

June 22, 2022

6:30 PM Regular Meeting

Virtual SRPEDD Commission Meeting

to be convened online, allowing for remote participation via workstation,
laptop, smartphone, or landline (audio only)

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes – May 25, 2022* (*Vote requested*)
3. Swearing-In for 2022-2023 Commissioners who have not yet had opportunity to do so
4. Reports
 - a. Chair
 - b. Executive Director
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Contracts (*No contracts this month*)
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee * (*Vote to receive report and place on file*)
 - b. Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
 - Election/Re-election of Two MPO Members, per Bylaws, to Fill Seats of MPO Members whose Terms are Expiring *
7. Programs and Project Updates:
 - a. Comprehensive Program Update
 - b. Environmental Program Update (inclusive of MEPA report) *
8. Old Business
 - a. Technical Assistance* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
9. New Business
10. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest
11. Adjourn

FUTURE MEETINGS: July 27, 2022; *No Mtg* in August; September 28, 2022;
October 26, 2022; December 7, 2022

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

*Attached

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes, # 2

SRPEDD Business Meeting- Draft
May 25, 2022
White's of Westport

Present:**Commissioners:**

T. Bott, Carver	C. Haddad, Dartmouth	J. Carvalho, Dighton	R. Espindola, Fairh.
D. Pettey, Freetown	V. D'Antoni, Freetown	L. Carboni, Lakeville	A. Horowitz, Mansfield
N. Hills, Marion	L. Bradley, Middleb.	J. Ponte, New Bedford	M. Clarner, No. Attle.
L. Pirnie, No. Attle.	M. Andrade, Raynham	P. Dunn, Seekonk	L. Mendes, Somerset (Alter.)
J. Kardel, Somerset	G. Hovorka, Swansea	W. Roth, Taunton	M. Monteiro, Taunton
A. Slavin, Wareham	S. Ouellette, Westport	J. Whitin, Westport	

Guests/Staff:

P. Mission, SRPEDD	L. Estrela-Pedro	J. Walker, SRPEDD
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Absent:

J. Kelley, Acushnet	D. Pimentel, Acushnet	F. Uriot, Attleboro	G. Ayrassian, Attleboro
S. Leary, Berkley	C. O'Neil, Dartmouth	D. Braga, Fairhaven	M. Sweet Dart. (Alter.)
K. Young, Fall River	J. Ferreira, Fall River	J. Henry, Marion	R. Burgmann, Mattap.
M. Germain, Middleb.	S. Ollerhead, Norton	J. Artz, Norton	C. Yarworth, Plainville
C. Sullivan, Raynham	W. Costa, Rehoboth	G. Hartley, Rochester	N. Durfee, Rochester
N. McDonald, Somerset	J. Hansen, Swansea	M. King, Wareham	R. Tith, F.R A/L
P. Sullivan, NB A/L	J. Peccini, Taunton A/L		

Attendance sheet is available from the Annual meeting if any would like to view.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alan Slavin at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was recorded.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the April 22, 2022 minutes with one abstention. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **Confirmation of At-Large Commissioners:** Chairman explained the procedure for At-large Commissioner selection. Mr. Haddad read the below confirmation.

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40B, Section 12, "Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions, the commission may increase its membership by not more than six in order to provide representation to low-income and minority groups."

The following names were put before the Commission to be At Large members:

AREA	NAME	REPRESENTING
Attleboro Area	<i>Vacant</i>	
Fall River Area (2)	Ricky Tith*	Cambodian American Rescue Organization (CARO)
New Bedford Area (2)	Patrick Sullivan*	New Bedford Community Dev.
Taunton	Janine Peccini*	Taunton Community Dev.

**currently serving*

The following resolution was made and seconded. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Be it resolved that the Commission of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, acting under the alternate procedure for selecting At Large Commissioners, accepts the nominations presented above as members of the SRPEDD Commission.

- 4. Election of Officers and Executive Committee:** The Nominating Committee met on May 18, 2022, via Zoom. The Committee consisted of the following: Cody Haddad- Dartmouth; Leeann Bradley- Middleborough; Chris Yarworth- Plainville; Janine Peccini- Taunton A/L. As its first order of business, the members of the Committee appointed Leeann Bradley as Chair.

Officers

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for the 2022-2023 term:

Chair – Alan Slavin, Wareham
Vice Chair – Marie Clarner, No. Attleborough
Secretary – Norm Hills, Marion
Treasurer – D. Austin Horowitz, Mansfield
Immediate Past Chair – *Vacant*

There were no nominations from the floor, and the Chair requested a motion to have the secretary cast one ballot for the slate as presented.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the officers. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY. A vote was cast for the slate of officers.

The Executive Committee proposed the following slate for the Executive Committee for the 2022-2023 term. The composition of the Executive Committee is set in accordance with M.G.L., Chap. 40b; Section 15 (includes the officers):

Mayor's Appointees

Gary Ayrassian, Attleboro
Kaitlin Young, Fall River
Jamie Ponte, New Bedford
Bill Roth, Taunton

Selectmen Appointees (4)

Cody Haddad, Dartmouth
Lorraine Carboni, Lakeville
Greenwood Hartley III, Rochester
Steve Ouellette, Westport

Planning Board Appointees (4)

Victoria D' Antoni, Freetown
Jon Henry, Marion
Chris Yarworth, Plainville
Bill Costa, Rehoboth

The Vice-Chair requested a motion to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate as presented. The motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Reports:

- a. **Chair:** Chairman Slavin reported that he and Mr. Walker have reached out to Bridgewater State University in follow-up to Dr. Melinda Tarsi's presentation to the Commission last meeting about the possibility of both SRPEDD and member communities placing as interns top-ranked graduate (and potentially highly competitive undergraduate) students in addition to partnering with Bridgewater professors on semester-long projects of mutual interest. He mentioned it may take a year to officially get things up and running but encouraged interested cities and towns to reach out to Mr. Walker with intern or project needs. Mr. Pirnie asked if they would have grant writing skills. Mr. Walker mentioned that is unlikely but that SRPEDD staff and participating faculty members will be available to assist, if and as needed, with any such projects requiring instruction and oversight.
- b. **Executive Director:** Mr. Walker continued with his report, sharing that Bridgewater's willingness to partner on upcoming student placements (together with the possible future participation of other area institutions as well), holds excellent promise for the region in terms of helping not only to ensure a reserve of well-trained future town administrators and other municipal officials, but the possibility in advancing a series of projects at the local and regional levels with faculty-supervised student assistance.

6. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Contracts:** Chairman Slavin referred the Commission to the contracts below. The Chairman read the following contracts below for consideration by the Commission.

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 Taunton River Stewardship Council to help with costs for the implementation of high priority action projects in the Assawompset Pond and Upper Nemasket River watersheds for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.
2. With the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, ARPA funds to: (1) support sedimentation removal from the headwaters of the Nemasket River; (2) support invasive weed

removal from long pond; (3) leverage state funds in support of other priority projects; and (4) project administration for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the two contracts listed above. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Finance Committee:** Mr. Horowitz mentioned the Finance Committee had met on May 18th and briefly before this meeting. He mentioned the meeting prior was to discuss the compensation plan for staff merit raises for senior supervisors who were deferred until the conclusion of this year's process, given both the time and labor-intensive requirements of the salary and classification study, and in order to ensure first that critical salary adjustments for identified positions were made.

A motion was made, seconded to approve the Finance Committee report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. **Personnel Committee:** Chairman Slavin mentioned that the Personnel Committee met to conduct and complete its annual review of the Executive Director on May 18th, along with a wide-ranging and strategic discussion regarding his goals and objectives for the coming year.

A motion was made seconded and approve the Finance Committee report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. **Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO:** Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned that the JTPG meeting minutes in the packet should read May 11th and not April 13th as Mr. Hills pointed out. She reported that at the SMMPO meeting the FFY2027 TIP was endorsed and a couple of projects adjusted in terms of their scheduling. Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned the UPWP was released for a 21-day public comment period. She also mentioned that the MPO Bylaws were endorsed and reminded Commissioners that SMMPO self-nominations for two Board of Selectmen/Town Council elected officials are due May 9th. Mr. Pirnie mentioned that the Town of North Attleborough has a project and he would like to discuss it will Ms. Estrela-Pedro after the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Transportation report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Old Business:

- a. **Technical Assistance:** Mr. Walker referred to the traditional monthly update on projects contained in the packets.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Technical Assistance report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. New Business: None

13. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest: None

14. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM. The next Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., to be held both in-person and remotely via Zoom (hybrid), with Commissioners invited to participate in whichever manner they prefer.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Hills, Secretary

Date: 6/22/2022

No contracts this month

AGENDA ITEM: Finance Committee Report # 6.a.

The Finance Committee met on June 15, 2022 at SRPEDD Office and remotely via Zoom. The May 18, 2022 Finance meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for May 2022 received, and a warrant for expenses in the amount of \$136,632.41.

Cash & Funds: May 1, 2022	\$ 713,320.65
Cash Receipts: May 1 – 31, 2022	<u>\$ 459,444.59</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,172,765.24

Disbursements: May 1 – 31, 2022	\$ 216,881.18
Cash & Funds: May 31, 2022	<u>\$ 910,884.06</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,127,765.24

The Committee reviewed OPEB statement for April 2022 included in the packet along with May 2022 month-end general journal entries.

**DRAFT Minutes of the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization
(SMMPO) Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 1:00 PM**

Held remotely via Zoom

The following members were in attendance:

Steve Woelfel-----Representing Jamey Tesler, MassDOT Secretary and CEO, Chair
 Pamela Haznar-----Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Div. Administrator
 Jamie Ponte-----Representing Jon Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford
 Dean Larabee-----Town of Berkley
 Shawn McDonald-----Town of Dartmouth
 Robert Espindola-----Town of Fairhaven
 Mark Germain-----Town of Middleborough
 Alan Slavin-----SRPEDD Commission Chair
 Shayne Trimbell-----Representing Erik Rousseau, Administrator, SRTA
 Angela Constantino-----Representing Frank Gay, Acting Administrator, GATRA

The following members were absent:

Paul Heroux-----Mayor of Attleboro
 Paul Coogan-----Mayor of Fall River
 Shaunna O'Connell-----Mayor of Taunton

The following were also in attendance:

Andrew Reovan-----FHWA	A Andrade
Barbara Lachance-----MassDOT	Paul Mission-----SRPEDD
Derek Shooster-----MassDOT	Lisa Estrela-Pedro-----SRPEDD
Derek Krevat-----MassDOT	Lilia Cabral-Bernard-----SRPEDD
Michelle Ho-----MassDOT	Sean Hilton-----SRPEDD
Raissah Kouame-----MassDOT	Julianne Griffiths-----SRPEDD
Jacob Vaught-----Somerset	Jackie Jones-----SRPEDD
Lloyd Mendes-----Somerset	Grant King-----SRPEDD
Jim Hartnett-----Westport	Sara Brown-----SRPEDD
Nicole McDonald-----Somerset	Robert Cabral-----SRPEDD

Handouts:

SMMPO Revised Agenda May 17, 2022
 SMMPO Draft Meeting Minutes April 19, 2022
 FFY2022-2026 TIP Proposed Amendment #4
[Link to the Draft FFY2023-2027 TIP](#)
[Link to the Draft FFY2023 UPWP](#)
 Final Draft SMMPO By-Laws

AGENDA:**1. Call to Order and Roll Call-**

Chairman Woelfel called the SMMPO meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Ms. Lilia Cabral-Bernard asked all MPO

members and designees to please unmute themselves so she could call the roll for attendance. She then called the complete roll of MPO members, with the following being present at the time of the roll call.

MassDOT Chair-----	Yes	Town of Fairhaven-----	Yes
City of New Bedford-----	Yes	Town of Middleborough-----	Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----	Yes	SRPEDD Commission Chair -----	Yes
Town of Berkley-----	Yes	SRTA-----	Yes
Town of Dartmouth-----	Yes	GATRA-----	Yes

2. Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2022 (Materials Attached and Roll Call Vote Needed)

Chairman Woelfel requested a motion to approve the minutes from the SMMPO meeting from April 19, 2022. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Jamie Ponte. Ms. Cabral-Bernard then called the roll:

MassDOT Chair-----	Yes	Town of Fairhaven-----	Yes
City of New Bedford-----	Yes	Town of Middleborough-----	Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----	Yes	SRPEDD Commission Chair -----	Yes
Town of Berkley-----	Abstain	SRTA-----	Yes
Town of Dartmouth-----	Yes	GATRA-----	Yes

THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

3. Public Comments - Opportunity for the public to address the SMMPO-

Chairman Woelfel invited members of the public to make comments. There were no comments presented.

4. Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) Report - RTA Updates

Angela Constantino informed the group that GATRA is in the final stages of selecting a new administrator, and that should happen in the next month or so. They are also working on finalizing a mobile app to be able to pay for bus fare with a credit card or with your phone, and they are getting ready to implement some of the schedule changes for which public meetings have already been held.

Shayne Trimbell informed the group that SRTA is moving along with their bus stop capital improvement plan and they are expecting the first round of public engagement starting next month, with a couple events at their terminals. They will be holding a stakeholder meeting and meeting with the cities to review the plan.

5. FFY2022-2026 Proposed Amendment #4 - Transit (including Highway Flex to Transit) & Highway Amendments - Roll Call Vote Needed to Endorse (Materials Attached)

Lisa Estrela-Pedro informed the group that amendment #4 was released at the last SMMPO meeting on April 19 and a comment was received from SRTA that FTA did not wish for funding to be flexed to their federal fiscal year 2022 projects as funds had already been awarded, therefore, the project was removed. It was previously on the highway element. A public meeting was held on May 4, there were no comments received at that time and no additional comments. Ms. Estrela-Pedro then displayed the TIP pages showing the final amendments removing the SRTA project from FFY2022. She informed the group that the highway element includes three projects for GATRA, and that there is some flex funding being reallocated. There is also the addition of two projects that are being funded with statewide funds, which is the Acushnet bridge replacement, Hamlin Street over the Acushnet River and in North Attleboro, bridge painting and repairs

along Interstate 295.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro then displayed the transit element of the TIP, with all the projects that were discussed at the last meeting. She explained that the additional information column has the specifics for each project, and three of those were new projects. There were three that were flex funding, traditional ones where the funding category changed from 5307 to fully funded with state funds. She then asked the body to approve this amendment to the FFY2022 year of the 2022 to 2026 TIP.

Angie Constantino then pointed out that the state match for two of the highway projects were in fiscal year 2023 including the \$100,000 for the mini bus project and the \$16,000 for the supervisor vehicles.

With those small administrative changes added, the Chair asked for a motion. Alan Slavin made the motion and Jamie Ponte seconded it. The Chair asked Lilia to call the roll.

MassDOT Chair-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes
Town of Berkley-----Yes
Town of Dartmouth-----Yes

Town of Fairhaven-----Yes
Town of Middleborough-----Yes
SRPEDD Commission Chair -----Yes
SRTA-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Draft FFY2023-2027 TIP ([Draft FFY2023-2027 TIP](#)) - Roll Call Vote Needed to Endorse (Link to Materials Attached)

Lisa started by informing the group that the SMMPO body is required to endorse the Certification of our Planning Process and self-compliance statement for the Global Warming Solutions Act. They will be displayed on the screen and Lilia will be reciting them word for word as required. Lilia then recited both the certification and the self-compliance word for word. (These 2 documents are attached at the end of these minutes for viewing). Lilia then turned it over to Lisa.

The Chair then formally stated that the Certification and Compliance will be included in the Endorsement of the draft FFY2023-27 TIP.

Lisa continued by saying that the draft 2023 to 27 TIP was released last month at the SMMPO meeting on April 19 to a minimum 21-day comment period. Comments received included from Sandra Medeiros of the South Coast Bikeway Alliance inquiring about moving up the bicycle and pedestrian Ramp Construction at Route 6 and MacArthur Drive in New Bedford. She stated that 2027 is several years past the 2023 completion date of the South Coast Rail, and she was under the understanding that the project was fully funded and construction would begin soon. She stated the lack of a ramp on the north side of Route 6 is the only impediment to cyclists accessing the train station from Fairhaven and points east. She is aware that cyclists could travel on the south side of Route 6 on the bumpy red brick path and circle back towards the station, but that would add additional minutes to their commute.

Comments were also received from federal highway and MassDOT noting suggestions, updates and corrections, all of which have been addressed and can be found in Table 8 of the draft TIP. And most recently, comments that came in via email, one from the Fairhaven bikeway committee. At their meeting held on April 26, the committee voted unanimously to send these comments and the committee agrees with comments made by Sandra Medeiros that are contained on page 38 of the existing draft, which

advocate for advancing the timing of the construction of the ramp on the north side of Route 6 to more closely align with the completion of the South Coast Rail project. In the introduction section of the document, the plan calls for a comprehensive performance-based regional multimodal transportation planning process, while minimizing transportation related fuel consumption and air pollution. The Fairhaven bikeway committee believes it would be best if the ramp that is already programmed to be built in 2026 to 2027 on the north side of the Fairhaven New Bedford bridge, were moved up in the funding cycle to more closely coincide with the completion of the New Bedford South Coast rail station and 2023. The ramp will make it easier for people commuting to the New Bedford rail station by bicycle from Fairhaven and points east to right down off the bridge and into the train station.

The second email comment was from Bob Espindola, the president of the South Coast Bikeway Alliance, that they very much appreciate the mention of the South Coast Bikeway in the TIP document including on page 118 which states several projects are underway that include South Coast Bikeway rerouting by MassDOT, including projects in Marion and Wareham on Route 6, in New Bedford, the bicycle and pedestrian Ramp Construction from Rout 6 to MacArthur Drive project. At a meeting held on May 10, the South Coast bikeway Alliance voted unanimously to send you this comment on the draft 2023 to 27 TIP. The committee once again agrees with Sandra's comments and they are advocating for the timing of the construction of the ramp.

In addition, they stated that they envision the construction projects at the Weweantic Bridge in Wareham and the Cape Cod canal bridges, providing easier, safer crossings of those waterways and providing an increase in tourism, whereby people from Boston will choose intermodal transportation to ride down from Boston on South Coast Rail, then bike in New Bedford through our beautiful coastal communities to experience Fort Phoenix and Mattapoisett rail trails and the magnificent new project connecting to Mattapoisett before riding down to Marion and Wareham and over the bridges to Cape Cod and over to the islands. The ramp on the north side down to the train station will be a tremendous asset to people traveling back and forth between New Bedford and points east. In conclusion, we are very grateful for the emphasis the TIP places on intermodal transportation and we hope that you will consider moving the construction of the ramp on the north side of Route 6 up to coincide with the completion of the South Coast rail station. Lisa explained that this is a statewide project, and comments will all be included in the TIP and MassDOT will have an opportunity to comment on that as well if they so wish.

Lisa continued by informing the group that since the release of the Draft TIP, they do need to note some changes. Final transit project lists which were included in the latest version of the draft, and for GATRA, there was approximately \$53 million programmed over the next five years for planning, preventative maintenance, operating assistance, mobility management, rehab and renovation of the Attleboro commuter rail station, rehab of Taunton's East Main facility, to purchase support equipment, 8 35-foot buses and 38 vans. We do need to note that there is a change on the project lists for federal fiscal year 27. For projects RTD 0011422, the amount of \$1,440,000 in 5307 funds was not shown and that information will be updated and will be included in the final TIP.

For SRTA over \$50 million is programmed over the next five years for planning, hardware, and software enhancements, tire leases, support vehicles, 9 replacement vans, 25 replacement buses, to support equipment and facilities, and in federal fiscal year 2027 engineering and design of a bus support equipment facility, which they are much in need of. We also need to note that there is an update to the cost for project in 2003 that was not displayed correctly on the transit element of the TIP. The cost should be programmed at approximately \$4.5 million. This information will be updated and included in the final TIP.

On the highway side of the TIP, in federal fiscal year 2025, there was a cost increase for the Lakeville Route

79 project. With that cost increase, the TIP was over programmed by approximately \$1.3 million. The recommendation is to push out the Norton intersection Improvement Program to federal fiscal year 2027. In doing that, we have a little under a million as a balance left in federal fiscal year 2025. That would be a change that would be made if this body so approves it.

Moving the Norton project into federal fiscal year 2027 over programs the TIP by approximately \$2 million. The first thought was to push out the lowest scoring projects, which was Dartmouth, Dartmouth Street at Prospect Street, or the Westport, Improvements at 177, Robert Road and Tickle Road. Following discussion with the town of Dartmouth, their preference would be to leave in the Dartmouth at Prospect Street, since they're moving quicker on that project and push out the Faunce Corner project onto the supplemental project list. Staff also reached out to Westport and they gave us an update that their project is advancing. Moving the Dartmouth Faunce Corner project 607820 to the supplemental list would leave us with a balance. And with that balance, we would be able to move up a project that was previously on the supplemental list, which would be the Middleborough reconstruction related work on Wareham Street at Woods Street. If those changes were to be made, we'd end up with a balance of approximately \$1.6 million in federal fiscal year 2027. And we would be fiscally constrained in all years. So we are asking this body to endorse the TIP with these changes.

The Chair asked for a motion. Alan Slavin made the motion and Shawn McDonald seconded it. The Chair asked Lilia to call the roll.

MassDOT Chair-----	Yes	Town of Fairhaven-----	Yes
City of New Bedford-----	Yes	SRPEDD Commission Chair -----	Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----	Yes	SRTA-----	Yes
Town of Berkley-----	Yes	GATRA-----	Yes
Town of Dartmouth-----	Yes		

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Draft FFY2023 UPWP ([Draft FFY23 UPWP](#)) - Roll Call Vote Needed to Release to a 21-day comment period.

Paul Mission explained that the UPWP covered work to be completed from Oct. 1, 2022 –Sept. 30, 2023, that it supports the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan, updates the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan, and outlines planning activities for SRPEDD.

He explained that the legislative guidance that is tied to the funding of the UPWP and includes monies that are filtered down from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) but also builds upon legislation and guidance from previous transportation bills which include FAST Act, MAP- 21. In general, all these bills support and strengthen America's highways, are designed to support the US D.O.T.'s aggressive safety agenda, promote alternative modes of transport, improve health, improve healthy and sustainable transportation, create jobs, support economic growth and address climate change and promote equity for all modes of transportation.

Mr. Mission continued with the funding sources that are tied to the UPWP. The first one is through the US DOT, from the Federal Highway Administration as well as Federal Transit Administration, where the combined planning funds are better known as PL with FHWA and a 5303 grant program from FTA to provide 80% of our contract annually. There is a required 20% match which is supplied through MassDOT, and there is one additional contract that we have is using the 5307 grant program from FTA through GATRA for

technical planning services.

The UPWP consists of four elements: 1. Management & Support of the Planning Process; 2. Regional Data Collection, Modeling & Analysis Activities; 3. Transportation Plan Activities & Studies; and 4. Additional Technical Planning Activities.

Element 1 has five tasks. including: Task 1.1, the 3C Process; Task 1.2, Public Participation; Task 1.3, Environmental Justice & Title VI; Task 1.4, the Unified Planning Work Program; and Task 1.5, the Transportation Improvement Program.

Element 2 has six tasks, including: Task 2.1, Data Management and GIS; Task 2.2, Regional Modeling; Task 2.3, Regional Traffic Counting; Task 2.4, Pavement Management; Task 2.5, Performance Measures; and Task 2.6, Community Technical Assistance.

Element 3 consists of six separate tasks, including: Task 3.1, Update of the Regional Transportation Plan; Task 3.2, Management Systems; Task 3.3, Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning; Task 3.4, Intermodal Project Coordination, Freight Movement & Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS); Task 3.5, Regional Resiliency; and Task 3.6, Mobility Management & Regional Transit Support.

Element 4 includes one task which is Task 4.1, GATRA Technical Planning Assistance.

Mr. Mission concluded with the timeline for the UPWP which is a release of this document for a 21-day public comment period, The document itself is available for download through the SRPEDD website, just click on the transportation tab and then click on regional transportation planning. That page will show you the link for the UPWP. The link was sent out as part of the materials for today's meeting. And I encourage everyone to download it and review it and provide us any comments and you can send those comments to either myself or you can send them to Lisa Estrella-Pedro.

There were no question so the Chair asked for a motion a second for this draft UPWP to be released to a public 21-day public comment period. The motion was made by Shawn McDonald and seconded by Bob Espindola.

The Chair asked Lilia to call the roll.

MassDOT Chair-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes
Town of Berkley-----Yes
Town of Dartmouth-----Yes

Town of Fairhaven-----Yes
SRPEDD Commission Chair -----Yes
SRTA-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. MPO By-Laws - Final Comments and Roll Call Vote Needed to Endorse (Materials Attached)
Lilia Cabral-Bernard informed the group that the draft bylaws were presented at the last SMMPO meeting. These bylaws are a result of a recommendations of the federal certification review and staff has incorporated the helpful comments received from our federal partners. the MPO members were asked at the last at the last meeting to take a look at the draft and offer any comments, but no comments were received. She asked the group to endorse the SMMPO Bylaws.

The Chair asked for a motion and a second to endorse the MPO bylaws. The motion was made by Alan

Slavin and seconded by Jamie Ponte. The Chair then asked Lilia to call the roll.

MassDOT Chair-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes
Town of Berkley-----Yes
Town of Dartmouth-----Yes

Town of Fairhaven-----Yes
SRPEDD Commission Chair -----Yes
SRTA-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Beyond Mobility/MassDOT Statewide Long Range 2050 Transportation Plan Presentation

Raissah Kouame provided an overview of the state's long-range transportation plan called Beyond Mobility. The purpose of the long-range plan is to articulate and create a vision statement that will guide the future of transportation in Massachusetts, and also serve as a strategic plan for MassDOT and guide future capital planning at the agency. The last statewide long-range transportation plan was called We Move Massachusetts and was completed in 2014, and helped to define the structure of MassDOT's current capital investment plan.

This plan will help set the stage for the next revamp of the capital planning process through an extensive public engagement and strategic planning process. The tasks within the scope of work for the long-range plan have been categorized into four overarching phases. The assessment phase will involve tasks such as an existing conditions analysis, analyzing the most pressing trends facing Massachusetts through scenario planning, and defining the network for site specific needs analysis. The visioning phase will involve extensive public and stakeholder engagement, and will entail crafting a vision based on input from the public and stakeholders. The evaluation phase will also involve public engagement, but will be based more on assessing public input on a variety of trade-offs. For example, when it comes to allocating limited resources for transportation, which projects are the greatest priority? Questions like this will be assessed as part of this stage.

The final stage will involve recommendations based on this input and other analysis. Recommendations may be related to restructuring the capital planning framework, organizational policy related or location specific.

MassDOT staff are currently in the visioning phase of the long-range planning process to define how Massachusetts residents envision the transportation system to best serve them in the future and what the most pressing needs and barriers are. So far, they have completed multilingual focus groups and have launched a website and public survey to beginning gathering feedback. Additional stakeholder meetings will be held throughout the summer of 2022.

10. Other Business - MPO self-nomination process, etc.

Lisa informed the group that MPO self-nomination forms have been sent out to all the Boards of Selectmen as we will be electing two new members as the term for Dartmouth and Berkley representatives will expire on August 1. They have the option of re-nominating themselves, but they will have to go through the election process with the nomination form or they can be replaced by others who wish to join the MPO. The forms are due back on June 9, and the election will take place at the SRPEDD Commission meeting on June 22, where the commission will elect the members to the SMMPO.

She continued by informing the group that the Notice of Funding Opportunity for Safe Streets and Roads funding has been released, and staff will send out that information to our mailing lists. There is over \$5 to

\$6 billion in dollars grants over the next five years. Funding will support regional, local and tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The program supports the Department's National Roadway Safety Strategy and a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways. Eligible activities include the development or update of a comprehensive safety action plan, or action plan Vision Zero plans, planning, design and development of activities in support of an action plan, and carrying out projects and strategies identified in an action plan.

A couple of other announcements, include the MassDOT Innovation conference on May 24 and 25th at the DCU center in Worcester, in-person registration is closed, but you can still sign up to attend virtually through May 23.

On May 25 SRPEDD's annual dinner will be taking place at White's of Westport and we have keynote speaker secretary and CEO, Massachusetts Department of Transportation Jamie Tesler.

Also, MassDOT's Capital Investment Plan meeting will be held virtually on June 1 at 6pm. We will send out additional information once we've received that.

Paul formally introduced Raissah to all the MPO members. She is the new liaison between SRPEDD and the Office of Transportation Planning in Boston. He welcomed her to the group.

11. Date and Time for Next Meeting

Paul asked the MPO members if they would be amenable possibly have a combined meeting in June with the JTPG and possibly outdoors. Staff is having trouble finding an off-site location for the meeting, but if we cannot, we could possibly have it in the SRPEDD parking lot, and instead of a hybrid, have an in-person meeting only due to the lack of technology depending on the location.

Discussion ensued including the need for an in-person quorum for an in-person meeting, and setting a rain date, with possible dates of June 14 or June 21, possibly with a June 14 with a rain date for the 21st. It was suggested that if it rains on the 14th, we could then change to a virtual meeting for the JTPG on that day, and then have an outdoor meeting on the 21st for the MPO. Alan stated that he could only do the 21st.

Dean Larabee reminded the group about Paul's retirement, and how he would like to meet all the MPO members in person after 2 years of virtual meetings. The Chair asked members to email Paul and Lisa with their thoughts so a final plan could be made for the date and time of the next meeting.

12. Adjourn

The Chair asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Alan Slavin made a motion and Mark Germain seconded it, and the Chair asked for all in favor of adjournment to please say aye. There were all ayes heard and none opposed. The Chair thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 2:04 PM.

Certification of the SMMPO Transportation Planning Process

The Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization certifies that its conduct of the metropolitan transportation planning process complies with all applicable requirements, which are listed below, and that this process includes activities to support the development and implementation of the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination, the Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

1. 23 USC 134, 49 USC 5303, and this subpart.
2. Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 USC 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and 40 CFR part 93 and for applicable State Implementation Plan projects.
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 USC 2000d-1) and 49 CFR Part 21.
4. 49 USC 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity.
5. Section 1101 (b) of the Fast Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in U.S. DOT-funded projects.
6. 23 CFR part 230, regarding implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts.
7. The provisions of the US DOT and of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38.
8. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 USC 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.
9. Section 324 of Title 23 USC regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender.
10. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794) and 49 CFR Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
11. Anti-lobbying restrictions found in 49 USC Part 20. No appropriated funds may be expended by a recipient to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, or a member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of any federal contract.

Jamey L. Tesler, Secretary and Chief Executive Officer
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
Chair, SMMPO

Date

310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements for Transportation

This will certify that the Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization Long Range Transportation Plan is in compliance with all applicable requirements in the State Regulation 310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements for Transportation. The regulation requires the MPO to:

1. 310 CMR 60.05(5)(a)1.: Evaluate and report the aggregate transportation GHG emissions impacts of RTPs and TIPs;
2. 310 CMR 60.05(5)(a)2.: In consultation with MassDOT, develop and utilize procedures to prioritize and select projects in RTPs and TIPs based on factors that include aggregate transportation GHG emissions impacts;
3. 310 CMR 60.05(5)(a)3.: Quantify net transportation GHG emissions impacts resulting from the projects in RTPs and TIPs and certify in a statement included with RTPs and TIPs pursuant to 23 CFR Part 450 that the MPO has made efforts to minimize aggregate transportation GHG emissions impacts;
4. 310 CMR 60.05(5)(a)4.: Determine in consultation with the RPA that the appropriate planning assumptions used for transportation GHG emissions modeling are consistent with local land use policies, or that local authorities have made documented and credible commitments to establishing such consistency;
5. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(a)2.a.: Develop RTPs and TIPs;
6. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(a)2.b.: Ensure that RPAs are using appropriate planning assumptions;
7. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(a)2.c.: Perform regional aggregate transportation GHG emissions impact analysis of RTPs and TIPs;
8. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(a)2.d.: Calculate aggregate transportation GHG emissions impacts for RTPs and TIPs;
9. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(a)2.e.: Develop public consultation procedures for aggregate transportation GHG emissions impact reporting and related GWSA requirements consistent with current and approved regional public participation plans;
10. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(c): Prior to making final endorsements on the RTPs, TIPs, STIPs, and projects included in these plans, MassDOT and the MPOs shall include the aggregate transportation GHG emission impact assessment in RTPs, TIPs, and STIPs and provide an opportunity for public review and comment on the RTPs, TIPs, and STIPs; and
11. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(a)1.c.: After a final GHG assessment has been made by MassDOT and the MPOs, MassDOT and the MPOs shall submit MPO-endorsed RTPs, TIPs, STIPs or projects within 30 days of endorsement to the Department for review of the GHG assessment.

Jamey Tesler, Secretary and CEO
Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT);
Chair, Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)

Date

SRPEDD COMMISSION SMMPO ELECTION

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

The SRPEDD Commission annually elects two members from the region's boards of selectmen to serve on the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO); the committee responsible for review, development and endorsement of transportation policies, priorities, and projects primarily through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The SMMPO is comprised of 13 members including; Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation Jamie Tesler, MassDOT Highway Division Administrator Jonathan L. Gulliver, the Mayors from the region's four cities (Attleboro, Fall River, New Bedford, and Taunton), the Chair of the SRPEDD Commission, the administrators from the two regional transit authorities (SRTA and GATRA) and four (4) selectmen. Each year, two of these selectmen are elected to the SMMPO by a vote of the SRPEDD Commission.

The four selectmen that currently serve on this board include: Dean R. Larabee III, (Berkley), Shawn McDonald (Dartmouth), Robert Espindola (Fairhaven) and Mark Germain (Middleborough). The election procedures require that at least two (2), but not more than three (3) of the four select board members represent towns from Bristol and Norfolk Counties while at least one, but not more than two of the four selectmen represent towns within Plymouth County.

THE SMMPO NOMINEES FOR 2022 INCLUDE:

Jacob Vaught (Somerset, Bristol County)
Diana Bren (Mansfield, Bristol County)
Leonard Hull (Dighton, Bristol County)

The election will be held at the SRPEDD Commission meeting on Wednesday June 22, 2022. The two elected selectmen will serve on the SMMPO for a two-year term from **August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2024.**

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SMMPO)

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Updated June 17, 2022

Jacob Vaught P.M.P.

Somerset

Objective

As the newest member of the selectboard in Somerset, I want to lend my experience and enthusiasm to the SMMPO branch of the SRPEDD team. After 21 years of military service, I have found myself with more bandwidth in my life to donate to public service. My last ten years in the Navy were multi-faceted. However, the process of managing time, money, and people were universal. This is why I continued in the project management field after I retired. I have managed multiple infrastructure projects for the US Air Force that go far beyond the scope of just transportation. The point being that I have a unique perspective on government project management and understand the importance of having “shovel ready” projects when incremental funding is made available.

I do not intend to use this as a platform for my town but rather the entire SRPEDD area. One passion project I would like to help see fruition through is the Providence to Provincetown initiative. As someone who finds themselves on the Bristol bike path often, I would love to see that opportunity spread across our communities.

I also have a strong passion for economic development and I see the access and effectiveness of transportation as a key input to successful economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Education

- BA Finance
- MBA
- PMP

Diana Bren Biography

My name is Diana Bren and I enjoy giving back to my community. I was recently elected in May to the Mansfield Select Board for a 3-year term. Prior to that I was a member of the Mansfield Planning Board, as well as previously took part in the 10-year master plan as a Citizen-at-Large. One of the main reasons that lead me to running for Select Board, this was a community effort and I want to see this realized over the coming years, transportation being a large area of our plan.

I am proud double graduate from New England College in Henniker, NH (The only Henniker on Earth). I graduated with a B.A. in Communications in 2003 and a did a 9 month accelerated Masters in Organizational Management and Leadership in 2004 program.

I am also a Certified Six Sigma Black Belt. What is Six Sigma? It's a method and a set of techniques and tools used for organizational Process Improvement. Its original purpose was to help businesses adapt to the ever-changing demands of their customers, by looking at better ways to achieve goals. Following these techniques and tools lead to improvement in profits, employee morale, and quality of products and/or services. These methodologies can also be applied to everyday challenges. Six Sigma is about embracing an attitude and focus of strategic improvement and adaptability. It's something that is not done in silo, but as a team.

Currently, I am the Director of Master Data Management and work in the Mansfield Cabot Business Park. Over my career I have built a skillset focused on a variety of areas; data integrity, business process, analytics, team building, coaching, project management and facilitating. These skillsets and six sigma background, drive my strategic mindset and drive for execution. All these skills combined will an asset to the MPO.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diana Bren
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WHAT IS THE MPO?

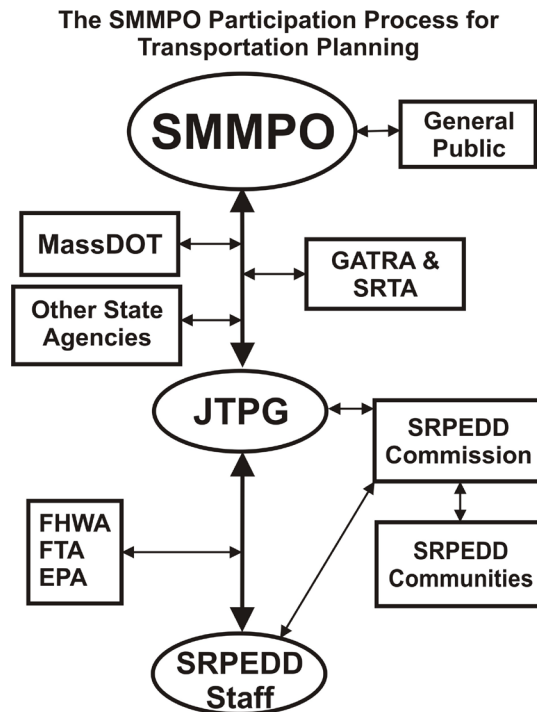
Metropolitan Planning Organizations are established in urbanized areas across the nation to implement federally mandated transportation planning. The **Southeastern Massachusetts MPO (SMMPO)** was established in 1976 for southeastern Massachusetts and is responsible for programming federally mandated transportation planning and improvements. At that time, the Governor's office authorized and established thirteen (13) MPOs in Massachusetts that follow the boundaries of each of the 13 regional planning agencies. Nationally, there are 385 MPOs throughout the United States.

At that time, the SMMPO consisted of 5 members including two state transportation officials (what is now known as Massachusetts Department of Transportation or MassDOT), the regional planning agency (SRPEDD), a mayor from either Attleboro or Taunton to represent the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) and a mayor from either Fall River or New Bedford representing the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA). This board was responsible to determine how to spend federal funds for roadway and bridge improvement projects as well as for transit services.

In 1997, the SMMPO was restructured to add eight local elected officials; the mayors of the region's four cities and four selectmen to represent the towns. The Secretary of Transportation, Stephanie Pollack, is the Chairman of all of the 13 MPOs in the Commonwealth while Alan Slavin (Wareham Board of Selectmen) is the Vice-Chairman of the SMMPO.

The planning process that enables the initiation and implementation of transportation improvements for southeastern Massachusetts can be complicated and sometimes difficult to navigate. To begin, there are three key groups essential to the planning process for transportation improvements in our region; the **SMMPO**, the **Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)**, and the **SRPEDD Commission**. The graphic to the right details the structure and roles of the SMMPO in relation to the other committee and agencies involved in this planning process.

The SRPEDD Transportation Planning Staff provides technical support and coordination services for the SMMPO. This includes organizational support, public outreach, the preparation of required federal certification documents, transportation studies and reports, regional transportation modeling, and transit planning. The SRPEDD Transportation Planning Staff also works with the JTPG, the advisory board to the SMMPO, to prepare key documents for presentation and review by the SMMPO board for endorsement. These documents include:



- **The Regional Transportation Plan** – This document is an assessment of existing and future needs of transportation and is updated every 4 years as required by federal and state transportation agencies,
- **The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – The annual document that programs five consecutive years of federal and state funds for specific transportation projects (highways, roads, bridges, transit facilities, bike paths, etc.)
- **The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – the annual work program that outlines a scope of work and potential studies for the SRPEDD staff.

The importance of having local elected officials represented on the SMMPO ensures that transportation funding is distributed in a fair and equitable manner and throughout the entire region. It also provides an opportunity for municipalities to assist in prioritizing transportation needs for the region and develop policies with the development of the Regional Transportation Plan.

The SMMPO typically meets on average six times per year at 1:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month at the SRPEDD office in Taunton. During the Covid 19 Pandemic, the SMMPO continued to meet in a virtual setting through Zoom.

The following are the SRPEDD Commission bylaws pertaining to the SMMPO process and the election of the local board of selectmen to the SMMPO representative board.

Excerpt from the 2018 SRPEDD AGENCY POLICIES, Section III. BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE: These by-laws, adopted under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40B, Sections 9 to 19, define the Rules and Procedures for the activities of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission as the governing body of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District.

DEFINITION: The word "Commission" where appearing in these by-laws shall be construed to mean the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission. The word "District" wherever appearing in these by-laws shall mean a public body politic and corporate development known as the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District.

10. SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SMMPO):

- A. The Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization consists of thirteen (13) members representing the following:
 1. Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of Massachusetts Department of Transportation;
 2. Highway Administrator of the MassDOT Highway Division;
 3. Chairman of Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District Commission;
 4. Administrator of the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA);
 5. Administrator of the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA);
 6. Mayors of Attleboro, Fall River, New Bedford, and Taunton; and

7. Members of four (4) Boards of Selectmen in the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District to be elected by the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District Commission.
- B. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) relating to the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process, the SRPEDD Commission is authorized to elect the four (4) representatives of Boards of Selectmen utilizing the procedure described below:
 1. Term of Office: Two (2) representatives will be elected each year for two-year terms. Elections will be held annually in the month of May or June.
 2. Solicitation of Nominees: Annually, the SRPEDD Commission will send notices to the Board of Selectmen and SRPEDD Commissioners of each of its member towns. The purpose and role of the SMMPO and a description of the election process will accompany the notice. Each member of every local Board of Selectmen from member communities will be offered an opportunity to nominate themselves as a candidate for election to the SMMPO. Nominations will be returned to SRPEDD offices within four (4) weeks of the date they are distributed. Nomination forms are typically distributed by the second (2nd) week of the month of May.
 3. Election of Selectmen Representatives: Nominations will be referred to the SRPEDD Commission for a vote at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission in the month of June. All names and towns of the interested selectmen will be printed on a paper ballot. Nominees will be invited to attend and speak at the meeting of the SRPEDD Commission when the vote is taken.
 4. Designees: Board of Selectmen members elected to the SMMPO may send a designee to a meeting in their place. The designee may vote only with written and signed authorization from the elected SMMPO member.
 5. Vacancies: Should a selectmen's position fall vacant between annual elections, the represented town for that vacancy may nominate, and the SRPEDD Commission may elect, a duly eligible candidate from that town's Board of Selectmen to temporarily fill the vacancy until the following election. In the event that no member of the municipality's Board of Selectmen is able to fill the vacancy, then any member town may nominate, and the SRPEDD Commission may elect, a candidate to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. (Amended May 23, 2018)

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AGENDA ITEM: Environmental Program Report, # 7.b.

Environmental Program Update Brief**June-July Departmental Priorities**

- Bringing home the Assawompset Pond Complex Management Plan (June 30, 2022) and turning attention to priority action item implementation via:
 - Expenditure of \$250,000 in ARPA funds

Task	Subtask(s)	Funding Level
1	Sediment Removal Task Force Coordination	\$12,000
1	Sediment Removal Permitting and Physical Removal Costs	\$80,000
2	Invasive Weed Removal Coordination and Permitting	\$20,000
2	Invasive Weed Removal Physical Removal Eco-harvesting Costs	\$75,500
3	Leverage State Funds in Support of Other Priority Projects	\$50,000
4	Project Administration	\$12,500

- SNEP SWIG Grant for Permeable Reactive Barriers (likely in Clarks Cove neighborhood; in second round of application, due 6/30/2022)
- Work with Horsley Witten / Pare Engineering for initial alternatives analysis for the removal of Wareham Street Dam (active DER Groundwater Study grant)
- Kicking off work for the EPA Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Grant (attended EPA Region 1 brownfields summit in May; attending mandatory training 6/22/22)
- Hiring to replace Ben Myers, who is headed back to grad school (as of 6/13, two applications in)

Of Note and Interest*Trainings and Events*

- Friday, June 24, 2022: Is Your Community Climate Resilient? – Bylaws and Best Practices How-to Training, 9:30am-1:00pm, Clark University, Worcester. Register at <https://snepnetwork.org/bylaw-review-training/>

Project Community Meetings

- Taunton Open Space & Recreation Plan final public meeting: Monday, June 27, 2022
- Upper Nemasket River Enhancement Plan final public meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 2022
- Dartmouth Open Space & Recreation Plan prioritization workshop: Wednesday, June 29, 2022
- APC-Nemasket River Watershed Management and Climate Action Plan - Meet Your Plan Open House: Thursday, July 14, 2022
- Raynham MVP Board of Selectmen Presentation: Tuesday, July 26, 2022
- Marion Open Space & Recreation Plan public meeting: Thursday, July 28, 2022

Rural Policy Advisory Commission – met on 6/10/22

- Presentation on Rural Schools Commission's Rural School Report is expected to be released shortly after June 24th; recommendations related to regionalization, shared services, LEAF, Rural Aid, School Choice Cap, Transportation, Special Education, Health Insurance
- Review of legislative priorities: Office of Rural Policy, Municipal Building Authority, Rural Transformative Development Initiative Program, Dirt and Gravel Road Program, PILOT reform

- Next meeting: Sept. 23rd – will focus on rural economic development

MEPA Report – Projects of Regional Significance

Reports Under Consideration or Development

Project	Town	Comments Due	RPA Review Components	Site Visit Details (Indicate if Remote Meeting)
Raynham Park Redevelopment	Raynham	6/24/2022	Transportation & Environmental	6/9/2022-11am - REMOTE MEETING
NPC: Strawberry Fields Estates (previously Somerset Woods)	Dighton	6/28/2022	MAYBE - Environmental	6/21/2022-9am - REMOTE MEETING

Reports Submitted

None to report.

AGENDA ITEM: Technical Assistance Report, # 8.a.

Community	Project Name	Status	Department	Project Leads	Funding
Acushnet	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Sara Brown	DOER
Berkley	Municipal Vulnerability Planning	Ongoing	Environmental	Bill Napolitano	DLTA, CCC, local
Carver	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Ben Myers	DOER
Carver	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	local
Carver	Pre-Application Business Park Development	Pending	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Dartmouth	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	local
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, Wareham	Coastal Resilience Project Support	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	MassAudubon
Dartmouth, Westport	Route 6 Corridor Study	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones, Greg Guertin	MassDOT
Dighton	Economic Development Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, CCC, MA
Fairhaven	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Danica Belknap	DOER
Fairhaven	Alden Road Redevelopment Study Phase 2	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, local, MA
Fairhaven	Benoit Square Traffic Assessment	Pending	Transportation	TBD	MassDOT
Fall River	Mother's Brook Sewer Upgrades (D&E, Permitting) Project Administration	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Mansfield	TOD Area Build-Out and Indicators	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Grant King, Taylor Perez	DLTA, MA
Mansfield	Housing Production Plan Phase 2	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Taylor Perez	DLTA, MA

Mansfield	Bicycle Planning Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Mansfield	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Danica Belknap	DOER
Marion	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Bill Napolitano, Ben Myers	DLTA, local, MA
Marion	Green Communities Comp Grant TA	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Marion	Housing Production Plan Update	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Taylor Perez	local
Marion	Marion Village Parking Assessment	Pending	Transportation	TBD	MassDOT
Mattapoissett	Master Plan and Housing Production Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez, Robert Cabral, Phillip Hu	DLTA, CCC, local, MA
Mattapoissett	Industrial Drive Infrastructure Improvement	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan, Bill Napolitano	local, EDA
Middleborough	Housing Production Plan (Tier 3)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Grant King	DLTA, HCI
Middleborough	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Danica Belknap, Sara Brown	local
Middleborough	Historic/General Use District Bylaw Amendments	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Robert Cabral	MassDOT, SCR
New Bedford	TOD Market Study, Zoning, and Design Guidelines	Complete	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Grant King	DLTA, MBTA, City
New Bedford	North Terminal Extension Phase II and Pier Fendering Project	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
New Bedford	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Ben Myers	local
New Bedford	Marine Commerce Terminal	Pending	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
New Bedford	Quest Center, Armory District	Pending	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
North Attleboro	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DOER

North Attleboro	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Robert Cabral, Taylor Perez	DLTA, CCC, local, MA
Norton	Housing Production Plan (Tier 3, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Norton	Bicycle Committee Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Plainville	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, local
Plainville	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Raynham	Master Plan	Complete	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, local
Raynham	Municipal Vulnerability Planning	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zircavage, Bill Napolitano, Sara Brown	MA EOEEA
Raynham	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zircavage	DOER
Regional	Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Regional	Old Rochester Regional High School Active Shooter Response Job-Aid Tool	Final Draft	Comprehensive, Homeland Security	Kevin Ham	DLTA
Regional	MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Support	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Taylor Perez	DLTA, DHCD
Regional	Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Groundwater Hydrologic & Hydraulic Study	Ongoing	Environmental	Bill Napolitano, Helen Zircavage	DER
Regional	Taunton River Stewardship Council Upper Nemasket Implementation	Ongoing	Environmental	Bill Napolitano, Helen Zircavage	TRSC
Regional	SRPEDD Regional Resilience Plan (SRRP)	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Environmental, Transportation	Helen Zircavage, Bill Napolitano, Don Sullivan, Grant King	DLTA , CCC EDA,
Regional	Justice, Equity, and Community Development (JECD) Initiative	Ongoing	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	Pavement Management - Fed. Aid Road Network	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Regional	Bus Stop Inventory Update	Ongoing	Transportation	Jennifer Chaves	MassDOT
Regional	Rural Policy Advisory Council	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DLTA, sister RPAs
Regional	Trails Mapping (Off Road)	Ongoing	Transportation	Greg Guertin, Jackie Jones, Karen Porter	MassDOT
Regional	PDA/PPA Update for MBTA Communities	Scoping	Comprehensive	Jeff Walker, Grant King, Helen Zincavage, Paul Mission, Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Robert Cabral, Phillip Hu	MBTA, DLTA
Regional	Taunton River Trail	Ongoing	Transportation	Bill Napolitano	MassDOT
Regional	Freight Action Plan	Ongoing	Transportation	Sean Hilton	MassDOT
Regional	RTP Continuous Public Outreach	Ongoing	Transportation	Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Lilia Cabral-Bernard, Lizeth Gonzalez	MassDOT
Regional - Green Communities	Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Danica Belknap, Sara Brown, Ben Myers	EOEEA
Regional - SRAC	FFY20 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Homeland Security	Jeff Walker, Todd Castro, Kevin Ham, Grant King	MAPC

Regional-GATRA	Technical Assistance Planning and GIS	Ongoing	Transportation	Jen Chaves	GATRA
Rochester	Agriculture and PPA Planning	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Danica Belknap	DLTA
Rochester	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Danica Belknap	DOER
Seekonk	Services and Facilities Master Plan Element	Complete	Comprehensive	Sara Brown	DLTA
Seekonk	Housing Production Plan (Tier 2, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Somerset	Inflow & Infiltration EDA Application	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Somerset, Swansea	Wastewater District Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Swansea	Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan, and Housing Production Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Robert Cabral, Taylor Perez	DLTA, Urban Agenda, local, MA
Taunton	Route 140 Corridor Study	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Environmental, Transportation	Robert Cabral, Helen Zincavage, Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Grant King	MassDOT, DLTA, MA
Taunton	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Helen Zincavage	DLTA, local
Taunton	MSIP V- Business Park	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Don Sullivan	EDA
Wareham	Village Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Phillip Hu	DLTA
Wareham	Bicycle Committee Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Westport	Housing Production Plan (Tier 1, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Westport	Complete Streets Prioritization Plan	Ongoing	Transportation	Sara Brown	MassDOT