and related work on Route 6** – at 75% design/design review complete
- **Harwich (610670) – Harwich Elementary School Safe Routes to School** – at 75/100% design received December 9, 2024, and is under review

#### FFY 2026

- **Provincetown (608744) – Corridor Improvements Shank Painter Road** – at 75% design/ 100% design due February 2025

#### FFY 2027

- **Barnstable (610800) – Park and Ride expansion and improvements at Route 132** – at 100% design/comment resolution meeting held November 2, 2024/ PS&E submission anticipated January 2025

#### FFY 2028

- **Chatham (607405) – Intersection improvements and related work at Main St, Depot Rd, Queen Anne Rd and Corwell Rd** – DJW revision 3 review complete/revised 25% design anticipated August 2025
- **Dennis (608196) – Corridor and streetscape improvements Route 28** – 25% design due November 2024

#### FFY 2029

- **Yarmouth (608264) – Corridor improvements Route 28** – at 25% design/75% design due February 2025

Stephen Buckley asked when the notice for 25% design public hearing would be for the Chatham Crowell Road project. Ms. Lachance shared the DJW review has been completed and a 25% design is expected in August 2025. Mr. Buckley asked if the public hearing would take place after the 25% design submittal. Shaun Handy shared after the 25% design is submitted and reviewed, a public hearing would be announced.

### **CCRTA Updates**

Deb Shores provided the update for the CCRTA. Ms. Shores shared the CCRTA is transitioning to its new Go-Card to replace the Charlie card fare system. The transition will start in January and riders can add funds to their card through the CCRTA GO-card smart phone application. Ms. Shores shared the application also allows real time data to allow riders to track buses with their arrival times. Cards are available at the Hyannis Transportation Center and drivers will also have cards available.

### **CCC Updates**

Steven Tupper provided the update for the Commission. Mr. Tupper shared the meeting materials from the November 18, 2024, MassDOT Cape Cod Bridges Project open house are now available online. Materials have been posts to <https://www.mass.gov/Cape-Bridges>.

Mr. Tupper shared the Steamship Authority christened their new ferry, the MV Barnstable. Mr. Tupper highlighted part of the funding for the new ferry was made possible as part of the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Tupper thanked the Commission's transportation staff as their efforts conducting ferry surveys led to a successful effort in obtaining the funds for the ferry.

Mr. Tupper shared the following grant opportunities:

- MassDOT Shared Streets and spaces
  - Due January 13, 2025
  - Up to \$250,000 grants available for quick-build projects
- MassTrails
  - Due February 3, 2025
  - Up to \$500,000 grants available for path projects
- MA Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) Culvert Replacement Project
  - Inquiry/expression of interest calls due January 10, 2025
  - <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/culvert-replacement-municipal-assistance-grant-program>

Mr. Tupper shared the following upcoming meeting:

- (Virtual) MassDOT Vulnerable Roadway Users (VRU) systemic Safety Project – State-owned bus stops on Wednesday December 18, 2024, at 6PM. More info at [www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events](https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events)

Mr. Tupper shared a new flyover LIDAR for planimetric data collection will take place in 2025. The data collected will include transportation, boundaries, utilities, hydrographic, recreation, structures, and vegetation. Mr. Tupper shared planning and design projects use the data collected.

Mr. Tupper reminded members of their requirement to complete the Summary of the law for 2024 and Ethics training. Members with outstanding ethics tasks are required to complete them by December 31, 2024.

Mr. Tupper shared the MassDOT Public Participation Plan is currently out for public comment. The survey can be accessed at <https://mass.gov/forms/massdot-public-participation-survey> and comments are due January 10, 2025.

Mr. Tupper reviewed the 2025 MPO meeting calendar and informed members that they would receive a calendar invitation from Commission staff for the 2025 meetings.

Stephen Buckley asked if public comments are made on the MassDOT Public Participation Plan will that version go to FHWA for approval. David Mohler shared all public comments would be reviewed and addressed before final approval. Mr. Buckley asked if the public comments would be made available to the public. Mr. Mohler shared he would follow up after the meeting.

## **New Business**

*Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair more than 48 hours before the meeting.*

No new business was discussed.

## **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Harold Mitchell, second by Scott Zylinski. Members voted as follows:

David Mohler	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Harold Mitchell	Aye
Robert Lawton	Aye
Daniel Santos	Audio issues/Left meeting
Scott Zylinski	Aye
Jeff Colby	Aye
Kevin Galligan	Aye

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.





## **Documents Used/Received**

2024-12-16 CCMPO Meeting PowerPoint Presentation

2024-11-18 CCMPO DRAFT Minutes

2024-12-16 CCMPO Agenda

2024-12-16 CCMPO Revised Agenda

613604-613606 MassDOT VRU Bus Stops Project Info meeting

Cape Cod MPO 2025 Meeting Calendar

FFY 2025-2029 TIP Amendment 2 for CCMPO review

FFY 2025-2029 TIP Amendment 2 for public comment

FFY 2025-2029 TIP Amendment public comment summary for CCMPO review