

April 28, 2021
6:30 PM Regular Meeting
Virtual SRPEDD Commission Meeting

To register for the meeting

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome
2. *Presentation*: Chris Kluchman, Deputy Director, Community Svcs Div., Dept. of Housing and Community Development, with an update on recent changes/latest guidance regarding state Zoning Act (M.G.L. Chapter 40A)- See [Mass.gov website](#) *
3. Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2021* (*Vote requested*)
4. Reports
 - a. Chair
 - b. Executive Director
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Regional Reviews* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
 - b. Contracts* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee * (*Vote to receive report and place on file*)
 - FY'21 Q3 Budget Update
 - b. Personnel Committee * (*Vote to receive report and place on file*)
 - c. Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
7. Funding Availability Notifications and Letter of Support Requests
 - a. Div. of Local Services (DLS)- 4/14 [COVID-Related Federal Funding Information](#) *
 - b. [Community One-Stop for Growth](#) applications accepted May 3 – June 4
 - c. 3/29 Letter on behalf of BCC National Offshore Wind Institute (NOWI)
8. Program and Project Updates
 - a. Update on SRPEDD Economic Dev. Administration (EDA)-Funded Initiatives *
9. Old Business
 - a. Technical Assistance, 2021 DLTA Award Summary * (*Vote receive/place on file*)
 - b. US Census Release Dates *
 - c. Last Call for SRPEDD 2021 Annual Award Nominations *
10. New Business
11. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest
12. Adjourn

FUTURE MEETINGS: May 26, 2021 (remote Annual Meeting); June 23, 2021; July 28, 2021;
No Mtg in August; September 22, 2021; October 27, 2021

NOTE: An Exec. Cmte Meeting will be convened in the absence of a Commission quorum.

*Attached



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**GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS ON
 DETERMINING VOTING THRESHOLDS FOR
ZONING ORDINANCES AND BYLAWS**

Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020 (sometimes referred to as the economic development legislation of 2020) made several amendments to Chapter 40A of the General Laws, commonly known as the Zoning Act. Among these amendments are (1) changes to section 5 of the Zoning Act, which reduce the number of votes required to enact certain kinds of zoning ordinances and bylaws from a $\frac{2}{3}$ supermajority to a simple majority; and (2) changes to section 9 of the Zoning Act, making similar changes to the voting thresholds for the issuance of certain kinds of special permits.

Section 100 of said chapter 358 directs “[t]he executive office of housing and economic development [to] issue guidance to assist local officials in determining the voting thresholds for various zoning amendments. Such guidance shall be assembled in consultation with the department of housing and community development, the Massachusetts attorney general’s municipal law unit, and Massachusetts Housing Partnership.” This guidance is intended to comply with that directive.

1. Where does the Zoning Act apply?

The Zoning Act applies to all cities and towns in Massachusetts except the City of Boston, which has its own zoning enabling act.

2. What kinds of zoning ordinance or bylaw can be enacted with a simple majority vote?

Under the newly amended section 5 of the Zoning Act, a zoning ordinance or bylaw can be enacted by a simple majority vote, rather than the $\frac{2}{3}$ supermajority that applies to other zoning amendments, if that ordinance or bylaw does any of the following:

- a. Allows for multi-family housing or mixed-use developments “as of right” in an eligible location.
- b. Allows for open space residential development as of right.

- c. Allows accessory dwelling units, either within the principal dwelling or within a detached structure on the same lot, as-of-right.
- d. Allows by special permit accessory dwelling units in a detached structure on the same lot.
- e. Reduces the parking requirements for residential or mixed-use development under a special permit.
- f. Permits an increase in the permissible density of population or intensity of a particular use in a proposed multi-family or mixed-use development that requires a special permit.
- g. Changes dimensional standards such as lot coverage or floor area ratio, height, setbacks, minimum open space coverage, parking, building coverage to allow for the construction of additional residential units on a particular parcel or parcels of land.
- h. Provides for transfer of development rights zoning or natural resource protection zoning in instances where the adoption of such zoning promotes concentration of development in areas that the municipality deems most appropriate for such development, but will not result in a diminution in the maximum number of housing units that could be developed within the municipality.
- i. Adopts a smart growth or starter home district in accordance with section 3 of Chapter 40R of the General Laws.

Key terms such as “multi-family housing,” “mixed-use development,” “accessory dwelling unit,” “transfer of development rights zoning,” “natural resource protection zoning,” and “eligible location” are now defined in section 1A of the Zoning Act.

3. Who decides which voting threshold applies to a particular zoning proposal?

Section 5 does not specify who determines whether a proposed zoning ordinance or bylaw is the kind that can be approved by a simple majority vote. The proponent of a zoning ordinance or bylaw that allows or facilitates the development of new housing should include in the petition a statement explaining if it meets any of the criteria for being approved by a simple majority vote. The Zoning Act provides that no vote on a proposed zoning amendment may occur until after the planning board in a city or town, and the city council (or a committee designated or appointed by the council) each has held a public hearing on the proposal. Additionally, no vote to adopt a zoning ordinance or bylaw may be taken until the planning board has submitted a report and recommendations to the town meeting or city council, or 21 days have elapsed after the hearing without submission of such report. It is recommended that the planning board, after consultation with municipal legal counsel, include in this report a determination of which voting threshold applies to the zoning proposal. The legislative body’s vote consistent with that recommendation will affirm the voting threshold.

Under section 32 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, all zoning bylaws adopted by a town must be submitted to the Attorney General for review and approval. A request for approval must

include adequate proof that the town has complied with all of the procedural requirements for the adoption of the bylaw. If the Attorney General finds an inconsistency between the proposed bylaw and state law, the bylaw or portions of it may be disapproved.

4. How do I know if a particular land area qualifies as an eligible location?

Section 1A of the Zoning Act defines “eligible locations” as areas that by virtue of their infrastructure, transportation access, existing underutilized facilities or location make highly suitable locations for residential or mixed use smart growth zoning districts or starter home zoning districts, including without limitation: (i) areas near transit stations, including rapid transit, commuter rail and bus and ferry terminals; or (ii) areas of concentrated development, including town and city centers, other existing commercial districts in cities and towns and existing rural village districts.

Section 5 does not specify who determines whether the land area subject to a proposed zoning ordinance or bylaw is an eligible location. The proponent of a zoning ordinance or bylaw that allows or facilitates the development of new housing should include in the petition explaining if the land area affected meets any of the criteria for an eligible location. As noted above, no vote to adopt a zoning ordinance or bylaw may be taken until the proposal has received a public hearing and the planning board has submitted a report with recommendations to the town meeting or city council, or 21 days have elapsed after the hearing without submission of such report. It is recommended that the planning board, after consultation with municipal counsel, include in this report a determination of whether the affected land area is an eligible location, when such a determination is relevant to the voting threshold.

5. Is there any additional guidance for determining eligible locations?

The same definition of “eligible location” that appears in section 1A of Chapter 40A also appears in section 2 of Chapter 40R. The regulations implementing Chapter 40R (760 CMR 59) set forth detailed criteria that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) applies when it determines if a land area is an eligible location under that statute. Although 760 CMR 59 does not apply to Chapter 40A, municipalities may reasonably look to those regulations for additional guidance on what areas should be deemed eligible locations under Chapter 40A.

Under the statutory definition, a land area qualifies as an eligible location if it is located “near” a transit station, including rapid transit, commuter rail or bus or ferry terminals. Any parcel that is at least partially within 0.5 miles of the kind of transit station listed should be deemed to be an eligible location.

In addition, the statute includes within the definition of “eligible location” parcels that are within “an area of concentrated development, including a town or city enter, or other existing commercial districts, or existing rural village district.”

All other land areas may be determined to be “eligible locations” if, in the judgment of the planning board, the land area is a highly suitable location for residential or mixed-use development based on its infrastructure, transportation access, or existing underutilized facilities.

If there is uncertainty about whether a zoning proposal affects an eligible location, the municipality may request an advisory opinion from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. Such a request must be made by the mayor, city council, board of aldermen, or planning board (when the zoning amendment is proposed in a city); or by the select board or planning board (when the zoning amendment is proposed in a town). A request may not be made by an individual member of the council or board. Communities are encouraged to submit their request for an advisory opinion as early as possible in the zoning amendment process. The request should be made by completing the application at the following website: www.mass.gov/forms/request-an-advisory-opinion-on-ch40a-eligible-locations. EOHED will endeavor to provide a written advisory opinion within 30 days of receipt of a complete request.

6. What happens if a proposed zoning ordinance or bylaw includes some changes that can be adopted with simple majority vote, and other changes that require a $\frac{2}{3}$ supermajority?

Section 5 as amended provides that “any amendment that requires a simple majority vote shall not be combined with amendments that require a two-thirds majority vote.” A proposed zoning amendment cannot be adopted by a simple majority vote if it is combined with an amendment that requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ supermajority. Drafters of new zoning proposals should take care not to combine provisions that require different voting thresholds, so that proposals that will encourage new housing production will get the benefit of the simple majority threshold. If a municipality desires to combine proposals with different voting thresholds, the municipality should first confer with municipal counsel, and review the guidance issued by EOHED. In the case of a zoning bylaw amendment being considered at town meeting, the Town Moderator has authority to “preside and regulate the proceedings, and decide all questions of order”—potentially including the required quantum of vote—pursuant to G.L. c. 39, § 15. If the town meeting approves the amendment, will be subject to the review and approval of the Attorney General pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32. *(Updated: April 9, 2021)*

7. What is a special permit and what are the required thresholds for special permit votes?

Section 9 of the Zoning Act provides that zoning ordinances or bylaws can provide for specific types of uses which shall only be permitted in specified districts upon the issuance of a special permit. Zoning ordinances or bylaws may also provide for special permits authorizing increases in density or intensity of a particular use in a proposed development if the petitioner or applicant agrees to conditions that serve the public interest. Special permits may also issue for other purposes set forth in section 9.

A special permit can be granted a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of boards with more than 5 members, a vote of at least 4 members of a 5-member board, and a unanimous vote of a 3-member board. But, the recent amendments to section 9 provide that a special permit may be issued by a simple majority vote if the special permit does any of the following:

- Permits multi-family housing that is located within ½ mile of a commuter rail station, subway station, ferry terminal or bus station; provided that not less than 10% of the housing is affordable to and occupied by households whose annual income is less than 80% of the area median income and affordability is assured for a period of not less than 30 years through the use of an affordable housing restriction as defined in section 31 of chapter 184.
- Permits mixed-use development in centers of commercial activity within a municipality, including town and city centers, other commercial districts in cities and towns and rural village districts; provided, that not less than 10% of the housing meets the same standard of affordability as noted above.
- Permits a reduced parking space to residential unit ratio requirement, provided such reduction in the parking requirement will result in the production of additional housing units.

8. Where can I find additional guidance about the voting thresholds for zoning ordinances and bylaws?

Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) will be posted at www.mass.gov/info-details/housing-choice-and-mbta-communities-legislation. Questions about zoning thresholds that are not answered in the FAQs can be directed to the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development at housingchoice@mass.gov.

9. My town is planning a comprehensive update of our zoning bylaws to eliminate inconsistencies and make the bylaws easier to use (for example, by consolidating all definition in a new section). Can this be done by a vote on a single article that amends and restates the entire zoning code, as originally planned? Or should we delay the vote so that the existing provisions that qualify for a simple majority vote can be presented as separate articles?

You may proceed with a vote as planned, consistent with the following guidance. Section 5 of the Zoning Act now provides that “any amendment that requires a simple majority vote shall not be combined with amendments that require a two-thirds majority vote.” The intent of this language is to ensure that certain zoning changes that make it easier to build new housing will have the benefit of the simple majority threshold. If a city or town is considering an existing proposal to amend and restate its entire zoning code with a single vote, and there is not enough time to separate amendments that have different voting thresholds, it may proceed as planned rather than starting over or delaying the vote. Although the statute does not say so expressly, in the view of EOHED, the combined article may be approved by a 2/3 vote. The Attorney General has not yet taken a position on this question. The city or town alternatively may elect to delay the vote and separate out the zoning provisions that have different approval thresholds. Going forward it is the recommendation of EOHED that proposals to amend and restate an entire zoning code should be drafted so that housing-friendly provisions that qualify for approval by a simple majority approval are considered separately, if possible. In all cases, the municipality should consult with municipal counsel regarding the appropriate quantum of vote. In the case of

a zoning bylaw amendment being considered at town meeting, the Town Moderator has authority to “preside and regulate the proceedings, and decide all questions of order”—potentially including the required quantum of vote—pursuant to G.L. c. 39, § 15. If the town meeting approves the amendment, will be subject to the review and approval of the Attorney General pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32. (*Added: April 9, 2021*)

10. My town is considering a new overlay district in which a mixture of retail, hospitality, recreational, entertainment, commercial and other uses will be allowed by right. Multifamily and mixed-use developments are among many types of uses that will be allowed in the new zone, along with things like retail, hotels, commercial recreational facilities, and entertainment uses. The new overlay district does not requires a proposed project to include a residential component. Does this overlay district qualify for the simple majority?

Section 5 of the Zoning Act now provides that “any amendment that requires a simple majority vote shall not be combined with amendments that require a two-thirds majority vote.” The intent of this language is to ensure that certain zoning changes that make it easier to build new housing will have the benefit of the simple majority threshold. It also is intended to ensure that zoning proposals that otherwise would require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote are not approved by a simple majority simply because a multifamily use or other residential use has been added to the mix of allowed uses. This overlay district appears to conflict with the statute’s prohibition on combined articles, since it combines uses that require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote with uses that may potentially qualify for a simple majority vote. In all cases, the municipality should consult with municipal counsel regarding the appropriate quantum of vote. In the case of a zoning bylaw amendment being considered at town meeting, the Town Moderator has authority to “preside and regulate the proceedings, and decide all questions of order”—potentially including the required quantum of vote—pursuant to G.L. c. 39, § 15. If the town meeting approves the amendment, will be subject to the review and approval of the Attorney General pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32. (*Added: April 9, 2021*)

Issue date: February 26, 2021

Update date: April 9, 2021

Overview of Housing Choice

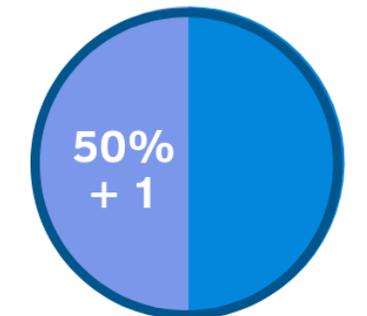


2. Zoning Act webinar slides (Mar '21)

- Targeted changes to M.G.L c. 40A to reduce the threshold of votes needed to adopt certain zoning measures that promote housing production from 2/3 to simple majority.
 - These changes apply to all cities and towns in Massachusetts, except the City of Boston (which has its own zoning enabling act).
- The goal is to make it easier for local governments to approve housing supportive zoning and development.
- The new law outlines a series of housing best practices that can be enacted by simple majority vote (e.g. reducing residential dimensional requirements, adopting 40R “Smart Growth” or “Starter Home” zoning, allowing accessory dwelling units or “in-law” units by right, etc.)
 - More detail on this in later slides...



Simple Majority



Other Notable Zoning Changes in the 2020 Economic Development Bill



- **Revenue Sharing Agreements:**
 - Allows municipalities to enter into revenue sharing agreements for sites affecting more than one local government by a simple majority vote.
- **Bonding Provision:**
 - Provides that a court, in its discretion, may require a plaintiff appealing a decision to approve a special permit, variance or site plan to post a surety or cash bond in an amount *up to* \$50,000 to secure the payment of costs if the court finds that the harm to the defendant or to the public interest resulting from delays caused by the appeal outweighs the financial burden of the surety or cash bond on the plaintiffs.
- **MBTA Communities:**
 - Provides that each MBTA community “shall have a zoning ordinance or by-law that provides for at least 1 district of reasonable size in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right.”
 - DHCD issued preliminary guidance on January 29th.
 - The Administration plans to work with stakeholders, including towns and cities, to develop thoughtful compliance criteria and timelines so that the end result is good policy.
 - We will have more information on the stakeholder process in the coming weeks.

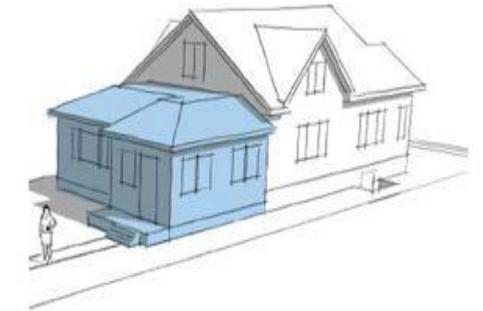


Qualifying Amendments for Simple Majority Vote

- Zoning that allows for certain kinds of housing developments “as of right”:
 - Multi-family (3+ units) and Mixed-Use Development in an Eligible Location
 - Accessory Dwelling Units
 - Open Space and Residential Development (OSRD)
- Zoning that allows for certain kinds of housing development by special permit:
 - Multi-family and Mixed-Use Development in an Eligible Location
 - Accessory Dwelling Units that are not attached to the primary home
 - Allowing for increased density through a Special Permit process
 - Reduction of parking requirements for residential or Mixed-Use Development
- Zoning that allows for:
 - Changes to dimensional standards that allow for additional units (e.g., FAR, height, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking).
 - Amendments that adopt Smart Growth or Starter home districts, per M.G.L. c. 40R
 - Natural resource protection zoning (similar to Open Space Residential Development)
 - Transfer of Development Rights

Examples of Zoning Qualifying for Simple Majority (1/2)

Attached ADU



- Allowing for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to be approved as of right:
 - A municipality proposes zoning to allow only owner occupied ADUs up to 800 square feet as of right. This qualifies for a simple majority because the zoning meets the statutory criteria as being no larger than $\frac{1}{2}$ the size of the main home or 900 square feet.
 - A zoning proposal to allow 1,200 square foot ADUs as of right would **NOT** qualify for a simple majority vote.
- Reducing minimum lot area needed per dwelling, such as:
 - changing the requirement from “one-acre zoning” to $\frac{1}{2}$ acre for single family homes,
 - changing a minimum 10,000 square foot lot size to 7,500 square feet, or
 - reducing the minimum lot area per dwelling unit from 10,000 square feet per dwelling unit (4.5 units/acre) to 5,000 square feet per dwelling unit (9 units/acre).

Examples of Zoning Qualifying for Simple Majority (2/2)

- A town wants to allow duplexes in its central residential district where only single family dwellings are allowed in order to encourage development of housing that better meets the needs of its seniors.
 - They have 60 voters for town meeting (quorum = 50) and such a zoning article would require 31 votes instead of 41.
- A city wants to adopt a 40R district allowing multi-family residential units in its downtown near a commuter rail station. This 40R district would be a new Zoning Overlay, and would require a housing density of 20 units per acre.
 - Instead of needing 8 of 11 votes from the city council under the current law, only 6 of 11 votes would be required.

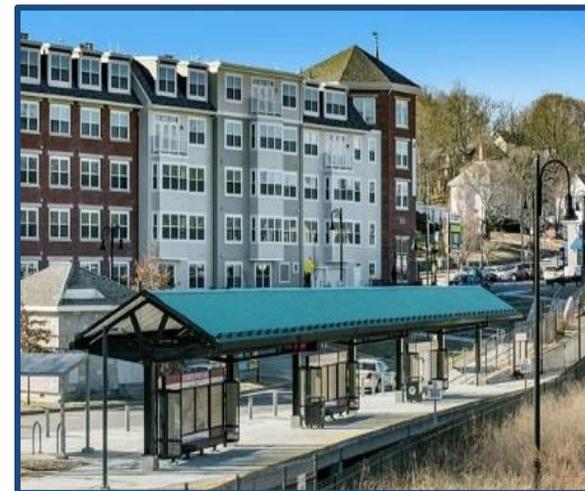


Examples of zoning changes that would **NOT** qualify for the simple majority vote (i.e. would continue to require a 2/3 vote):

- Zoning change that would change a zoning map from Limited Business to Heavy Industrial.
- Zoning change that would increase the minimum lot size for a residential zoning district as such change decreases the overall density.



- The 2/3 supermajority threshold of vote is reduced to a simple majority for the special permit board when:
 - a special permit would enable a project to reduce parking spaces to allow for the creation of additional units; OR
 - in a city or town that allows for multi-family by special permit within ½ mile of a transit station OR mixed use development within centers of commercial activity; the special permit application is for a multi-family or mixed-use project that meets these parameters includes at least 10% affordable units (80% area median income)
- Special Permit Granting Authority Board—Simple Majority Vote Example:
 - A Town allows for multi-family projects to be approved by Special Permit in its Town Center District which has a commuter rail station. Such projects require a Special Permit review by the 5-member Planning Board.
 - A developer submits a project located ¼ mile from the commuter rail station for a 100 unit building with 12 affordable units. Instead of requiring 4 affirmative votes from the Planning Board, the project only needs 3 affirmative votes.





- Housing Choice modifications to M.G.L. c. 40A § 5 make it more difficult for affected owners and abutters to deter zoning amendments.
- Prior to the enactment of the Housing Choice legislation:
 - a written protest made by the owners of 20% of the affected land area or abutting land, would increase the required voting threshold to change the zoning, and
 - The threshold increased from a 2/3 super majority to an even larger 3/4 super majority.
- Under the new law, no zoning change will trigger a supermajority greater than 2/3:
 - a protest will only change the voting threshold if it is made by owners of 50% of the affected land area or abutting land, and
 - To affirm a zoning amendment under protest, the city council or town council must approve the protested zoning amendment with a 2/3 majority
- Note, this provision applies only in a **city** or a **town** with a **town council of fewer than 25 members.**

Determining the Voting Threshold



- The new law does not specify who determines whether a proposed zoning ordinance or bylaw is the kind that can be approved by a simple majority vote.
- We recommend that proponents, planning boards, and legislative bodies clarify the voting threshold that applies to any zoning proposal:
 - The proponent of a zoning ordinance or bylaw should include in the petition a statement explaining how it meets any of the criteria for being approved by a simple majority vote.
 - After holding the public hearing required under the Zoning Act, and after consultation with municipal legal counsel, the planning board should include in its report a determination on the voting threshold for the zoning proposal.
 - The legislative body's vote consistent with that recommendation will affirm the voting threshold.
- All zoning bylaws adopted by towns must be submitted to the Attorney General for review and approval. If the Attorney General finds an inconsistency between the proposed bylaw and state law, the bylaw or portions of it may be disapproved.



- The proponent of a zoning ordinance or bylaw should explain in the petition if the land area affected meets any of the criteria for an eligible location.
- Planning board should make a determination about eligible location during the public hearing process when applicable.
- Additional guidance for determining eligible locations:
 - Regulations implementing Chapter 40R (760 CMR 59) set forth detailed criteria that DHCD applies when it determines if a land area is an eligible location under that statute may be useful as guidance.
 - Locations should be deemed eligible if within 0.5 miles of the kind of transit station listed in the statutory definition.
 - The Planning Board can make **other** eligible location determinations during its hearing process.
 - If there is uncertainty, the municipality can request an **advisory opinion** from EOHED.



- If there is uncertainty about whether a zoning proposal affects an eligible location, the municipality may request an advisory opinion from EOHED.
 - Such a request must be made by the mayor, city council, board of aldermen, or planning board (when the zoning amendment is proposed in a city); or by the select board or planning board (when the zoning amendment is proposed in a town).
 - The request should be made by completing the application at the following website: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/request-an-advisory-opinion-on-ch40a-eligible-locations>
 - EOHED will endeavor to provide a written advisory opinion within 30 days of receipt of a complete request.



- Guidance & supplemental information can be found via:
 - [Mass.gov/housingchoice](https://www.mass.gov/housingchoice)
- Contact Information:
 - housingchoice@mass.gov

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes, # 3

SRPEDD Commission Minutes- Draft

March 24, 2021

Via Zoom

Present:**Commissioners:**

J. Callahan, Berkley	S. Leary, Berkley	C. Haddad, Dartmouth	J. Carvalho, Dighton
R. Espindola, Fairh.	B. Mancovsky, Lakeville	A. Horowitz, Mansfield	N. Hills, Marion
J. Robbins, Mattap.	M. Clarner, No. Attle.	L. Pirnie, No. Attle.	W. Costa, Rehoboth
G. Hartley, Rochester	S. Starrett, Rochester	S. D'Amico, Seekonk	P. Dunn, Seekonk
L. Mendes, Somerset	G. Hovorka, Swansea	W. Roth, Taunton	J. Peccini, Taunton A/L
A. Slavin, Wareham	S. Ouellette, Westport	J. Whitin, Westport	

Guests/Staff:

Rep. J. Auchincloss	J. Mulligan MA Dist. 4	N. Durfee, Somerset	S. Brown, SRPEDD
L. Gonzalez, SRPEDD	G. King, SRPEDD	P. Mission, SRPEDD	K. Porter, SRPEDD
S. Royer, SRPEDD	J. Walker, SRPEDD		

Absent:

G. Ayrassian, Attleboro	J. Walsh, Carver	B. Maki, Carver	S. Taylor, Dartmouth
R. Fleurent, Jr. Fairh.	W. Kenney, Fall River	J. Ferreira, Fall River	C. McKay, Freetown
D. DeManche, Freet.	L. Bradley, Middleb.	L. Dalpe, Middleboro	R. Burgmann, Mattap.
J. Ponte, New Bedford	S. Ollerhead, Norton	S. Hornsby, Norton	C. Yarworth, Plainville
M. Andrade, Raynham	C. Sullivan, Raynham	W. Raposa, Somerset	J. Hansen, Swansea
M. King, Wareham	R. Tith, F.R A/L	P. Sullivan, NB A/L	

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was virtually called to order by Chairman Alan Slavin at 6:30 P.M. A roll call was taken by municipality. The meeting was recorded.
- 2. Guest: Representative Jake Auchincloss- Massachusetts Congressional 4th District:** Representative Auchincloss provided an overview of the 4th District which encompasses 17 of SRPEDD's 27 communities, sharing that he was interested in speaking with Commissioners about the American Rescue Plan Act, with funds anticipated to be arriving soon. He indicated that the funds will be going to Bristol, Norfolk and Plymouth Counties for subsequent distribution to the cities and towns. He said that guidance is still being finalized but that upgrades to water, broadband, and sewer are all eligible.

Chairman Slavin mentioned that there was a notification sent out earlier today and that everyone should familiarize themselves with the Act, and type of projects that funds can be used on. He mentioned that 50% of the money should be coming within 90 days and 50% will come approximately a year later, with monies needing to be expended by early to mid-2024.

Following discussion of area needs and questions of Rep. Auchincloss, Chairman Slavin and Mr. Walker thanked the Congressman for coming.

- 3. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the February 24, 2021 minutes. VOTED

UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Reports:

- a. **Chair:** Chairman Slavin provided an update and shared some thoughts on the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out.
- b. **Executive Director:** Mr. Walker began by stating that the affordable housing workshop for Commissioners with Judi Barrett on March 10 was very informative and worthwhile. He indicated that her presentation was recorded and is available on the SRPEDD website.

Next, as previously shared, SRPEDD was able to assist in drafting legislation for introduction this session in response to the earlier Treasurer-filed House Bill 48. The legislation that the RPAs have introduced, sponsored by Rep. Arciero and Sen. Gobi is HD1684 and SD1334, respectively. Mr. Walker mentioned he had had opportunity yesterday to meet with Rep. Arciero, the initial sponsor on the House side, and hopefully will be speaking soon with Senator Goby as well. He indicated that both are now interested in hearing from each of the state's 13 regions—specifically, in specific from members of each delegation—in order to convey how the legislation is not only of interest to RPAs, but to the municipalities that each of the RPAs serves. Mr. Walker mentioned that he would be sending out another copy of the template letter provided last meeting as well as the draft legislation. He mentioned if anyone might be willing to assist in either writing a support letter or reaching out to members of delegation to please let him know.

Lastly, in closing, he mentioned the discussion with Congressman Auchincloss at the top of the meeting about area priorities had been very helpful. Both the Congressman and his staff have stated on multiple occasions their willingness to help. Chairman Slavin stated if any Commission has priority needs please forward them to himself or SRPEDD. He mentioned that those needs will in turn be forwarded to the applicable Congressman (Auchincloss or Keating) for further discussion.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Regional Reviews:** None.
- b. **Contracts:** Chairman Slavin presented the four contracts below.

Be it resolved that the SRPEDD Commission authorizes the Chairman, Treasurer, Officers and Executive Director, as appropriate, to negotiate and execute the following contracts:

1. With the town of Acushnet for assistance with the process of creating a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness plan for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.
2. With Phillip Hu, incoming new Principal Comprehensive Planner, at the amount of \$68,000 per year, beginning March 1, 2021.
3. With Sean Hilton, incoming new Senior Transportation Planner, at the amount of \$50,000 per year, beginning March 1, 2021.
4. With Benjamin Meyers, incoming new Comprehensive Planner, at the amount of \$45,000 per year, beginning March 1, 2021.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the four contracts as written above. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. 5. Committee Reports:

d. **Finance Committee:** Mr. Horowitz reported that the Finance Committee met on Mar. 18, 2021 via Zoom. The Feb. 18, 2021 Finance meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for February 2021 received, and a warrant for expenses accepted in the amount of \$91,706.47.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Finance report and place on file. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **FY'22 Preliminary Draft Budget:** Mr. Horowitz referred the Commission to the FY'22 Preliminary annual budget and explained that it was a conservative but promising budget already this early in the year. He also indicated that it included an allowance for up to 3% performance-based increases. Agreeing with Mr. Horowitz that the draft budget pointed to another big year ahead for the agency, Mr. Walker indicated that it was in many respects already underway with the hiring of three new staff members, as referenced earlier under Contracts: Principal Planner Philip Hue, Senior Transportation Planner Sean Hilton, and Comprehensive Planner Ben Myers, whom Commissioners will be meeting and hearing from soon.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY'22 SRPEDD Preliminary Budget VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. **Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO:** Mr. Mission mentioned that staff is busy working on studies, the UPWP and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He mentioned the TIP is a single document that is used to program nearly \$20 to \$22 million a year for highway infrastructure projects. The JTPG was presented with a number of scenarios and they chose to recommend one particular scenario to the MPO for consideration to be included with the draft Transportation Improvement Program, which will be presented in April to the MPO and then released for a 21-day public comment period. Mr. Mission stated that if Commissioners had any questions about a particular project to please reach out to him. He discussed the projects in the TIP from various communities in further detail. Mr. Mission mentioned that all are welcome to attend the next MPO meeting which is the third Tuesday of the month.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the JTPG/MPO report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Program and Project Updates:

- a. **ADA Self Evaluation/Transition Plan Tech. Assistance- Plainville and Lakeville:** Ms. Gonzalez presented on the ADA Self Evaluation/Transition Plan Technical Assistance for Plainville and Lakeville. She mentioned that now it is really important to emphasize the idea of getting our public spaces, services, equitable and accessible to everyone. She discussed the key laws, programs, policies and services that are available to everyone in the State to help advance issues. She stated that in 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed and it prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in a number of different areas from public services programs, as well as accommodations. Ms. Gonzalez mentioned that the goal is for municipalities to ensure their program services and

activities are accessible to those who have disabilities and those who do not. And a way to make sure everyone is in compliance is through the self-evaluation and transition plan. She explained the self-evaluation is an assessment of all public programs, activities and services as well as their physical locations for a given municipality and the transition plan looks at the plan changes needed to achieve program access. She stated that this is taken directly from the self-evaluation. She mentioned the federal government previously assumed that all cities and towns would be in compliance with the ADA by 1992 but there have been a number of challenges and obstacles such as oversight capacity or funding that have been barriers. For those that are in non-compliance, she stated it can mean diminished access, participation and self-sufficiency. Ms. Gonzalez mentioned recently the town of Plainville partnered with SRPEDD to complete the application and plan. Plainville received a \$35,000 planning grant to complete their self-evaluation and transition plan. The work will be completed by June 30th as a part of our requirement. She mentioned it has been three months since we started this initiative and SRPEDD will be producing an accessible Plainville by June 2021 along with Lakeville as well. She encouraged the Commissioners to visit the SRPEDD website for more information. Mr. Walker encouraged Commissioners to reach out to Ms. Gonzalez if they had any questions or were interested in securing similar assistance with respect to their communities.

8. Old Business:

- a. **Technical Assistance:** Mr. King referred to Commissioners to the Technical Assistance page in the Commission packet and stated if anyone had questions to please contact him.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the Technical Assistance report and placed on file. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. King mentioned that another round of DLTA funding determinations should be finalized next week and to keep an eye out for award letters, and a list of funded projects in the next meeting packet.

- b. **Call for SRPEDD 2021 Annual Award Nominations:** Chairman Slavin stated that he spoke to Mr. Walker beforehand this evening and both agreed that the SRPEDD Annual Meeting is unfortunately going to have to be remote again this year, but that we look forward to having an in-person gathering again next year. Mr. Walker referred Commissioners to the Annual Award Nomination form included in the packets and asked that all nominations please be forwarded by email, phone or fax by the deadline to Ms. Royer.
- c. **2021-2022 Commissioner (Re-)Appointment Forms:** Mr. Walker also referred Commissioners to the 2021-2022 Commissioner Appointment form in the packet. He indicated that these forms will be sent out to the communities as well and should likewise be returned to Ms. Royer as soon as annual appointments or reappointments have been made.

14. New Business: None

15. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest: Mr. Haddad mentioned that Dartmouth had another Master Planning Workshop last week and he commended the SRPEDD staff for a smooth transition from in-person to

now virtual meetings. Ms. Dunn wanted to mentioned that SRPEDD is on social media, she mentioned that she saw herself on Instagram from a meeting that was held back in July. Mr. Pirnie mentioned that he had a great experience with working with Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Arbeene, they are great to work with. Ms. Robbins mentioned the same as well, that meetings have been great and SRPEDD personnel are a pleasure to work with. Lastly, Mr. Espindola stated that progress has been continuing in Fairhaven its on Municipal Broadband Plan.

16. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM. The next Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:30 P.M., to be held virtually.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice E. Robbins, Secretary

Date: 4/28/2021

AGENDA ITEM: Regional Reviews, #5.a.

MEPA PROJECT REVIEWS: For your information, SRPEDD reviewed the following Environmental Notification Forms (ENF) and Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) under the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act (MEPA). When appropriate, SRPEDD monitors and comments on projects. For more information on individual projects, please see the *Environmental Monitor* at <http://mass.gov/eea/agencies/mepa>.

ENFs SUBMITTED:

1. **Project Title/Location:** Upper Lake Noquochoke Dam Removal
Address: Dartmouth; Highland Ave, Assessors Map 51, Block 14
Project Proponent: City of Fall River, Department of Community Utilities
EEA Number: 16360
Project Description: "This Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF), seeking a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) waiver pursuant to 301 CMR 11.11, addresses the proposed removal of the Lake Noquochoke Upper Dam (NID ID: MA02402, State ID 6-3-72-1) located in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. The primary purpose of this project is to address deteriorating infrastructure and restore connectivity between Upper Noquochoke Lake and the main basin of Noquochoke Lake ... The project will include a phased breach of the Upper Noquochoke Dam and restoration of a channel through the dam. Management of sediment impounded by the dam will primarily consist of natural redistribution except for mechanical removal immediately upstream and downstream of the dam as required to establish a channel through the dam. Construction duration is anticipated to be approximately six (6) weeks and will take place during the low flow period of late summer 2021 or 2022 depending upon the status of additional funding and permits ... The preferred dam removal alternative will consist of breaching a trapezoidal channel through the dam to restore connectivity. In this alternative the western dam embankment and eastern abutment will remain while a channel will be established west of the existing spillway where the river appears to have naturally flown. The breach is designed to remove any impoundment of water including impoundment of the 100- and 500-year storms. This alternative will have the substantial benefits of re-establishing connectivity, removing liabilities associated with the dam, and the need to maintain the dam in compliance with the Dam Safety Regulations. This approach is the preferred alternative as it achieves the intended goals at a more manageable cost than a full dam removal."
Comments Due: May 7, 2021
For More Information: <http://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/eea/emepa/emonitor.aspx>

AGENDA ITEM: Grant/Contract Approvals, # 5.b.

Be it resolved that the SRPEDD Commission authorizes the Chairman, Treasurer, Officers and Executive Director, as appropriate, to negotiate and execute the following contracts:

1. With the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) for technical planning assistance for an amount not to exceed 75,286.82.
2. With the town of Lakeville for assistance with the development of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self Evaluation & Transition Plan for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.
3. With the Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP) for the creation of the “Room to Grow” story map and related GIS mapping services for an amount not to exceed \$12,500.

AGENDA ITEM: Finance Committee Report # 6.a.

The Finance Committee met on April 22, 2021 via Zoom. The March 18, 2021 Finance meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for March 2021 received, and a warrant for expenses in the amount of \$147,408.66.

Cash & Funds: Mar. 1, 2021	\$ 918,819.15
Cash Receipts: Mar. 1 – 31, 2021	<u>\$ 151,741.68</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,070,560.83
Disbursements: Mar. 1 – 31, 2021	\$ 250,659.52
Cash & Funds: Mar. 31, 2021	<u>\$ 819,901.31</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,070,560.83

The Committee reviewed OPEB statement for February 2021 included in the packet along with March 2020 month-end general journal entries.

The Committee reviewed the FY'20 Q3 March 31, 2021 quarterly budget update. The budget is in a great shape, total amount of \$3,703,841, an increase of \$35,000 from the last quarter.



FISCAL YEAR 2021 Q3 Budget Update		SUMMARY Pg. 1			
PROPOSED: 04/22/21					
REVENUE	FY 2021 APP 1/2021	FY 2021 PROP. 4/2021	CHANGE: 1/2021 to 4/2021	PERCENT CHANGE	
1. FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS					
a.	MASSDOT.-3C*	1,476,943	1,476,943	0	0.00%
b.	FED.TRANSIT ADMIN*	0	0	0	0.00%
c.	SRTA-SEC.5307*	75,287	75,287	0	0.00%
d.	GATRA-SEC.5307*	75,293	75,293	0	0.00%
e.	EDA*	96,787	96,787	0	0.00%
f.	NPS TNVR*	290,000	290,000	0	0.00%
g.	HOMELAND SEC/EOPSS*	214,923	214,923	0	0.00%
h.	DLTA (2020)*	124,247	124,247	0	0.00%
i.	DLTA (2021)	124,247	124,247	0	0.00%
	Sub-total	2,477,727	2,477,727	0	0.00%
2. ASSESSMENTS		118,401	118,401	0	0.00%
3. MUNICIPAL & LOCAL					
a.	Berkley MVP	3,108	3,108	0	0.00%
b.	Carver Complete Streets	29,898	29,898	0	0.00%
c.	Carver TDR Bylaw TA	8,500	8,500	0	0.00%
d.	Dartmouth MP 2	9,136	9,136	0	0.00%
e.	DOER Green Communities META > REPA	30,485	30,485	0	0.00%
f.	EDA CARES Grant	377,416	377,416	0	0.00%
g.	Freetown OSRP	6,390	6,390	0	0.00%
h.	Lakeville ADA Self Eval and Transition Plan	0	35,000	35,000	
i.	Lakeville MVP APC & Nemasket	7,500	7,500	0	0.00%
j.	Mansfield Green Communities Assist	7,626	7,626	0	0.00%
k.	Marion HPP	8,000	8,000	0	0.00%
l.	Marion OSRP cluster bylaw	8,500	8,500	0	0.00%
m.	Mattapoissett Industrial Drive_124952	12,439	12,439	0	0.00%
n.	Mattapoissett MP	13,760	13,760	0	0.00%
o.	Middleborough SCR TA- Historic District	11,572	11,572	0	0.00%
p.	New Bedford OSRP assist	2,375	2,375	0	0.00%
q.	New Bedford Port Authority EDA	95,000	95,000	0	0.00%
r.	New Bedford SCR TA- TOD	12,432	12,432	0	0.00%
s.	N Attle Grn Com coord	2,956	2,956	0	0.00%
t.	N Attle MP	23,145	23,145	0	0.00%
u.	Norton MP 2	31,376	31,376	0	0.00%
v.	Plainville ADA Self Eval & Transition Plan	35,000	35,000	0	0.00%
w.	Plympton MVP	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
x.	Raynham MP	25,059	25,059	0	0.00%
y.	Rochester Grn Comm coord	2,360	2,360	0	0.00%
z.	SCBA Feasibility Study II	40,000	40,000	0	0.00%
aa.	SNEP T. Watershed Canoe R. Aquifer	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
bb.	Somerset EDA III	74,000	74,000	0	0.00%
cc.	Somerset MVP suppl	1,580	1,580	0	0.00%
dd.	UMass EDA	22,686	22,686	0	0.00%
ee.	Wareham Decas EDA grant	11,664	11,664	0	0.00%
	<i>anticipated</i>				
ff.	Fairhaven Alden Road	70,000	70,000	0	0.00%
gg.	MDAR (5 yr) Agriculture Retention Initiative	32,750	32,750	0	
hh.	Taunton Permitting Guide	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
	Sub-total	1,071,713	1,106,713	35,000	3.27%
4. MISCELLANEOUS					
	Interest	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
	Sub-total	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES		\$3,668,841	\$3,703,841	35,000	0.95%



FISCAL YEAR 2021 Q3 Budget Update		SUMMARY Pg. 2			
PROPOSED: 04/22/21					
EXPENDITURES		FY 2021 APP 1/2021	FY 2021 PROP. 4/2021	CHANGE: 1/2021 to 4/2021	PERCENT CHANGE
1	SALARIES	1,832,385	1,844,278	11,893	0.6%
2	FRINGE BENEFITS	376,519	376,519	0	0.0%
3	TRAVEL	1,250	1,250	0	0.0%
4	BANK CHARGES	110	110	0	0.0%
5	PRINTING	500	500	0	0.0%
6	SUPPLIES	12,500	16,600	4,100	32.8%
7	ACCOUNTING & LEGAL	16,716	16,716	0	0.0%
8	COMPUTERS	75,499	75,499	0	0.0%
9	DUES & SUBSCRIP.	6,900	6,900	0	0.0%
10	EQUIP. LEASE	7,165	7,165	0	0.0%
11	INSURANCE	15,000	17,100	2,100	14.0%
12	MEETINGS & CONF.	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
13	ADVERTISING	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
14	POSTAGE & TELEPHONE	6,348	6,348	0	0.0%
15	SERVICES (GMS & IT)	7,440	7,440	0	0.0%
16	BUILDING COSTS	36,840	36,840	0	0.0%
17	TRAFFIC COUNT VEHICLE	472	1,554	1,082	229.2%
18	EQUIP. SERV.& REPAIR	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
19	EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
20	CONSULTANTS/PASS THRU	114,101	114,101	0	0.0%
21	DIRECT COSTS	82,870	83,870	1,000	1.2%
22	LOCAL COST/INVEST.ACCT.	17,111	17,111	0	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,618,226	2,638,401	20,175	0.8%
TOTAL REVENUES		3,668,841	3,703,841	35,000	1.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,618,226	2,638,401	20,175	0.8%
EXCESS REV. OVER EXPEND.		1,050,615	1,065,440	14,825	1.4%

AGENDA ITEM: Personnel Committee Report # 6.b.

The Personnel Committee also met on April 22, 2021 via Zoom.

In conjunction with the annual evaluation process, Chairman Slavin appointed a subcommittee of Personnel Committee members who will meet and discuss the framework next month for the Executive Director's evaluation, inclusive of draft goals for the coming year, and upcoming contract renewal.

Mr. Walker continued with his report on the recently completed annual staff evaluations, noting that there had been a number of significant contributions over the past year, and that staff had really stepped up, despite the added challenges posed by the pandemic and transition to remote operations.

In addition to a team-based merit increase to be awarded to all staff, he recommended a series of individual merit increases on the part of several personnel from across the agency, a number of whom also identified in collaboration with their supervisors, due both to their exemplary performance and readiness to take on additional responsibilities, as candidates for advancement. He indicated that the combined team-based and individual merit increases fell within the overall 3% allowance as earlier authorized by the Finance Committee and full Commission in conjunction with the review and adoption of the FY'22 budget and to become effective July 1, 2021, with the start of the new fiscal year.

Among those identified for position advancement were: Director of Comprehensive Planning and Housing Grant King to Comprehensive Planning Manager, Asst. Director of Environmental Programs/Principal Planner Helen Zinavage to Director of Environmental Programs, Director of Environmental Programs Bill Napolitano to Rivers, Trails and Watershed Coordinator, and Sr. Comprehensive Planner Taylor Perez to Sr. Comprehensive Planner/Community Engagement Specialist.

The Committee voted to approve the recommended merit increases/salary adjustments and advancements for forwarding to the full Commission at their upcoming next meeting.

Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD)

Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) Meeting

DRAFT Minutes for the Meeting Held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Held Remotely via Zoom

The following were in attendance:

Lee Azinheira, Chair.....Town of Mansfield	Bryan Pounds.....MassDOT
Manuel Silva.....City of NB	Pamela Haznar.....MassDOT
Alan Slavin.....Town of Wareham	Barbara Lachance.....MassDOT
Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville	Phil Viveiros.....McMahon Assocs
Norman Hills.....Town of Marion	Jamie Pisano.....VHB
Leeann Bradley.....Town of Middle.	Sid Kashi.....GPI
Thomas Ferry.....Town of Dighton	Christopher Keys.....Member of Public
Paul Foley.....Town of Fairhaven	Paul MissionSRPEDD
Tim Barber.....Town Dartmouth	Lisa Estrela-Pedro.....SRPEDD
Jim Hartnett.....Town of Westport	Lilia Cabral-Bernard..... SRPEDD
Nancy Durfee.....Town of Somerset	Jackie Jones.....SRPEDD
Chris Gallagher.....City of Fall River	Guoqiang Li.....SRPEDD
Ed Buckley.....Town of Raynham	Julianne Griffiths.....SRPEDD
Janine Peccini.....City of Taunton A/L	Sean Hilton.....SRPEDD
Stephanie Dupras.....City of NB	Jennifer Chaves.....SRPEDD

Handouts:

- The JTPG Agenda April 14, 2021
- The DRAFT JTPG March 10, 2021 Minutes
- GATRA CIP Project List
- SRTA CIP Project List
- Highway Draft FFY 2022-26 TIP Projects

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairman Lee Azinheira called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. Ms. Cabral-Bernard called the complete roll call of JTPG members, with the following being present at the time of the roll call.

Town of Dartmouth.....Yes	Town of Middleborough.....Yes
Town of Dighton.....Yes	City of New Bedford.....Yes
Town of Fairhaven.....Yes	Town of Wareham.....Yes
Town of Lakeville.....Yes	Town of Westport.....Yes
Town of Mansfield.....Yes	City of Taunton At-Large.....Yes
Town of Marion.....Yes	

2. Public Comments - Opportunity for the public to address the JTPG

Chris Keys from Norton introduced himself and informed the group that he was recently retired and is doing what he can to advocate for biking in southeastern Massachusetts, including joining the SouthCoast Bikeway Alliance, as well as working with the town of Norton to help improve biking facilities in town, as well as in the region. He said he would be happy to help in any way that he can.

3. Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2021 (Materials Attached & roll call vote needed)

Chairman Azinheira called for a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021. The motion was made by Alan Slavin of Wareham and seconded by Manny Silva of New Bedford. Ms. Cabral-Bernard then called the roll:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Town of Dartmouth.....Yes | Town of Middleborough.....Yes |
| Town of Dighton.....Yes | City of New Bedford.....Yes |
| Town of Fairhaven.....Yes | Town of Wareham.....Yes |
| Town of Lakeville.....Yes | Town of Westport.....Yes |
| Town of Mansfield.....Yes | City of Taunton At-Large.....Yes |
| Town of Marion.....Yes | |

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Regional Transit Authorities (RTA’s) Report

No representatives of either RTA in attendance.

5. Discussion of FFY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Paul Mission began the discussion by explaining that the unified planning work program is an outline of tasks over the course of the federal fiscal year, which runs from October 1, 2021 to September of next year. This includes activities such as the development of the TIP and UPWP, the public participation, EJ and Title VI efforts, as well as the 3C planning process. It also includes the data collection efforts for the traffic count program, the Top 100 Most Dangerous locations in Southeastern Mass, pavement management program as well as community technical assistance.

Within Management Systems, there is the Route 103 study, currently in progress, and the start of the Route 6 Westport / Dartmouth study, which is mainly a safety study. The data collection efforts will begin this summer. There was also a request from the city of Taunton, through their planning department, for a possible exploration and analysis of the Route 140 corridor from the Route 24 / 140 Interchange up to the center of Taunton. This is going to be more of a comprehensive study in terms of looking at the land use on the corridor, including redevelopment of the Silver City Galleria, the possible addition of a casino in the interchange area, as well as possible redevelopment of various areas along the route 140 corridor. The anticipated start of data collection for that effort is next summer, similar to what we're doing with Route 6 this year.

For the following Work Program, which would be actually FFY2023, the update of the regional bicycle plan will be included prior to the development of the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan.

Another effort will be a SRPEDD office-wide effort for the entire region, which is a Regional Resiliency Plan. Multiple departments will work to have a multi-year plan to assess the impacts from climate change and begin efforts to developing project, as well as policies, to help communities become more resilient with severe weather or natural disaster events.

Mr. Mission concluded by informing the group that there is still opportunity for assistance or studies for communities to be considered by our staff, so please send those requests or those ideas. The formal process of presenting a draft UPWP for release for public comment will begin in May, and then in June it is anticipated to be endorsed by the SMMPO.

6. Draft FFY 2022-2026 TIP Presentation & Discussion (Project Information Attached)

Ms. Lisa Estrela-Pedro presented the draft FFY2022-2026 by informing the group that the draft has been uploaded to SRPEDD's website, and will be discussed at the SMMPO meeting next Tuesday, April 20. At that time, it is anticipated that the group will be voting to release it to a minimum 21-day comment period. She continued by highlighting some new items in the document.

She referred to Table 10 that shows regional target projects relationship for every project that is programmed in the draft FFY2022-2026, to the long-range transportation plan, or as we like to call it, the RTP, and the regional or state modal plans, including the bike and ped plans, as well as if there was a corridor study, if there's been technical assistance, and if an RSA has been completed. The last column ties the project to both the SMMPO performance measures, as well as the additional federal performance measures, safety and the congestion primarily. Out of the 14 projects that are currently programmed in FFY2022-26, four of them have been identified as both congestion and safety issues. Four projects are solely high crash locations, and two projects have been identified as having a high occurrence of bicycle or pedestrian crashes, and one project was a congested corridor. In addition, one project was developed as a result of a community technical assistance request, a signal warrants analysis, and the outlier is a system preservation project.

Another item new to this year's TIP is a description for transit projects. The transit project descriptions are now expanded, to not just solely provide the list. Staff worked with GATRA and SRTA on providing those descriptions, as well as system route maps that can now be found in the TIP.

As part of our Title VI and Environmental Justice Equity Analysis, we also looked at social equity this year, as well as the geographic equity and determined anticipated benefits and positive impacts as well as disproportionate burdens and adverse effects. We did that for the existing projects that are programmed in FFY2022 to 26, as well as the lookback projects which can be found in table 13 for years FFY2017 to 21.

At the SMMPO meeting on March 16, the body voted to pursue scenario #3. In this scenario Lakeville was programmed in FFY 2025, and the Dartmouth project at Prospect Street was shifted to the supplemental project list. There were additional shifts within as well for several projects.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro announced she was going to go through the TIP federal fiscal years, highlighting both target projects and statewide projects as follows:

In FFY 2022-

New Bedford- Intersection Improvements on Acushnet Avenue at Peckham Road

Taunton- Reconstruction of Route 44 (Dean Street), from Arlington Street to Route 104 (South Main Street)

Attleboro – Intersection Improvements at Route 1/Route 1A and Route 123

Statewide

Fall River- Corridor Improvements on Route 79/Davol Street

Taunton- Interchange Improvements at Routes 24 & 140

Norton- Mansfield- Rail Trail Extension (World War II Veterans Trail)

In FFY 2023-

Rehoboth- Intersection Improvements & Related Work at Winthrop Street (Route 44)

Dartmouth – Corridor improvements on Route 6 from Faunce Corner Road to Hathaway Road

New Bedford - Corridor Improvements and Related Work on County Street from Nelson Street to Union Street

Statewide

Mansfield- Bridge Replacement, Balcom Street over the Wading River

New Bedford- Superstructure Replacement

Attleboro- Bridge Replacement Interstate 295 Ramp over Ten Mile River

Attleboro- North Attleborough- Guide and Traffic Sign Replacement on Interstate 295

Somerset- Stormwater Improvements Along Route I-195 for Mount Hope Bay

Fall River- Corridor Improvements on Route 79/Davol Street

Fairhaven- Leroy Wood Elementary School Improvements (SRTS)

Marion- Shared Use Path Construction (Phase 1), From T.L. To Point Road

In FFY 2024-

Swansea- Route 6 at Gardener's Neck Road

Taunton- Corridor Improvements and Related Work on Broadway (Route 138), from Purchase Street to Jackson Street (Phase 2)

Mansfield - Reconstruction on Chauncy Street (Route 106)

Wareham – Route 6 at Swift's Beach Road

Statewide

Fall River- Corridor Improvements on Route 79/Davol Street

New Bedford- Route 18 Superstructure Replacement

Mansfield- Intersection & Signal Improvements at Route 140 & Chauncey Street

Dartmouth to Raynham- Guide and Traffic Sign Replacement on Sections of I-195 and I-495

Somerset- Stormwater Improvements Along Route 6, Route 138, and Route 103 for Taunton River

In FFY 2025-

Lakeville – Reconstruction and related work on Route 79

Wareham - Construction of Bike Lanes Along Narrows Road and A Shared Use Path Adjacent to Minot Avenue

Statewide

New Bedford- Superstructure Replacement

Taunton- Bridge Replacement Scadding Street over Snake River

Freetown to Taunton- Guide and Traffic Sign Replacement on A Section of Route 140

Fall River- Corridor Improvements on Route 79/Davol Street

Fall River- Mary Fonseca Elementary School (SRTS)

Swansea- Traffic Signal and Safety Improvements at Three Intersections on Route 6

In FFY 2026-

Mattapoisett - Corridor improvements on Main, Water, Beacon Streets and Marion Road

Plainville- Reconstruction of South Street (Route 1A)

Statewide

New Bedford - Superstructure replacement

Fall River - Bridge replacement Jefferson Street over Sucker Brook

Somerset and Swansea- Pavement preservation along I-195

New Bedford -Pavement preservation on Route 140

Fall River -Improvements along Route 79/Davol Streets.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro opened the floor to questions or comments and Pam Haznar raised her hand.

Ms. Haznar informed the group that in FFY2023 the Dartmouth-Route 6 at Faunce Corner Road to Hathaway Road project is the former relocation of Tucker Road project. The project is advancing, but Tucker Road will not be relocated at this time. There will be improvements at Tucker Road and a new signal at Hathaway Road and improvements along Route 6. The project will be designed such that in the future, if the town does choose to relocate Tucker road, it will be available.

She also mentioned that Mansfield 106 corridor, a statewide project, and the Mansfield Route 140 at 106 project are anticipated to be merged and advertised as one project.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro then continued with the TIP update for transit. For GATRA over the next five years, they'll be programming approximately \$50.5 million for fixed route operating assistance, miscellaneous support equipment, non-fixed route ADA paratransit, and preventative maintenance. Also, the purchase of an AVL system, and the renovation of the Attleboro commuter rail station. Also, the replacement of vans and 35-foot buses, short range planning and mobility management.

For SRTA, they have approximately \$117 million programmed to acquire ADP software and hardware, engineering and design for bus support equipment and facility, rehab and renovate support facility equipment, miscellaneous equipment, operating assistance, operations and maintenance support vehicles. They also plan to replace 35-foot buses, as well as vans. They have tire leases, as well as transit enhancements and short-range planning.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro reminded the group that the draft TIP will be released at the next SMMPO meeting. We will be holding a public meeting on May 4 and staff will also email the link out to every member for the Draft TIP so everyone can have an opportunity to review and comment.

She also announced that the latest version of the TIP Funding Guide is available for everyone to use on SRPEDD's website. This is a guide for communities on TIP project development and the MaPIT process. That link will also be shared via email shortly.

7. Other Business

Ms. Cabral-Bernard reminded the group that the term for JTPG members will be expiring on June 1 and appointment forms will be going out this week to Mayors, town Administrators, BOS Chairs, Town Council presidents and to current JTPG members as well. She asked that everyone reach out and remind any appropriate parties to quickly return these nomination forms because attendance at JTPG is important. She then thanked the members for their time and efforts.

Ms. Cabral-Bernard then reminded the group that SRPEDD was hosting a webinar the next day entitled Moving Forward 2045: Regional Biking & Pedestrian Infrastructure and how to register.

Mr. Mission informed the group of MassDOT's Innovation Conference, being held on a virtual platform on May 25, 26, and 27 this year in half-day sessions.

8. Date and Time for Next Meeting

May 12, 2021 at 2:00 PM was set for the date and time of the next meeting to be held remotely.

9. Adjourn

The Chairman moved to adjourn and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 PM.

Updated COVID-Related Federal Funding Information

Executive Office for Administration Finance Federal Funds Office
for full spreadsheet:

<https://mass.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9e2209abd577062568d9a19&id=26653f839e&e=586cdf8020>

7a. COVID-related Federal Funding
by SRPEDD Municipality

DOR CODE	LEA CODE	Municipality/LEA	Population (2019)	CvRF - Municipal Program Allocated	CvRF - Municipal Program Claimed	CvRF - Boston/Plymouth Allocated	CvRF - Plymouth Claimed	Shared Streets Program	Community Development Block Grant - Local	Community Development Block Grant - State	Emergency Solutions Grant	Assistance to Firefighters Grants	Justice Assistance Grants - State	Justice Assistance Grants - Local	Election Security Grants	Additional CvRF Assistance for Municipalities	Obligated FEMA Applications (100%)	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Coronavirus Local Stability Fund Estimate	Total Municipal Allocation	Allocation Per Capita	Coronavirus Local Stability Fund Estimate (functional counties)	CvRF School Reopening Grant Allocated	CvRF School Reopening Grant Claimed	Remote Learning Technology Essentials Grant Allocated	ESSER I Allocated	ESSER I Claimed	ESSER II Allocated	ESSER III Estimate	Total LEA Allocation	Allocation Per Capita
016	016	Attleboro	45,237	3,977,863	2,680,498	0	0	0	654,662	0	0	0	0	0	6,015	0	0	0	10,850,934	15,489,474	342	8,773,438	1,357,875	1,357,875	297,565	794,513	355,039	2,797,011	6,259,231	11,506,195	254
027	027	Berkley	6,851	599,717	321,955	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	767	0	0	0	675,889	1,276,373	186	1,328,709	171,900	171,900	0	72,327	42,320	293,474	636,642	1,174,342	171
052	052	Carver	11,767	0	0	1,721,648	257,689	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,390	0	0	0	1,160,880	2,884,918	245	2,282,137	0	0	140,160	125,840	542,381	1,195,652	1,878,194	160	
072	072	Dartmouth	34,188	3,024,770	185,621	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,083	0	0	0	3,372,836	6,401,689	187	6,630,552	788,625	785,926	82,508	315,347	259,192	1,271,877	2,833,997	5,292,354	155
076	076	Dighton	7,967	695,731	121,104	0	0	168,242	0	0	0	0	0	0	925	0	0	0	785,989	1,650,888	207	1,545,151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
094	094	Fairhaven	16,078	1,418,971	547,684	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,499	0	0	2,061	0	95,540	0	1,586,184	3,116,255	194	3,118,229	407,250	407,250	30,150	324,793	176,415	1,184,391	2,637,516	4,584,100	285
095	095	Fall River	89,541	7,905,205	3,239,929	0	0	45,536	2,692,179	0	2,141,318	0	0	262,806	5,579	0	0	0	73,038,290	86,090,913	961	17,365,926	2,326,275	2,223,080	548,707	4,730,769	473,076	17,430,945	39,124,968	64,161,664	717
146	146	Lakeville	11,561	0	0	1,661,820	414,943	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,614	0	0	0	1,140,557	2,803,992	243	2,242,185	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
167	167	Mansfield	24,470	2,121,580	2,121,580	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,598	0	0	0	2,414,101	4,539,280	186	4,745,806	822,825	822,825	83,467	145,583	23,770	516,792	1,138,183	2,706,850	111
173	173	Mattapoisett	6,401	0	0	944,141	367,086	237,849	0	0	0	0	41,667	0	1,856	0	0	0	631,494	1,857,007	290	1,241,435	0	0	33,100	28,859	2,885	119,607	246,161	427,727	67
182	182	Middleborough	25,463	0	0	4,015,347	752,772	0	0	90,000	0	0	0	0	3,668	0	0	0	2,512,066	6,621,082	260	4,938,392	0	0	6,892	364,274	187,722	1,264,168	2,816,683	4,452,017	175
201	201	New Bedford	95,363	8,403,705	2,325,776	0	0	148,395	2,575,704	0	2,381,698	0	0	230,080	5,795	0	0	0	68,823,343	82,568,721	866	18,495,067	2,916,675	2,916,675	285,299	5,693,032	4,408,968	21,137,185	47,448,658	77,480,849	812
211	212	North Attleborough	29,364	2,587,634	1,142,476	0	0	28,984	0	0	0	0	40,885	0	3,839	0	0	0	2,896,922	5,558,264	189	5,694,967	906,750	906,750	152,474	412,749	256,280	1,652,278	3,688,324	6,812,576	232
218	218	Norton	19,948	1,758,770	1,093,277	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,795	0	198,217	0	1,967,981	3,928,763	197	3,868,792	519,525	519,525	64,367	187,358	76,194	721,176	1,597,200	3,089,626	155
238	238	Plainville	9,293	813,788	676,535	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,598	41,667	0	1,388	0	114,974	0	916,806	1,896,221	204	1,802,320	152,550	152,550	23,170	47,452	47,452	183,847	390,437	797,456	86
247	247	Rehoboth	12,385	1,081,377	988,094	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,256	0	7,600	0	1,221,849	2,336,418	189	2,401,994	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
265	265	Seekonk	15,770	1,384,409	833,628	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,380	0	0	2,069	0	93,482	0	1,555,798	3,043,138	193	3,058,494	466,875	466,875	26,279	174,242	71,127	642,176	1,419,776	2,729,348	173
273	273	Somerset	18,129	1,602,977	443,000	0	0	12,100	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,620	0	0	0	1,788,526	3,445,941	190	3,516,008	393,750	393,750	0	180,597	18,059	645,498	1,427,238	2,647,083	146
292	292	Swansea	16,834	1,472,842	1,472,842	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,470	0	4,014	0	0	0	1,660,768	3,151,093	187	3,264,851	473,850	473,850	28,754	277,947	164,356	911,543	2,024,738	3,716,833	221
293	293	Taunton	57,464	5,051,657	3,939,394	0	0	150,000	1,011,281	0	0	0	0	59,162	9,769	0	0	0	20,615,414	26,897,283	468	11,144,789	1,810,125	1,810,125	640,309	2,018,117	1,891,359	7,581,032	17,003,464	29,053,047	506
310	310	Wareham	22,745	0	0	3,496,417	561,578	41,500	0	0	0	5,000	0	33,557	2,971	0	0	0	2,243,920	5,823,365	256	4,411,253	0	0	0	507,964	370,000	1,848,279	4,128,513	6,484,755	285



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- Somerset
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- Wareham
- Westport

March 29, 2021

Dr. Laura Douglas, President
Bristol Community College
777 Elsbree Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Dear Dr. Douglas:

As the Executive Director of SRPEDD, I am pleased to offer my support for Bristol Community College’s National Offshore Wind Institute (NOWI). The NOWI will engage strategies to accelerate and support the next generation of workforce and supply chain for the offshore wind industry.

SRPEDD’s Regional Economic Development Strategy Committee and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is focusing on this critical industry in partnership with state and federal officials, chamber of commerce directors, college and university representatives, and professionals from the fields of planning, finance, real estate, and utilities. SRPEDD has focused on key economic development projects including priority sites in New Bedford to support the offshore wind industry. With at least 26GW of generating capacity currently approved along the eastern seaboard, and a resulting emergence of the offshore wind industry and its supply chain, SRPEDD is in alignment with the vision of New Bedford and Bristol Community College in becoming a national leader in workforce training.

The region must produce employment pipelines for the offshore wind industry as well as the creation of an indigenous supply chain to service the market. To support these needs, the NOWI will provide access to employment training and required credentialing programs, supporting local job creation and area residents with career opportunities in the emerging 21st century global economy.

In closing, SRPEDD supports priority investments into the NOWI to ensure the region is prepared for this emerging sector as well as have the infrastructure to promote its growth and success in the region and the state.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Walker, AICP
Executive Director

UPDATE ON SRPEDD EDA-FUNDED INITIATIVES

EDA Projects Underway

- **Somerset Planning** - TPC \$1.1ML. Project recently concluded on April 11, 2021. This 3.5 year planning effort resulted in the development of three (3) planning documents including an Integrated Water Resource Management Plan (IWRMP), Comprehensive Master Plan and an Economic Development Plan. In addition, the planning effort included the development and execution of an inter-municipal agreement (IMA) for sewer service between the communities of Somerset and Swansea which took about 1.5 years to reach consensus with a finalized IMA in March 2021 (see attached press release). The IMA is significant. Sewer extension from Somerset will allow for new economic development opportunities along the RTE 6 in Swansea as well as address Title V issues in adjacent neighborhoods off the corridor. It will also provide needed fees for Somerset to upgrade their wastewater treatment facility. In addition, potential EDA funding and other infrastructure assistance will be available to continue to lay ground work for planning and infrastructure development across the area Somerset, Swansea and potentially Dighton.
- **Somerset Water and Sewer Infrastructure Upgrades** – TPC \$1.32ML. Project addresses Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) issues and will improve the water and sewer line network including pump stations to generate or capture more capacity in the system. The project directly supports the recently signed IMA between Somerset and Swansea allowing for Swansea to tie-in to the Somerset system with more demand from new development/redevelopment opportunities along the ERTE 6 corridor resulting from the sewer line extension. Funding for this infrastructure grant was leveraged with the \$650ML Anbaric development agreement with Commercial Development Corporation at the former Brayton Point site now referred to as Brayton Point Commerce Center. Construction starts May 2021.
- **Mattapoisett Industrial Park Roadway Improvement** – TPC \$1.42ML. Project provides for infrastructure improvement to support new development in industrial park including \$35ML in private investment and approximately 300 new jobs. Project expected to break ground June 2021.
- **New Bedford Port Authority North Terminal Extension Phase II and Pier Fendering** – TOC \$20ML. The project will infill tidal lands and create new land for development as well as a new pier and fendering system for five (5) piers and wharfs that support the port. This is the largest EDA grant ever awarded from the Philadelphia Regional Office and the largest award Massachusetts has received to date.

TOTAL VALUE: \$24ML

EDA Projects Proposed and, In The Pipeline

- **Fall River Mother Brook Sewer Upgrades** – \$TPC 1.3ML. Project addresses Phase I design for a 28,000 LF upgrade to the existing sewer line to support the three (3) industrial parks off RTE 24 including FRIP, Commerce Center and South Coast Life Science and Technology Park over 12,000 jobs. Project is expected to be awarded in May 2021 and design to start late summer. SRPEDD will follow up with an EDA construction app following design, engineering and permitting in about 1 year or so.
- **Fairhaven Feasibility Study** - \$TPC \$75K. Feasibility study to identify development/redevelopment opportunities at Alden Road and Bridge Street/ RTE 6. EDA application in process. Potential infrastructure app.
- **Swansea Feasibility Study** – \$TPC 100K. Feasibility study to identify development/redevelopment opportunities along the RTE 6 corridor. Application in pre-development process. Effort builds on the IMA to extend sewer along the corridor to generate economic development opportunities. EDA infrastructure grant to follow feasibility study.
- **Regional Resiliency Plan (RRP)** - \$TPC 305K. Development of a Regional Resiliency Plan for SRPEDD. EDA funds to leverage state Regionalization and Efficiency grant recently submitted as well as DLTA funding. EDA app for match in preliminary app process.

TOTAL VALUE \$1.8ML

Towns of Somerset and Swansea Enter Intermunicipal Agreement for Sewer Services

April 15, 2021 Taylor O'Neil [Client News](#), [City/Town News](#)
For immediate release

SOMERSET/SWANSEA — Somerset Town Administrator Richard Brown and Swansea Town Administrator Mallory Aronstein are pleased to announce that the Towns of Somerset and Swansea have entered into an intermunicipal agreement for sewer services.

The intermunicipal agreement for sewer services will establish a format for Somerset to provide services to a neighboring community. As part of the agreement, the Town of Swansea will receive sewer services along the Route 6 corridor to establish increased economic development while the Town of Somerset will receive additional funding that the town can use to support upgrades to their previously existing sewer infrastructure.

In addition to the upgrades, the Town of Somerset will also receive funding from Swansea businesses using the sewer services to help ameliorate losses from the closure of the Brayton Point Power Plant.

“We are pleased to announce this new endeavor following the many requests from local businesses in Swansea to establish a sewer system as a means to increase business plans within the town,” Town Administrator Aronstein said. “I would like to thank Swansea’s Highway Superintendent Bill Anderson for his instrumental work on behalf of Swansea in drafting and planning this intermunicipal agreement alongside Somerset officials.”

To fund aspects of the intermunicipal agreement for sewer services, Swansea will pursue construction grants for the town’s respective sewer services while Somerset will use funds from the town’s \$646,559 Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant.

Somerset’s EDA funds have been used to develop the intermunicipal agreement and make several system improvements within the town. While working with the EDA, Somerset also plans to perform wastewater treatment plant upgrades required under the new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

“The signing of this intermunicipal agreement will benefit both Somerset and Swansea residents with a long-overdue reimaging of town services,” Town Administrator Brown said. “Not only will it help provide revenues to offset costs to Somerset users, but it’s a solution that helps protect the environment. Additionally, our plans for sewer services directly align with President Biden’s infrastructure investment plan that focus on waste water treatment, and as such we will allocate funding needs where necessary.”

At this time, Swansea is set to begin the process of establishing sewer lines along the Route 6 corridor with the hiring of an engineering service to conduct layout work.

The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) has provided assistance on this endeavor with Don Sullivan serving as a liaison to the EDA for the Towns of Somerset and Swansea.

“In Somerset, under the assistance of SRPEDD, the EDA has provided investment on three projects worth more than \$3 million to date with plans for additional potential funding. One of these projects is about to break ground in May,” Sullivan said.

AGENDA ITEM: Technical Assistance Report, # 9.a.

Community	Project Name	Status	Department	Project Leads	Funding
Acushnet	Municipal Vulnerability Planning	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Bill Napolitano	EOEEA
Attleboro	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Eric Arbeene	MA
Berkley	Master Plan	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Eric Arbeene	EOEEA
Berkley	Municipal Vulnerability Planning	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Bill Napolitano	DLTA, CCC, local
Carver	TDR Project Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Helen Zincavage	Buzzards Bay Coalition
Carver	Pre-Application Business Park Development	Pending	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Carver	Complete Streets Prioritization Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Dartmouth	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Helen Zincavage	DLTA, local, MA
Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Wareham	Bike Path (Regional Plan) Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Dartmouth, Westport	Route 6 Corridor Study	Pending	Transportation	Paul Mission	MassDOT
Dighton	Culvert Management Plan Phase 2	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Helen Zincavage	DLTA, MA
Dighton	Speed Zone Sign Placement	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Fairhaven	Alden Road Redevelopment Study	New; Scoping	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, local, MA; U.S. EDA (application pending)
Fall River	Middle at Broadway Safety Study	Delayed	Transportation	Lisa Estrela-Pedro	MassDOT
Fall River	TOD Market Study, Zoning, and Design Guidelines	Delayed	Comprehensive	Grant King	DLTA, MA
Fall River	Mothers Brook Sewer Upgrades EDA Application	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Mansfield	Housing Production Plan	New	Comprehensive	Eric Arbeene, Taylor Perez	DLTA, MA
Mansfield	Bicycle Planning Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Mansfield	TOD Area Build-Out and Indicators	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Jed Cornock	DLTA, MA
Mansfield	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Eric Arbeene	DOER
Marion	Transit Study	Delayed	Transportation		MassDOT
Marion	OSRD/Cluster Bylaw Updates	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Eric Arbeene	DLTA, local, MA

Marion	Housing Production Plan Update	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Eric Arbeene	local
Mattapoissett	Master Plan and Housing Production Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Lizeth Gonzalez, Taylor Perez	DLTA, CCC, local, MA
Mattapoissett	Industrial Drive Infrastructure Improvement	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan, Bill Napolitano	local, EDA
Middleborough	Historic/General Use District Bylaw Amendments	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Jed Cornock, Lizeth Gonzalez	MassDOT, SCR
New Bedford	Marine Commerce Terminal	Pending	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
New Bedford	North Terminal Phase 2 EDA Application	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
New Bedford	Quest Center, Armory District	Pending	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
New Bedford	TOD Market Study, Zoning, and Design Guidelines	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Jed Cornock	DLTA, SCR, City
New Bedford	OSRP Design and Civic Engagement	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Helen Zincavage	MassDOT
North Attleboro	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Eric Arbeene, Grant King	DLTA, CCC, local, MA
Norton	Bicycle Committee Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Norton	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Sara Brown, Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, CCC, local
Plainville	ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	MOD
Raynham	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Jed Cornock, Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, local
Rochester	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Eric Arbeene	DOER
Seekonk	Services and Facilities Master Plan Element	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Sara Brown	DLTA
Seekonk	Land Use Master Plan Element	New	Comprehensive	Sara Brown, Taylor Perez	DLTA, local, MA
Somerset	Green Communities Program Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Eric Arbeene	DOER
Somerset	Inflow & Infiltration EDA Application	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Somerset	Route 103 Access Management Study	Pending	Transportation	Paul Mission	MassDOT
Somerset	Municipal Vulnerability Planning	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Bill Napolitano	EOEEA
Somerset, Swansea	Wastewater District Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Swansea	Tonw-Wide Growth Model	New	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA, MA
Taunton	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	New	Comprehensive	Helen Zincavage	DLTA, local

Taunton	MSIP V- Business Park	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Taunton	Economic Development Marketing and Permitting	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Sara Brown	DLTA, MA, CCC
Wareham	Bicycle Committee Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Wareham	Decas School Redevelopment Plan	Complete	Comprehensive	Grant King, Lizeth Gonzalez, Taylor Perez	DLTA, EDA, MA
Legislative	FEMA Flood Map Bylaw Update	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Jeff Walker, Bill Napolitano, Helen Zincavage	SRPEDD
Regional	SRPEDD Regional Resilience Plan (SRRP)	New; Scoping	Comprehensive	Helen Zincavage, Bill Napolitano, Don Sullivan, Grant King	DLTA; U.S. EDA and CCC (applications pending)
Regional	Old Rochester Regional High School Active Shooter Response Job-Aid Tool	New	Comprehensive, Homeland Security	Kevin Ham	DLTA
Regional	Justice, Equity, and Community Development (JECD) Initiative	New	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Regional	CARES Act/COVID-19 U.S. EDA Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Jeff Walker, Don Sullivan, Grant King	SRPEDD, U.S. EDA
Regional	South Coast Administrators Committee	Ongoing	Administrative	Jeff Walker	SRPEDD
Regional	Mass. Assn. of Regional Planning Commissions (MARPA)	Ongoing	Administrative	Jeff Walker	RPAs
Regional	South Coast Bikeway Planning Phase 2	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Jackie Jones	Local, MassDOT
Regional	Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	Delayed	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Regional	Pavement Management - Fed. Aid Road Network	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Regional	Bus Stop Capital Investment Plan	Ongoing	Transportation	E. Anne Dors	MassDOT
Regional	Agriculture Retention Workshops	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Bill Napolitano, Helen Zincavage	DLTA
Regional	Regional Housing Services Office Feasibility Study	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Eric Arbeene	DLTA, MassHousing
Regional	Rural Policy Advisory Council	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Helen Zincavage	DLTA, sister RPAs

Regional	Cranberry Bog Program Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Bill Napolitano, Helen Zincavage	DER
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Flood Management Program	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Bill Napolitano, Helen Zincavage	DER
Regional	Taunton Watershed Pilot Project	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Bill Napolitano, Helen Zincavage	SNEP, Mass- Audubon
Regional	SE Marine Technology Corridor	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan, Jeff Walker	EDA
Regional	Taunton River Trail	Ongoing	Transportation	Bill Napolitano	MassDOT
Regional- GATRA	Technical Assistance Planning and GIS	Ongoing	Transportation	Jen Chaves, E. Anne Dors	GATRA
Regional-SRTA	Technical Assistance Planning and GIS	Delayed	SRPEDD	Jen Chaves, E. Anne Dors	SRTA
Regional	Trails Mapping (Off Road)	Ongoing	Transportation	Greg Guertin, Jackie Jones, Karen Porter	MassDOT
Regional	Freight Action Plan	Ongoing	Transportation	Greg Guertin	MassDOT
Regional	RTP Continuous Public Outreach	Ongoing	Transportation	Lisa Estrela- Pedro, Lilia Cabral, Lizeth Gonzalez	MassDOT
Regional - SRTA	Transit Signal Prioritization Study	Ongoing	Transportation	Guoqiang Li, Paul Mission	MassDOT



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DLTA Projects Support State and Local Initiatives

Selection Criteria

- Consistency with the CCC Best Practices;
- Likelihood of completion and implementation (with a measurable change in the municipality);
- Clear identification of expected outcomes;
- Builds upon previous work and leads to subsequent work;
- Promotes regional collaboration and local commitment;
- Consistency with PDAs and PPAs;
- Promotes the Housing Choice Initiative; and
- Regional in scope (collaborative projects in more than one community).

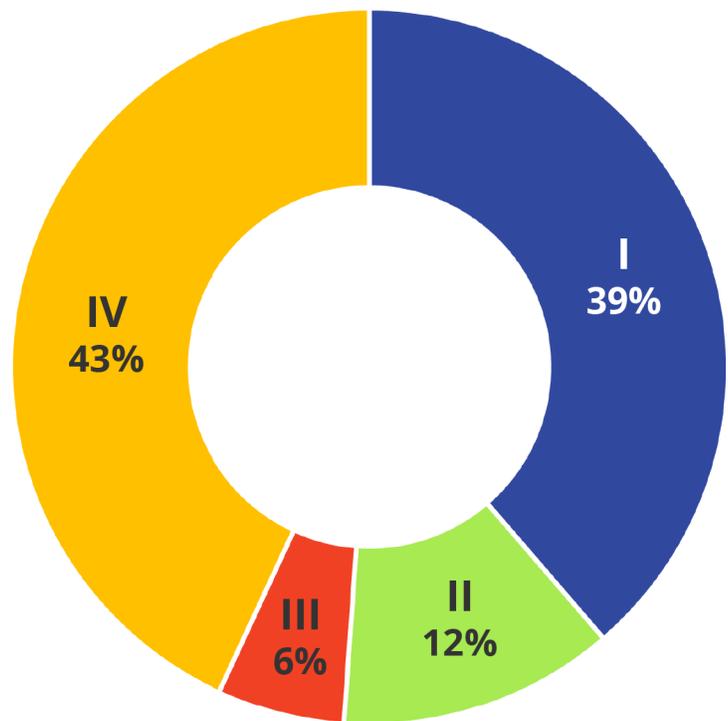
Projects and Selections

Please visit SRPEDD's DLTA web page to explore recent work and to review our Selection Criteria worksheet.

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2021 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA)

The SRPEDD region is grateful to the Massachusetts State Legislature and the Baker-Polito Administration for another year of this enduring and essential program. This year's projects include regional initiatives, a corridor redevelopment study, and Master Plans, Open Space Plans, and Housing Production Plans.



- I: Regionalization
- II: Planning Ahead for Housing
- III: Planning Ahead for Growth
- IV: Support Community Compact Program
- TBD

LOCAL PRIORITIES



STATE PRIORITIES



CCC Best Practices
and
DLTA with SRPEDD



SRPEDD's 2021 DLTA Awards

City/Town	Project Description	Estimated Cost	Estimated Match	DHCD Reporting Category
Project Administration	Reporting, Project Solicitation, Project Scopes, and other DLTA-related tasks	\$23,420	-	I
Fairhaven	Alden Road Redevelopment Study	\$27,500	\$47,500*	IV
Mansfield	Housing Production Plan	\$19,000	\$5,000	II
Mattapoissett	Master Plan	\$25,000	\$27,000	IV
North Attleborough	Master Plan	\$20,000	\$27,000	IV
Raynham	Master Plan	\$17,500	\$41,000	IV
Regional	Regional Resilience Plan	\$62,500	\$232,500*	I
Regional	Justice, Equity, and Community Development Initiative	\$13,500	-	II
Regional (Rochester, Marion, Mattapoissett)	Old Rochester Regional High School Active Shooter Response Job-Aid Tool	\$15,000	-	I
Seekonk	Land Use Master Plan Element	\$12,500	\$12,500	IV
Swansea	Town-wide Growth Model	\$15,000	\$4,000	III
Taunton	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	\$10,000	\$8,500	IV
		\$260,920	\$405,000	

*SRPEDD is seeking a portion of these matching funds with ongoing grant-writing.

Projects and Selections

Please visit SRPEDD's DLTA web page to explore recent work and to review our Selection Criteria worksheet.

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Census Release Schedule

- **State Totals for reapportionment on or by April 30, 2021**
- **PL-94 data on or by September 30, 2021**
 - Population, housing units, and group quarters facilities to the Census block-level, including MCD/City/Town
 - Pop. by race, ethnicity, and by voting age/non-voting age (18+ and <18)
- **Demographic and Housing Characteristics file (DHC):** the 2020 version of what was the SF1 file. ***The release date for this product has not been announced.***

** As of April 16. Dates subject to change*

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“Legacy format” version of the PL-94 data in “mid-to-late” August.

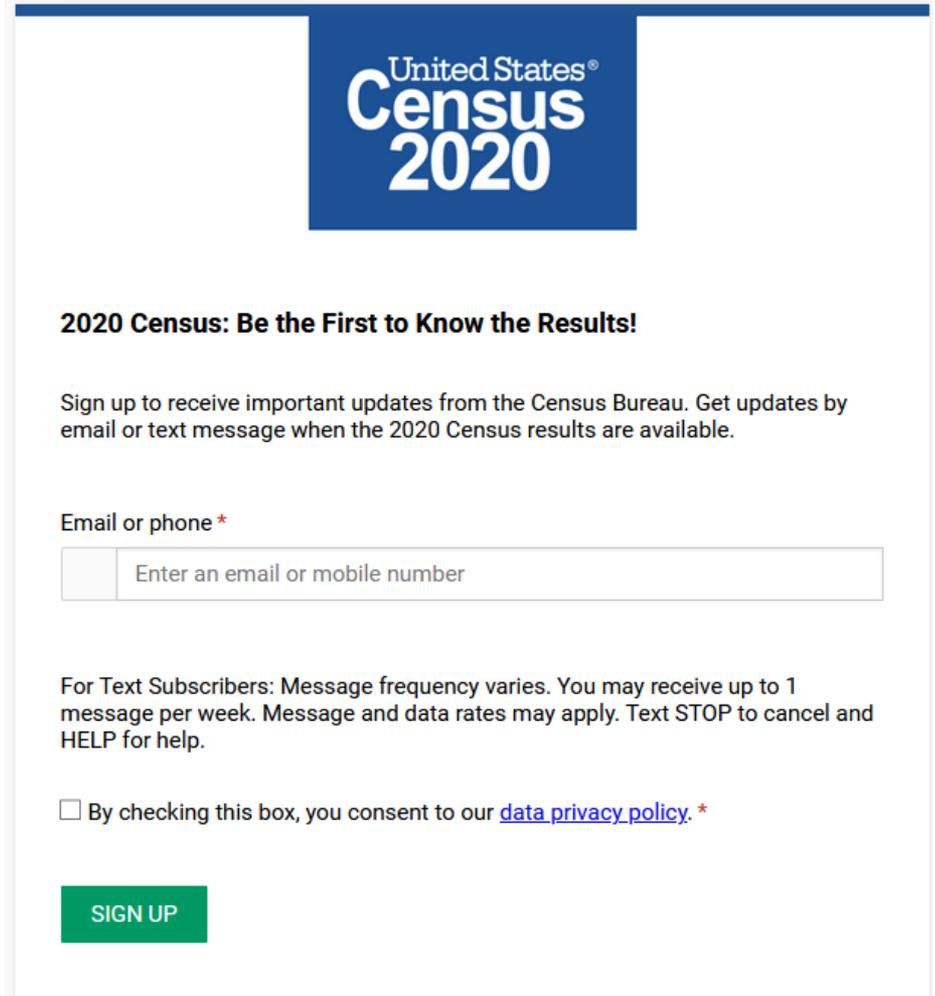
- Data will need to be formatted by users using their own statistical software; Bureau will not be held responsible for formatting or processing errors that occur with this set
- UMDI will process this set and post
- <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/rdo/summary-files.html>

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Census Release Schedule

Sign up here to get updates by email or text message when the 2020 Census results are available

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCENSUS/signup/11626>



The screenshot shows the sign-up page for the 2020 Census. At the top right is the "United States Census 2020" logo. Below it is the heading "2020 Census: Be the First to Know the Results!". The main text says "Sign up to receive important updates from the Census Bureau. Get updates by email or text message when the 2020 Census results are available." There is a form field labeled "Email or phone*" with the placeholder text "Enter an email or mobile number". Below the form field is a note: "For Text Subscribers: Message frequency varies. You may receive up to 1 message per week. Message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to cancel and HELP for help." At the bottom of the form is a checkbox with the text "By checking this box, you consent to our [data privacy policy](#).*" and a green "SIGN UP" button.