

February 22, 2023
6:30 PM Regular Meeting
Remote SRPEDD Commission Meeting via Zoom

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2023* *(Vote requested)*
3. Reports
 - a. Chair
 - b. Executive Director
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Contracts **(Vote to receive report and place on file)*
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee **(Vote to receive report and place on file)*
 - b. Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO* *(Vote receive place on file)*
 - c. Regional Economic Strategies Committee (RESC)- Quarterly *(Vote place on file)*
6. Programs and Project Updates:
 - a. SRPEDD Regional Safety Action Plan ([SS4A](#)) *
 - b. Environmental Program Update and area [MEPA](#) projects *
7. Old Business
 - a. Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC)- representative reappointment
 - b. Mass Broadband Institute funding/Lead for America placement opportunity
 - c. MA State Retirement Board legislation sponsor request *
 - d. Technical Assistance * *(Vote to receive and place on file)*
www.srpedd.org/MA or www.srpedd.org/Municipal-Assistance
8. New Business
9. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest
10. Adjourn

FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS: March 22, 2023; April 26, 2023;
May 24, 2023 (Annual Mtg); June 28, 2023; July 26, 2023

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

*Attached

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes, # 2

SRPEDD Commission Meeting- Draft
January 25, 2023
Remote meeting via Zoom

Present:**Commissioners:**

C. Feerick, Attleboro A/L	R. Espindola, Fairh.	D. Braga, Fairhaven	D. Aguiar, Fall River
V. D'Antoni, Freetown	L. Carboni, Lakeville	A. Horowitz, Mansfield	N. Hills, Marion
R. Burgmann, Mattap.	M. Germain, Middleb.	A. Eaton, N.B. A/L	J. Carloni, New Bedford
M. Clarner, No. Attle.	S. Ollerhead, Norton	J. Artz, Norton	R. Stefanelli, Norton (Alt.)
M. Andrade, Raynham	C. Sullivan, Raynham	W. Costa, Rehoboth	G. Hartley, Rochester
P. Dunn, Seekonk	N. McDonald, Somerset	G. Hovorka, Swansea	M. Monteiro, Taunton
A. Slavin, Wareham	S. Ouellette, Westport	J. Whitin, Westport	

Guests/Staff:

G. King, SRPEDD	L. Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD	S. Royer, SRPEDD	J. Walker, SRPEDD
H. Zincavage, SRPEDD			

Absent:

J. Kelley, Acushnet	D. Pimentel, Acushnet	G. Ayrassian, Attleboro	F. Uriot, Attleboro
S. Leary, Berkley	C. Shea, Carver	T. Bott, Carver	C. O'Neil, Dartmouth
C. Haddad, Dartmouth	M. Sweet Dart. (Alter.)	J. Carvalho, Dighton	J. Ferreira, Fall River
D. Pettey, Freetown	N. Cline, Lakeville	J. Henry, Marion	L. Bradley, Middleb
L. Pirnie, No. Attle.	J. Ponte, New Bedford	C. Yarworth, Plainv.	L. Mills, Rehoboth
N. Durfee, Rochester	J. Kardel, Somerset	J. Hansen, Swansea	W. Roth, Taunton
M. King, Wareham	J. Peccini, Taunton A/L	R. Tith, F.R A/L	

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Slavin at 6:33 P.M. The meeting was recorded.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the December 7, 2022, meeting minutes with abstentions.
3. **Reports:**
 - a. **Chair:** Chair Slavin mentioned the Mass Municipal Association had their annual meeting, which has not been held for a couple years due to COVID. He indicated that it was held on Friday and Saturday, and the Governor mentioned putting a bond bill through for \$1.4 billion. He mentioned that this a stopgap until they actually do a real budget, but they have to put a bond bill in place ahead of time. Chair Slavin mentioned that the \$1.4 billion bond bill has \$400 million for Chapter 90, which initially is a two-year bond bill for Chapter 90 funds. The Chair's concern is whether communities will get this approved and have it spent before June of 2023. He mentioned he was disappointed to not see the Cannabis Control Commission at the annual meeting because every State Secretary was there representing all the different divisions.

- b. **Executive Director:** Mr. Walker mentioned that he was happy to report that recent hiring is going well, and SRPEDD has six new planners, with four on board and 2 more to start their positions as of February 1st. He hopes to introduce the Commission to the new staff very soon. Mr. Walker mentioned that the SRPEDD Quarterly Newsletter was emailed early this week. He reported that this is one among a number of ways for Commissioners to remain up to speed regarding new developments in the agency, in addition to the website and regular monthly meetings. Lastly, he discussed the Economic Development Administration grant SRPEDD has been pursuing in partnership with the town of Somerset. Mr. Walker stated that he has been in contact with the new Town Administrator and Somerset Commissioner Nicole McDonald. Ms. McDonald mentioned she had spoken with Mr. Walker, and thanked SRPEDD for their help to date with the project.

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Contracts:** Chair Slavin referred the Commission to the contracts below. The Chairman read the following contracts below for consideration by the Commission.
1. With the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) under the 2023 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) and DLTA Augmentation (DLTA-A) work program for an amount not to exceed \$248,495.
 2. With the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) under the 2023 DLTA Augmentation (DLTA-A) work program for an amount not to exceed \$165,663.
 3. With Andrea Duarte, incoming new Transportation Outreach Planner, at the amount of \$57,000 per year, beginning December 30, 2022.
 4. With Rhiannon Duggan, incoming new Senior Environmental Planner, at the amount of \$61,400 per year, beginning January 3, 2023.
 5. With Jonathan Gray, incoming new Transportation Planner, at the amount of \$57,000 per year, beginning January 17, 2023.
 6. With Maria Jones, incoming new Public Engagement and Communication Planner, at the amount of \$60,000 per year, beginning January 23, 2023.
 7. With Danyel Kenis, incoming new Urban Design Planner, at the amount of \$57,000 per year, beginning February 1, 2023.
 8. With Chris Welch, incoming new Senior Comprehensive Planner, at the amount of \$61,400 per year, beginning February 1, 2023.

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

5. Committee Reports:

- a. **Finance Committee:** Mr. Horowitz mentioned the Finance Committee met on Dec. 14, 2022, at Stoneforge Publick House in Raynham, MA. The Nov. 16, 2022, Finance meeting minutes were approved, the Treasurer's Report for November 2022 received, and a warrant for expenses

authorized in the amount of \$121,639.30. The Committee also reviewed the OPEB statement for October 2022 included in the packet along with November 2022 month-end general journal entries.

Mr. Horowitz mentioned that the Finance Committee also met on Jan. 18, 2023 at the SRPEDD office and via Zoom. The Dec. 18, 2022, Finance meeting minutes were approved, the Treasurer's Report for December 2022 received, and a warrant for expenses authorized in the amount of \$108,782.29. The Committee reviewed the OPEB statement for November 2022 included in the packet along with December 2022 month-end general journal entries.

Mr. Horowitz mentioned at this meeting the Committee also reviewed, considered, and voted in favor of recommending to the full Commission at their upcoming next meeting that the FY'2024 Assessment rate be set at \$0.2068 per capita, 2.5% increase over FY'23 based on 2020 population.

At this meeting the Draft FY'23 Q2 Budget Update was presented, reporting that in addition to a series of multi-year grants which had been received since the Q1 update this past October, excellent progress had been made on the hiring front, with six new staff members across multiple departments having recently either started or soon to be commencing work with the agency, following completion of interviews, with openings for two more planners remaining to be filled. All told, he referenced that revenues were continuing to grow along with the need for additional personnel and that the organization's finances at the midpoint of the fiscal year were looking good.

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

- **FY'23 Q2 Budget Update:** Mr. Horowitz referred the Commission to the FY'23 Q2 Budget updated in the packet and asked for a motion to approve the updated budget as he presented.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY23' Q2 Budget Update and place on file. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **FY'24 Annual Assessment Rate:** Mr. Horowitz referred the Commission to FY'24 Annual Assessment Rate and asked for a motion to approve.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY'24 Assessment Rate. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. **Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO:** Ms. Estrela-Pedro referred the members to the meeting minutes from both the Joint Transportation Planning Group, which took place on December 14, and the SMMPO meeting which took place on the December 20. She highlighted that at the JTPG meeting a presentation was given by Cassandra Gascon of MassDOT. She presented on grant funding opportunities through MassDOT, which included Complete Streets, Municipal Pavement Program, as well as others. Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned all the links to those programs can be found in the packet on the bottom of page 15. She mentioned an update on the Regional Transportation Plan efforts was presented at the meeting along with meetings that were held with the communities. It was also reported that SRPEDD had received an extension on the upcoming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to be endorsed previously in July but now MassDOT has extended the due date of the plan to September.

Also, Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned that staff reminded communities to complete their road inventory updates if they have any new routes that have been recently accepted. Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned that SRPEDD staff will assist with the inventory if any community needs help. Lastly, Ms.

Estrela-Pedro mentioned that at the SMMPO members discussed TIP adjustments which were primarily for cost increases for buses for GATRA and SRTA.

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

6. Programs and Project Updates:

- a. **2023 South Coast Rail Corridor Priority Area Planning Study:** Mr. King provided a brief update on the 2023 South Coast Rail Corridor Priority Area Planning Study. Mr. King mentioned in the SRPEDD Quarterly November newsletter there was mention of launching the study which members may have seen. He mentioned SRPEDD is about to launch a update of both local and Regional Priority Development Areas in Priority Protection Areas. He explained that it is land use designations that each community makes at the local level to indicate where and how their community would like to grow. He stated it has been a decade since updating these designations in 2012. Mr. King mentioned that staff had met earlier that day with MBTA representatives to kick off the work, and they shared the GIS database and initial project branding options. At this meeting they also outlined the civic engagement approach, plans to create, and launch a project webpage in the March or April timeline. Mr. King mentioned if Commissioners have questions to please feel free to reach out to him and staff. He stated that this is new planning, new data and updating content. He entertained questions from Commissioners.

Mr. Costa asked when emails are sent about the project if Commissioners could be copied. Mr. King agreed, saying that would not be a problem. Chair Slavin commented as far as MBTA on service or service line direct, or adjoining community, the MBTA Advisory Board meets in Boston, and they would like to see each community send a representative. He mentioned it is important to represent your community and give input. He did mention this person will have some responsibilities and input.

- b. **Annual District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Solicitation:** Mr. King referred the Commission to the annual District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) solicitation page on the SPREDD website. He explained the solicitation that is completed annually and placed the link in the Zoom chat. Mr. King also referred Commissioners to project summaries and the types of projects SRPEDD has worked on in the past. He mentioned that there is a link to the application and communities can complete the form with their request. Mr. King mentioned the Commission will be receiving a notification via email within the next two weeks.

Mr. Walker next referenced a new, one-time source of additional funding being made available this year being referred to DLTA-Augmentation funding, made possible thanks to \$2 million in unallocated state monies being distributed by way of the regional planning agencies for additional grant writing and related technical assistance similar to earlier CARES Act funding that has just come to an end.

- c. **Environmental Program Update and area MEPA projects:** Ms. Zinavage referred the Commission to the meeting packet. She mentioned that is it time for MVP Action Grants and the deadline for pre-review is February 3rd. She reported that you can still apply if you missed the earlier deadline, and this is one of the grant programs that staff hopes to use the DLTA-A funds for.

Ms. Zincavage mentioned the second item her team is working on is launching a new project called Circuit Rider Program. She stated SRPEDD received funding for the Circuit Rider Program from the Narragansett Bay Estuary program. This identified 10 potential target areas across the circuit region where staff is available to help with project development. Ms. Zincavage mentioned the communities that are in the 10 potential areas will be hearing from SRPEDD soon.

- **Proposed new Title V (Septic) Regulations:** Ms. Zincavage discussed the proposed new Title V (Septic) Regulations to the Commission. She mentioned the State is proposing an update to Title V Regulations and are creating a new geographic regulatory unit. She mentioned there are nitrogen sensitive areas for drinking water and for regulatory purposes, but now there is a new natural resource area nitrogen sensitive area that applies to septic regulations. The State has mapped the areas included the meeting packet. Ms. Zincavage discussed the major take-aways for the project, applicability, and implementation for the proposed updates. She discussed the new regulation in detail and explained how SRPEDD can help each community and mentioned that all could reach out to her at hzincavage@srpedd.org. Ms. Zincavage mentioned the comment period is open now and there have been several meetings on the regulation.

Mr. Whitin mentioned the Buzzards Bay side of the map is the largest area. Mr. Walker mentioned that SRPEDD is interested in hearing and gathering information from impacted communities and requested communities that had sent in a comment letter to please forward a copy to staff. Mr. Whitin mentioned that Westport has had several meetings with other communities. He expressed his concern with the town of Westport and the regulation. Ms. Zincavage answered questions from Commissions and mentioned once again if any would like to discuss further to please contact her.

d. Regional Economic Strategy Committee:

- **Next Quarterly RESC Meeting: Wed, 2/1/23 @11:30 AM:** Mr. King mentioned that the Quarterly RESC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1 at 11:30 AM via Zoom. He mentioned that members can register through the link that Mr. King provided in the Zoom chat. Mr. King also mentioned in the RESC Quarterly newsletter Commission can join the email list if they wish. Ms. Gonzales will be running the meeting with Mr. Walker and Mr. Cabral.

7. Old Business:

- a. **Technical Assistance:** Mr. King referred Commissioners to the traditional monthly update on projects contained in the packets, highlighting a number of them in further detail and referring them to the additional information on the SRPEDD website as well.

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

- 8. New Business:** Chair Slavin stated for those that are Green Community there have been some further changes to the Stretch code. He mentioned this means that the cost of building home and modifying homes will rise. He strongly suggested Commissioners contact their Director of Inspectional Services

and Building Inspectors. Chair Slavin mentioned it is a lot of work and there has been a lot of pushback from inspectors.

- 9. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest:** Mr. Espindola stated that Fairhaven has called together a Broadband Coalition of communities and they have been actively working on broadband issues and had their first meeting last night. He named the communities that are involved in the coalition and stated there was lively discussion. Mr. Espindola encouraged any interested communities to please contact him.
- 10. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., to be held remotely via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Hills, Secretary

Date: 2/22/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Grant/Contract Approvals, # 4.a.

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 Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP) to assist the Towns of Lakeville and Wareham with their efforts to comply with the new Multi-Family Zoning Requirements for MBTA Communities (Section 3A of M.G.L. c. 40A, "the Zoning Act") for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

AGENDA ITEM: Finance Committee Report # 5.a.

The Finance Committee met on February 15, 2023 in person and via Zoom. The January 15, 2023 Finance meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for January 2023 received, and a warrant for expenses in the amount of \$29,973.12 signed off on.

Cash & Funds: Jan. 1, 2023	\$ 1,180,328.22
Cash Receipts: Jan. 1 – 31, 2023	<u>\$ 269,655.00</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,449,983.22
Disbursements: Jan. 1 – 31, 2023	\$ 354,963.40
Cash & Funds: Jan. 31, 2023	<u>\$ 1,095,019.82</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,449,983.22

The Committee reviewed OPEB statement for December 2022 included in the packet along with January 2023 month-end general journal entries.

Lastly, a straight overtime request in order to accommodate a series of add-on projects requiring weekend and day-off time, for such initiatives as the Taunton Schools ASHE project, among others, when the facilities are closed, was approved.

Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) Meeting.**Minutes for the JTPG Meeting****Held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 2:00 PM****Held Remotely via Zoom in Accordance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.****The following members and alternates were in attendance:**

Stephanie Crampton, Chair.....City of New Bedford
 Joe Callahan.....Town of Berkley
 John Woods.....Town of Carver
 Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth
 Tom Ferry.....Town of Dighton
 Paul Foley.....Town of Fairhaven
 Dan Aguiar.....City of Fall River
 Victoria D'Antoni.....Town of Freetown, alternate
 Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville
 Kevin Dumas.....Town of Mansfield
 Norman Hills.....Town of Marion
 Dennis Morton.....Town of Plainville
 Ed Buckley.....Town of Raynham
 David Cabral.....Town of Seekonk
 Fred Cornaglia.....Cit of Taunton
 Bill Roth.....City of Taunton, alternate
 Alan Slavin.....Town of Wareham
 James Hartnett.....Town of Westport

The following members/alternates were NOT in attendance:

Town of Acushnet	Town of Rehoboth
City of Attleboro	Town of Rochester
Town of Mattapoisett	Town of Somerset
Town of Middleborough	Town of Swansea
Town of No. Attleborough	At-Large, City of Fall River
Town of Norton	At-Large, City of Taunton

Also in Attendance:

Raissah Kouame.....MassDOT	Jennifer Chaves.....SRPEDD
Cheryl-Ann Senior.....MassDOT	Luis De Oliveira.....SRPEDD
Shayne Trimbell.....SRTA	Joe Osbourne.....SRPEDD
Josh Crabb.....Town of Fairhaven	Sean Hilton.....SRPEDD
Johannes Epke.....CLF	Phil Viveiros.....McMahon & Assocs.
Lisa Estrela-Pedro.....SRPEDD	Sid Kashi.....GPI
Lilia Cabral-Bernard.....SRPEDD	Lisa Sherman.....CDM Smith
Jackie Jones.....SRPEDD	

Handouts:

JTPG Meeting Agenda for January 11, 2023
DRAFT JTPG December 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chair Stephanie Crampton called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM. Ms. Cabral-Bernard asked all JTPG members to unmute themselves so she could call the complete roll call of JTPG members, with the following being present at the time of the roll call:

Joe Callahan.....Town of Berkley
John Woods.....Town of Carver
Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth
Tom Ferry.....Town of Dighton
Paul Foley.....Town of Fairhaven
Dan Aguiar.....City of Fall River
Victoria D’Antoni.....Town of Freetown, alternate
Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville
Kevin Dumas.....Town of Mansfield
Norman Hills.....Town of Marion
Stephanie Crampton, Chair.....City of New Bedford
Dennis Morton.....Town of Plainville
Ed Buckley.....Town of Raynham
David Cabral.....Town of Seekonk
Fred Cornaglia.....Cit of Taunton
Alan Slavin.....Town of Wareham
James Hartnett.....Town of Westport

2. Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2022 (Materials Attached & roll call vote needed)

Chair Stephanie Crampton called for a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2022. The motion was made by Victoria D’Antoni and seconded by Tim Barber. Ms. Cabral-Bernard then called the roll:

Town of Berkley.....Yes	Town of Marion.....Yes
Town of Carver.....Yes	City of New Bedford.....Yes
Town of Dartmouth.....Yes	Town of Plainville.....Yes
Town of Fairhaven.....Abstain	Town of Raynham.....Yes
City of Fall River.....Yes	Town of Seekonk.....Yes
Town of Freetown, alternate.....Yes	City of Taunton.....Yes
Town of Lakeville.....Abstain	

THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS.

3. Public Comments – Opportunity for the Public to address the JTPG -

There were no comments offered.

4. FFY24-28 TIP Development Update

Ms. Jackie Jones began the update by informing the group she would go through the projects one by one and give a very brief status update beginning with the projects currently programmed in the 2023 to 2027

TIP. She asked the participants to please update on any status updates that they may have on these projects.

In 2024, there is Dartmouth - Corridor improvements on Route 6 from Faunce Corner Road to Hathaway Road. This project previously included the relocation of Tucker road, but was scaled back due to right-of-way impacts. Staff is a bit concerned that it'll be ready in time and stay in this TIP year or not. It is still pre 25% design

Taunton - Corridor Improvements and related work on Broadway -Route 138 from Purchase Street to Jackson Street, Phase II. This project is in good shape. There was a recent public design hearing in December and there were no adverse comments.

Mansfield - Reconstruction on Chauncey Street, this project is in the process of being combined with another project that's directly adjacent that includes the intersection of Route 140 and Route 106. Both projects are in good shape, so we expect them to combine well and move forward.

Wareham - Corridor Improvements on Route 6 at Swift's Beach Road. This project is in good shape and a design public hearing is forthcoming.

In year 2025 there is Lakeville - Reconstruction and related work on Rhode Island Road Route 79, from the Taunton city line to Clear Pond Road, this project is in good shape for 2025 at 75% design. It's actually further along than some of the projects in 2024

Wareham - Construction of bike lanes long Narrows Road and a shared use path adjacent to Minot Avenue. Staff is a bit concerned as the town is concerned with some additional costs that came up through the design process. Staff is working with the town to possibly apply for a MassTrails grant to cover some of those costs.

Mansfield - Multimodal accommodation on School Street from Spring Street to West Street. The project limits were recently cut back to remove a signalized intersection, and this project has a few that details to be ironed out and then will move to a design public hearing.

In 2026 Mattapoisett -Corridor improvements and related work on Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road. MassDOT District 5 staff met with the town and they're working towards 25% design, although there's some concern with some larger vehicles and boats that need to access to the waterfront being able to be moved through some intersections.

Plainville - Reconstruction of South Street Route 1A from Sharlene Lane to Everett Street. The town is working with MassDOT and the designer to figure out what the cross section should look like and then it will move forward to 25% design.

New Bedford - Intersection improvements at Mount Pleasant Street at Nash Road. This project is pre 25% design.

In 2027, Middleboro- Wareham at Wood Street is in the preliminary design phase, the project limits may need to be re-scoped or phase. This one's early in the design process and it covers a large area.

Dartmouth - Corridor improvements on Dartmouth Street at Prospect Street. This project has recently had a design change for the main intersection but it's moving forward.

Norton – West Main St at North and South Worcester Streets. This project is in good shape and moving forward.

Westport - Intersection improvements at Route 177 Roberts Road and Tickle Road is also moving forward. Still pretty early in the process as most projects in 2027

Mansfield - Chauncey Street (Route 106), phase II. This project recently had a road safety audit, and it's pre 25% designed.

5. Community Technical Assistance Presentation

Mr. Luis deOliveira began the presentation by informing the group that order to address local transportation issues that do not need a comprehensive planning study including traffic counts, roach issue evaluations, such as sight distance or parking, truck analysis or truck exclusions, signal warrants and multi way stop warrants, bicycle and bicycle and pedestrian access and safety zones, a Technical Assistance study is conducted. In 2022, staff assisted seven communities, Freetown, Lakeville, Attleboro, Dartmouth Wareham, Fairhaven and Marion with these types of studies.

Staff assisted Freetown with an intersection analysis at North Main, South Main, Water and Elm Street. The purpose of the analysis was to determine if a multi-way stop would improve safety at the intersection. Staff conducted data collection, which included traffic volume, speed and class data and a turning moment count, following safety and crash operation and warrants analysis. The Technical memo presented several possible scenarios to the town including a roundabout for this location.

In Lakeville, staff determined if a multi-way stop would be warranted for safety and operations, but the multi-way stop warrant was not met for the intersection. Alternatives were recommended such as the installation of advisory signs. This would reduce confusion, improve safety, and would not require all vehicles to come to a stop.

In Attleboro, staff determined if a left-turn exclusion would improve safety at the intersection of Main Street and determine the effects on Angeline Street. The data shows that left turns make up 94.5% or more of the southbound approach on Main Street, and only 41% on Angeline Street. Both May Street and Angeline Street met 3 warrants for consideration of a signal installation, but additional data collection would be required to complete a signal warrants analysis.

For Dartmouth, staff had a request to collect and analyze the speed data along Fisher Road and Gulf Road to consider consideration of a signal and for consideration of a signal installation.

The data shows that although not enforceable, it can be assumed that the advisory speeds signs are assisting in speed reduction in the east portion of Gulf Road. So additional data collection would be required to complete a signal warrants analysis.

For Plymouth Avenue in Wareham there was a request to determine the number, class, type and speed of vehicles.

Staff completed a safety analysis at Benoit Square in Fairhaven where the main concern was the confusion as to who has the right-of-way since there are no traffic control signs at the intersection of Main Street and Adams Street. The analysis shows that installing a yield sign at the intersection of Main Street and Adams

would improve the intersection safety and operations by eliminating confusion. Other recommendations included but are not limited to extending the island to prevent safety certain maneuvers and improve pedestrian safety. Signal optimization for bridge closures and speed signs were also discussed.

Staff assisted Marion with a parking study to determine parking demands impacting the Marion village area. Staff conducted a public survey, as well as data collection and sign inventory, pavement management and marking inventory. The technical memo is complete and is currently under internal review. It will be provided to the town in the next few weeks.

6. Unpaved Roadway Discussion

Lisa Estrela-Pedro informed the group that a discussion was recently held at the Transportation Managers meetings held by MassDOT focused on unpaved roads and their inventory and needs. One of the outcomes was that a lot of regional planning agencies realize that we really don't have a good handle on unpaved roads. Some of the questions that came up had to do with maintenance costs, and the equipment and the labor needed for this. Staff put together a quick map so we could try and get a better understanding of where these roads are in the region.

The communities with the most unpaved roads are identified as Taunton, Middleborough, Freetown, Wareham, Carver and Fall River, and they all had over 15 miles. This information actually came from the road inventory, and the question is, are there other unpaved roads that are not documented. Staff's plan is to send out a survey, and we're hoping that all of our communities can fill that out and assist us with trying to get a better handle on unpaved roads in the region. We need to determine a funding source to maybe help upkeep these roads,

Alan Slavin told the group that according to the Mass General law, you can't spend public funds on private roads. According to the Mass General laws, you have to adopt a certain program in order to do this type of work. But at the same time, the owners of the road, and it has to be 51%, have to agree to have their own fixed and they have to pay at least for all the materials etc. He continued by saying that he thinks Mattapoissett put a moratorium on any private roads and they would not be accepting any more private roads. He believes the actual problem may be a lot larger, at least in the southeast Mass area, than we realize.

7. Grant Opportunity Discussion

Lilia Cabral-Bernard provided a quick update on grants that are coming up on deadlines. The MassTrails Grant deadline is February 1, 2023. These grants support recreational trail and shared use pathway projects. The awards are generally up to \$60,000 for local projects and up to \$500,000 for projects demonstrating critical network connections or regional or statewide significance. These are reimbursement grants, meaning that you must first pay and then submit for reimbursement. Eligible grant activities include project development, design, engineering, permitting, construction, and the maintenance of recreational trails shared use pathways as well as the amenities that support trails.

She informed the group that she would provide them all with a copy of this presentation with included links for more information following the meeting.

She continued with RAISE grants with a deadline of February the 28th, 2023. These are discretionary grants for planning and or capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant local or regional impact. You can apply up to three times for these grants. For projects located in urban

areas, the award is \$5 million minimum, and for rural areas, it's a million dollars. This is serious money, folks. And projects include everything from soup to nuts. The list of eligible includes highway, bridge, public transportation, passenger freight, rail, port infrastructure, airport, and even culverts to prevent storm water runoff.

She then provided the group with examples of past RAISE grants money. In Massachusetts, a past award has gone to a project on the Lynnway for designing and construction for center running bus lanes, enhanced bus stops, a bi-directional separated bike lane, and sidewalk improvements. In Alaska, this grant money has funded a new seawall at the City of Sitka marine service center with upgrades to that port facility and a replacement of a 2-ton crane. In Hawaii, they used this money for a roadway extension for a multi modal improvements. That included two travel lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks and a shared use path. In Wisconsin, they had a couple of projects funded, one will construct a bicycle and ped bridge across the Sheboygan River, and another one will complete engineering, design, and construction on a transit bus garage, so there are a lot of possible projects included in this grant.

Ms. Cabral-Bernard recommended that our communities take a look at these grants, especially since this is serious money that is going to be up for grabs. She asked the group to think long and hard about taking a look at putting in an application, because somebody's going to get it that money and it might as well be us.

8. Other Business – CHST Update

Jennifer Chaves announced the kick-off of the Coordinated Human Service Transportation plan update which was last updated in 2018. Moving forward, the plan is now going to be updated in conjunction with our RTP. The plan identifies transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low income.

There's four parts to the update of the plan. Including the: Inventory of existing transportation resources and services; Identification of service gaps and regional needs; Criteria for evaluation of proposals (examples of projects); and Priorities for funding proposals (eligibility and funding outline). any projects that are selected for funding under the 5310 program must be included as a need in this plan.

As part of our public participation, staff will be meeting with stakeholders, have two separate surveys, one for agencies and one for the public, to determine unmet needs. Staff will also be holding public forums and meetings. Those are all to be scheduled.

Some continuing unmet needs from the 2018 report include expanded night and weekend transit service, connections to and from Taunton to Fall River, Taunton to Brockton, and Taunton to New Bedford. Long distance medical is still an unmet need, and all of these will be carried over into this updated plan.

9. Date and Time for Next Meeting

The Chair announced the date and time for the next meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, February 8, 2023 held remotely.

**Draft Minutes of the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) Meeting
on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 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 Jonathan Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford
Bill Roth-----Representing Shaunna O’Connell, Mayor of Taunton
Robert Espindola-----Town of Fairhaven
Mark Germain-----Town of Middleborough
Alan Slavin-----SRPEDD Commission Chair
Mary Ellen DeFrias----- Administrator, GATRA
Shayne Trimbell-----Representing Erik Rousseau, Administrator, SRTA

The following members were absent:

Jay DiLisio-----Acting Mayor of Attleboro
Paul Coogan-----Mayor of Fall River
Jacob Vaught.....Town of Somerset
Kevin Dumas-----Town of Mansfield

The following were also in attendance:

Andrew Reovan-----FHWA	Lilia Cabral-Bernard-----SRPEDD
Derek Krevat-----MassDOT	Jennifer Chaves-----SRPEDD
Derek Shhoste-----MassDOT	Sean Hilton-----SRPEDD
Raissah Kouame-----MassDOT	Jackie Jones-----SRPEDD
Michelle Ho-----MassDOT	Joseph Osbourne-----SRPEDD
Sippican Week	Andrea Duarte-----SRPEDD
Lisa Estrela-Pedro-----SRPEDD	Jonathan Gray-----SRPEDD

Handouts:

SMMPO Agenda January 17, 2023
SMMPO Draft Meeting Minutes December 20, 2022
FFY2023-2027 TIP Proposed Adjustment #3
FFY2023-2027 Proposed Amendment #1

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call-

Chairman Woelfel called the SMMPO meeting to order at 1:01 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:

Steve Woelfel-----Representing Jamey Tesler, MassDOT Secretary and CEO, **Chair**
Pamela Haznar-----Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Div. Administrator
Jamie Ponte-----Representing Jonathan Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford
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2. Approval of Minutes – December 20, 2022 (Materials Attached and Roll Call Vote Needed)

Chairman Woelfel requested a motion to approve the minutes from the SMMPO meeting from December 20, 2022. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Bill Roth. Ms. Cabral-Bernard then called the roll:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Abstain
City of Taunton-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes
Town of Fairhaven-----Yes

Town of Middleborough-----Yes
SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes
SRTA-----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 (RTA) Report – RTA

Mary Ellen DeFrias informed the group that GATRA is in the process of switching management companies and transitioning their software at the same time and changes will be seen after February 1. Also, if any communities are hearing that GATRA is no longer running service in those communities, please let them know this is not the case. A vendor that was not selected, is telling people that they will no longer be providing service.

GATRA also wrapped up their free transit campaign across the state on fixed route and complimentary ADA service fares for the period from Black Friday through New Year's Eve and it looks like they did pick up some new riders and they're hoping they'll be able to keep them.

Shayne Trimbell told the group, that as the same with GATRA, they finished up their free transit and are looking at the numbers to see what the impact on ridership has been. In general, their ridership is improving quite nicely this year. They are also finishing up their service plan for the South Coast rail stations, including station access, etc.

5. Proposed FFY2023-2027 TIP Proposed Adjustment #3 SRTA Project Description Modification (Materials Attached, Roll Call Vote Needed to Approve)

Lisa Estrela-Pedro informed the group that SRTA had simply made a name change to the project, from "Southeastern Regional Transit Agency" being spelled out, to the abbreviated "SRTA" but it is technically a name change that constitutes, and now requires a formal adjustment. She asked the group to approve this change today.

The Chair asked for a motion and a second to approve the adjustment as described. Alan Slavin made the motion and Shayne Trimbell seconded it. The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments and seeing nor hearing any, the Chair asked Lilia to call the roll call vote as follows:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes
City of Taunton-----Yes

MassDOT Administrator-----Yes
Town of Fairhaven-----Yes
Town of Middleborough-----Yes

SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes

SRTA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Proposed FFY2023-2027 TIP Proposed Amendment #1 (Materials Attached, Roll Call Vote Needed to Release to a 21-day Public Comment Period)

Lisa Estrela-Pedro informed the group that this was distributed with the meeting minutes and with the agenda last week. GATRA received three awards through the Community Transit Grant Program. One of them was for the med wheels, long-distance, demand-response transportation to medical appointments. The second is for continued funding for Plymouth's CAR program, and the third is for continued funding for the Attleboro and Norton CAR program. She then asked the body to release this amendment to a 21-day comment period to be approved at the next meeting for addition into the TIP.

The Chair asked for a motion and second to release TIP Amendment #1 out for public comment. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Bill Roth. There were no questions, so the Chair asked Ms. Cabral-Bernard to call the roll which was as follows:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes
City of Taunton-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes
Town of Fairhaven-----Yes

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

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Congestion, Reliability, and Emissions Performance Measures (PM3) Presentation – (Consideration of Roll Call Vote to Adopt)

Ms. Raissah Kouame of MassDOT began the presentation of PM 3 measures, which include congestion, reliability and emissions, by informing the group that DOT's and MPOs are required to develop and endorse performance measures. Passed into law in 2016, Federal performance measures include three overarching categories: PM 1 for safety; PM 2 for Pavement and Bridge conditions, and PM 3, which this presentation focuses on.

Measures presented included:

Level of travel time reliability, which refers to the percentage of miles on roadways that are consistent and considered reliable;

The percentage of non-single occupancy vehicle travel. This measure is set using Census journey to work data; truck travel time reliability, which measures the amount of time it takes for trucks to drive the length of a road segment;

Peak hour excessive delay, defined as 20 miles per hour or 60% of the posted speed limit, whichever is greater; and

Emissions reductions.

Ms. Kouame continued by explaining that MassDOT submitted statewide reliability targets to the Federal Highway Administration on December 16, 2022. All MPOs are required to either adopt these targets or establish their own within six months of the state's.

Ms. Kouame asked the SMMPO board to review these updated targets as presented now so they can be endorsed and included within the regional Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan, both of which need to be endorsed over the next few months.

The Chair asked for a motion and a second to approve PM3 that was just presented by Raissah. A motion to approve was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by MaryEllen DeFrias. There were no questions, so the Chair asked Lilia to read the roll as follows:

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

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Safety Performance Measures (PM1) Presentation – (Consideration of Roll Call Vote to Adopt)

Ms. Jackie Jones reminded the group that the MPO does have the option of creating their own safety performance measures and not adopting the state ones. However, Federal Highway requires the state to record targets in a very specific manner and the SMMPO/SRPEDD already has region specific goals. The highlights of the presentation are as follows:

The first measure is total fatalities and rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicles. The state has the goal of Vision Zero. The analysis used due to COVID anomalies resulted in five-year average fatalities decreasing from 360 to 355, for a reduction of 1.69%. Fatalities are expected to decrease based on MassDOT efforts and also the MPOs efforts to program projects that improve safety and decrease fatalities. The MPO contributes to the statewide efforts through our work.

The COVID-19 pandemic greatly impacted vehicle miles traveled causing fatality rates to spike in 2020, with significantly lower VMT and slightly higher fatalities, along with lingering impacts in 2021. As a result of this, the 2023 projection is now .59 fatalities per 100 million vehicles traveled.

Similar to the fatality rate, the serious injury rates were also impacted due to COVID. The five- year average number of serious injuries projection is now 4.25 serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled just down from 4.3 for a reduction of 1.57%.

The total combined serious injuries and fatalities for non-motorized modes' five-year average went from 467 to 437, or reduction of 6.86%.

The Chair asked for a motion and a second to approve PM1 that was just presented. A motion to approve was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Bob Espindola. Mr. Espindola asked a question concerning the recent act to reduce fatalities in motor traffic vehicles and discussion ensued. The Chair then asked Lilia to read the roll as follows:

MassDOT Chair-----	Yes	Town of Fairhaven-----	Yes
City of New Bedford-----	Yes	Town of Middleborough-----	Yes
City of Taunton-----	Yes	SRPEDD Commission Chair-----	Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----	Yes	GATRA-----	Yes

SRTA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Other Business

Lisa Estrela-Pedro introduced two new staff members. Andrea Duarte who joined the team as an outreach coordinator and John Gray, as a transportation planner.

The Chair reminded the group of MassDOT's upcoming Innovation Conference on May 2nd and 3rd at the DCU Center in Worcester. They are getting the word out for abstracts, so if people want to attend, please put that on your calendars.

10. Date and Time for Next Meeting

The Chair announced that the next SMMPO meeting will be on February 21, 2023, at 1:00 pm, held virtually.

11. Adjourn

The Chair asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Alan Slavin made the motion and Mark Germain seconded. The Chair asked that all in favor say aye. All ayes were heard. The Chair thanked everyone and the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 PM.

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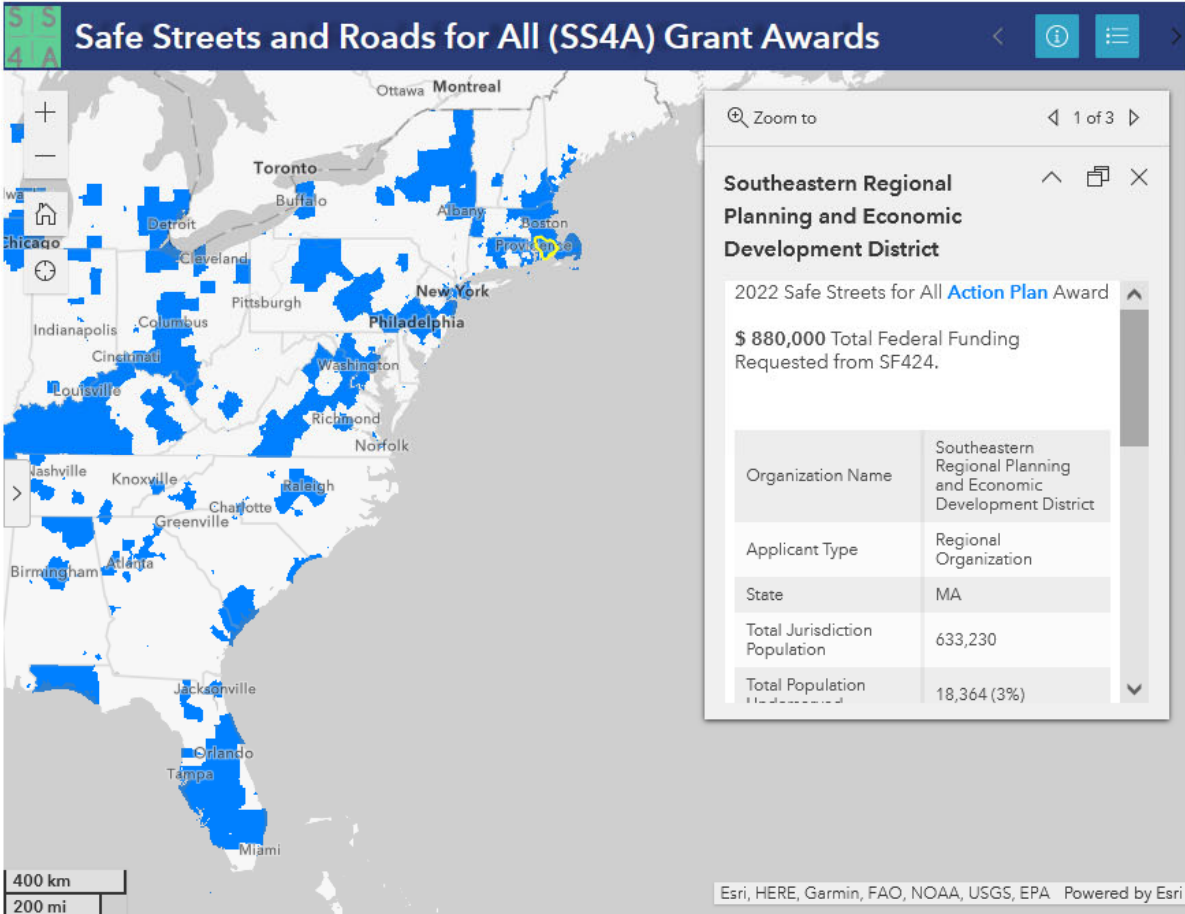
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- [SS4A 2022 Awards: Action Plan Grants](#)
- [SS4A 2022 Awards: Implementation Grants](#)
- [SS4A FY22 Funding Awards by State](#)
- [SS4A FY22 Other Applicants](#)

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Awards



Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

2022 Safe Streets for All [Action Plan](#) Award

\$ 880,000 Total Federal Funding Requested from SF424.

Organization Name	Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District
Applicant Type	Regional Organization
State	MA
Total Jurisdiction Population	633,230
Total Population	18,364 (3%)

400 km
200 mi

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SS4A Awards Map, List, and Fact Sheets

You can view the fiscal year (FY) 2022 SS4A awards in multiple ways:

- View all of the FY 2022 SS4A awards in the above interactive map or [view the awards map full screen](#) . This can provide a view of award recipients categorized by rural or urban communities. FY 2022 awards were almost

From: Teicher, Paul (OST) <Paul.Teicher@dot.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 4:31 PM

Subject: SS4A Grant Award

To Whom It May Concern from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District,

The **SRPEDD Regional Safety Action Plan**, for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) FY22 Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan, was selected for award. Congratulations! The selection is for **\$880000 in Federal funding**.

This email is not authorization to begin work, and it does not guarantee Federal funding. USDOT and Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District must establish and execute a signed, mutually agreed upon grant agreement prior to the disbursement of award funds. No costs incurred before USDOT signs and executes the grant agreement will be reimbursed. Below provides information on next steps.

Immediate next steps: USDOT will make public announcements related to the awards on Wednesday, February 1. We will also publish a short summary of the proposal from your application to put on our Safe Streets and Roads for All website as part of the public announcement, pursuant to Section H Part 2 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). If you want to modify what is provided on our website once you see it, please let me know by emailing SS4A@dot.gov. The website link is <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>.

What to expect in the next few weeks: My colleagues at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are responsible for establishing and executing a SS4A grant agreement with Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. You can expect to hear from a FHWA representative with your State's FHWA Division Office in the near future. In the weeks ahead you will receive more information about next steps, including an invitation to an upcoming FHWA-sponsored webinar for grant recipients to describe the process leading to an executed grant agreement. The webinar will be recorded for those who are unable to attend. In the meantime, if you have questions about next steps, please direct them to FHWA using the email SS4A.FHWA@dot.gov.

Finally, we ask for your patience as we work diligently toward executing grant agreements so your important safety work may begin. This is a new program, with hundreds of new grant recipients, and it will take us time to process these grant agreements.

It's exciting to see so many communities on the path to improving roadway safety, and the whole SS4A Program team is passionate about helping you succeed. Thank you for your commitment to roadway safety.



Paul D. Teicher

Grantor, Safe Streets and Roads for All
Office of Policy Development and Coordination
Office of the Secretary of Transportation

Summary of Award Information:

Project Name: SRPEDD Regional Safety Action Plan

Applicant: Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

Grant Type: Action Plan

SS4A Grant Funding Amount: \$880000

Estimated Total Project Costs: \$1100000

Project Description: The award will be used by the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District to develop a comprehensive safety action plan.

Environmental Program Update Brief**February - March Departmental Priorities**

- Brownfields Community Assessment Grant project: RFP issued and responses due Feb. 1st and contract awardee notification by Feb 22nd.
- Rochester Master Plan interdepartmental kickoff meeting
- Open space plans – current status:
 - Marion (in final comment period)
 - Taunton (conditional approval granted, need to address comments for final approval)
 - Dartmouth (draft finalized, obtaining review letters)
 - Middleborough (drafts in final review)
 - Carver (plan writing)
 - Swansea (plan writing)
- Launching the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program Circuit Rider Project
- Assisting communities to develop MVP Action Grant applications
- OSRD meetings with communities.
- APC: Developing pondside vegetated buffer workshops for Long Pond neighborhoods and developing RFP/BIDs for technical services: Snake River Culvert H&H, Wareham St Pond Evaluation, monitoring well drilling and stream flow gauge installation.
- Working with eligible communities to develop Green Community Competitive Grant applications (currently eligible: Seekonk, Fairhaven, Wareham)

Of Note and Interest*Trainings and Events*

- Funding Nature Based Solutions in Southeastern Massachusetts in-person workshop. February 28, 2023 at Bridgewater State University from 9:30-12:30. An opportunity to discuss protentional projects with numerous grant funders. To register see link on the Environmental Department homepage on the SRPEDD website under upcoming events. Registration is required.

Project Community Meetings

- None at this time

MEPA REPORT – PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Reports Under Consideration or Development

Project	Type	Community	Comments Due	RPA Review Components	Site Visit Details (Indicate if Remote Meeting)
Gracey Estates	New Project ENF	Taunton	2/28/23		
Pope's Island – Reconfiguration Zone, Pile Supported Barge, Gangway and Marine Fuel Facility	Site Visit	New Bedford	2/16/23		
Lincoln Logistics	ENF Under Review	Middleborough			
Grinnell Mill – Proposed Barges (92 Kilburn St)	ENF Under Review	New Bedford			
Pope's Island – Reconfig. (see above)	ENF Under Review	New Bedford	2/24/23		
Prysmian Brayton Point	FEIR Under Review	Somerset			
Raynham River Walk 40B	FEIR Under Review	Raynham			
Notice of Yearly Operational Plan Submission	Public Notice – MDAR	Attleboro			
Notice of Application for 401 Water Quality Cert.	Public Notice – MassDEP	Mansfield			

Reports Submitted

None at this time.

MA State Retirement Board Legislation- Sponsor Request Letter

Co-Sponsor Request – HD818/SD95 - An Act relative to regional planning agencies

Senator/Representative XXXX,

I am writing to respectfully request that you sign on as a co-sponsor to **HD818/SD95, An Act relative to regional planning agencies**. This legislation aims to provide financial stability to the state's regional planning agencies (RPAs) and allow them to continue to be indispensable partners of the Commonwealth and its municipalities long into the future.

The Commonwealth's 13 RPAs were created in the 1960s as special state districts charged with providing regional and local planning services to the state's 351 municipalities. Since then, several RPAs have been members of the Massachusetts State Employee Retirement System (MSERS) and two RPAs joined through special legislation after county governments were abolished. These RPAs have never paid an assessment to MSERS.

There is an ongoing effort to have the RPAs pay the state retirement board on behalf of their employees, but the cost would be significant and the outcome dire. RPAs are extremely constrained in their ability to raise new revenue. They are funded through a mix of sources, including a state line item, federal funding, and fees collected from municipalities. These payments would lead to large-scale layoffs, termination of services, and force many RPAs to shut down.

HD818/SD95 aims to protect the Commonwealth's Regional Planning Agencies by ensuring that they are not held liable for these payments and are able to continue our work on behalf of the state and local governments. Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

AGENDA ITEM: Technical Assistance Report, # 7.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	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	local
Carver	Pre-Application Business Park Development	Pending	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Dartmouth	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	local
Dartmouth	Master Plan	Final Draft	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	Completed	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Dighton	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Sara Brown	DOER
Dighton	Economic Development Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, CCC, MA
Fairhaven	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DOER
Fairhaven	Alden Road Redevelopment Study Phase 2	Complete	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, local, MA
Fairhaven	Benoit Square Traffic Assessment	Completed	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Fall River	Mother's Brook Sewer Upgrades (D&E, Permitting) Project Administration	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Freetown	Master Plan	Scoping	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu	DHCD, DLTA
Lakeville	Section 3A Technical Assistance	New	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Mansfield	Bicycle Planning Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Mansfield	Green Communities Designation Grant Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DOER
Mansfield	Housing Production Plan Phase 2	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Taylor Perez	DLTA, MA

Marion	Marion Village Parking Assessment	In Draft	Transportation	TBD	MassDOT
Marion	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zinavage, Bill Napolitano	DLTA, local, MA
Marion	Green Communities Comp Grant TA	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Marion	Housing Production Plan Update	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Taylor Perez	local
Mattapoisett	Master Plan and Housing Production Plan	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez, Robert Cabral, Phillip Hu	DLTA, CCC, local, MA
Mattapoisett	Industrial Drive Infrastructure Improvement	Project Close-out	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez, Bill Napolitano	local, EDA
Middleborough	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Sara Brown	local
Middleborough	Housing Production Plan (Tier 3)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Grant King	DLTA, HCI
Middleborough	Historic/General Use District Bylaw Amendments	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Robert Cabral	MassDOT, SCR
New Bedford	North Terminal Extension Phase II and Pier Fendering Project	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Jeff Walker, Lizeth Gonzalez, Grant King	EDA
New Bedford	Marine Commerce Terminal	Pending	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
New Bedford	Quest Center, Armory District	Pending	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
North Attleboro	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zinavage	DOER
North Attleborough	Master Plan and Housing Production Plan	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Robert Cabral, Taylor Perez	DLTA, CCC, local, MA
Norton	Bicycle Committee Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Norton	Housing Production Plan (Tier 3, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Plainville	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Plainville	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, local
Raynham	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Regional	Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Regional	Pavement Management - Fed. Aid Road Network	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Regional	Regional Transportation Plan	Ongoing	Transportation	Jennifer Chaves, Lisa Estrela-Pedro	MassDOT

Regional	FFY2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones, Lisa Estrela-Pedro	MassDOT
Regional	Trails Mapping (Off Road)	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones, Karen Porter	MassDOT
Regional	Congestion Mitigation Plan	Ongoing	Transportation	Sean Hilton	MassDOT
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Groundwater Hydrologic & Hydraulic Study	Ongoing	Environmental	Bill Napolitano, Helen Zincavage	DER
Regional	Taunton River Stewardship Council Upper Nemasket Implementation	Ongoing	Environmental	Bill Napolitano, Helen Zincavage	TRSC
Regional	Rural Policy Advisory Council	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DLTA, sister RPAs
Regional	District Local Technical Assistance - Augmentation (project development and grant-writing)	New	Comprehensive, Environmental, Transportation	Jeff Walker, Grant King, Helen Zincavage, Lisa Estrela-Pedro	DLTA-A
Regional	SRPEDD Regional Resilience Plan (SRRP)	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Environmental, Transportation	Helen Zincavage, Bill Napolitano, Lizeth Gonzalez, Grant King	DLTA , CCC EDA,
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	Justice, Equity, and Community Development (JECD) Initiative	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Regional	CARES Act/COVID-19 U.S. EDA Technical Assistance	Project Close-out	Comprehensive	Jeff Walker, Lizeth Gonzalez, Rob Cabral, Grant King	SRPEDD, U.S. EDA
Regional	PDA/PPA Update for MBTA Communities	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King	MBTA, DLTA
Regional	South Coast Administrators Committee	Ongoing	Administrative	Jeff Walker	SRPEDD
Regional	Mass. Assn. of Regional Planning Commissions (MARPA)	Ongoing	Administrative	Jeff Walker	RPAs
Regional	Taunton River Trail	Ongoing	Transportation	Bill Napolitano	MassDOT

Regional - Green Communities	Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zinavage, Danica Belknap, Sara Brown	EOEEA
Regional - SRAC	FFY20 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Homeland Security	Todd Castro, Kevin Ham, Grant King	MAPC
Regional - SRAC	FFY21 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Homeland Security	Todd Castro, Kevin Ham, Grant King	MAPC
Regional - Ten Mile Watershed to Mount Hope Bay	Brownfield Community Wide Assessment Grant	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zinavage, Bill Napolitano, Lizeth Gonzalez	EPA
Regional-GATRA	Technical Assistance Planning and GIS	Ongoing	Transportation	Jen Chaves	GATRA
Rochester	Agriculture and PPA Planning	Ongoing	Environmental	Sara Brown	DLTA
Rochester	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Rochester	Master Plan	Scoping	Environmental	Rhiannon Dugan	DHCD, DLTA, local
Seekonk	Housing Production Plan (Tier 2, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Somerset	Inflow & Infiltration EDA Application	Project Close-out	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Somerset, Swansea	Wastewater District Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	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	School District Active Shooter / Hostile Event (ASHE) Response Tool	Ongoing	Homeland Security, Comprehensive	Kevin Ham	Local
Taunton	Route 140 Corridor Study	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Environmental, Transportation	Robert Cabral, Helen Zinavage, Lisa Estrella-Pedro, Jackie Jones, Grant King	MassDOT, DLTA, MA
Taunton	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Danica Belknap	DLTA, local
Taunton	MSIP V- Business Park	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Wareham	Bicycle Committee Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT

Wareham	Plymouth Ave (White Island Shores Neighborhood), Speed & Volume Counts	Complete	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Wareham	Section 3A Technical Assistance	New	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Wareham	Village Plan	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu	DLTA
Westport	Complete Streets Prioritization Plan	Complete	Transportation	Sara Brown	MassDOT
Westport	Housing Production Plan (Tier 1, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA, local