

March 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 – February 22, 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)*
 - FY'24 Preliminary Draft Budget
 - b. Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO * *(Vote receive place on file)*
6. Programs and Project Updates:
 - a. Regional Congestion Management Plan *
 - b. Environmental Program Update and area [MEPA](#) projects *
 - c. Assawompset Pond Complex (APC) Project Overview *
 - d. 2023 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Funding Awards *
 - e. MBTA Communities Update and 3/15 Attorney General Advisory *
7. Funding Availability Notifications and Letter of Support Requests
 - a. MARPA- Chapter 90 Bond Authorization increase request *
 - b. Town of Westport- Rt. 6 Water and Sewer Cong. Directed Spending request *
8. Old Business
 - a. Technical Assistance* *(Vote to receive and place on file)*
www.srpedd.org/MA or www.srpedd.org/Municipal-Assistance
9. New Business
 - a. 2023-2024 Commissioner (Re-)Appointment Forms: Mayor/Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, At-Large*
 - b. Call for SRPEDD 2023 Annual Award Nominations: Special Recognition, Commissioner of the Year, and Distinguished Service *
10. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest
11. Adjourn

FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS: April 26, 2023; May 24, 2023 (Annual Mtg)
June 28, 2023; July 26, 2023; Sept. 27, 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
February 22, 2023
Remote meeting via Zoom

Present:**Commissioners:**

C. Feerick, Attleboro A/L	C. O'Neil, Dartmouth	C. O'Grady, Dartmouth	J. Carvalho, Dighton
R. Espindola, Fairh.	D. Braga, Fairhaven	D. Aguiar, Fall River	V. D'Antoni, Freetown
N. Cline, Lakeville	L. Carboni, Lakeville	A. Horowitz, Mansfield	L. Bradley, Middleb
A. Eaton, N.B. A/L	J. Carloni, New Bedford	L. Pirnie, No. Attle.	W. Costa, Rehoboth
G. Hartley, Rochester	P. Dunn, Seekonk	N. McDonald, Somerset	J. Kardel, Somerset
G. Hovorka, Swansea	A. Slavin, Wareham		

Guests/Staff:

L. Gonzalez, SRPEDD	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	M. Sweet Dart. (Alter.)
J. Ferreira, Fall River	D. Pettey, Freetown	J. Henry, Marion	N. Hills, Marion
R. Burgmann, Mattap.	M. Germain, Middleb.	J. Ponte, New Bedford	S. Ollerhead, Norton
J. Artz, Norton	R. Stefanelli, Norton (Alt.)	M. Clarner, No. Attle.	C. Yarworth, Plainville
M. Andrade, Raynham	C. Sullivan, Raynham	L. Mills, Rehoboth	N. Durfee, Rochester
J. Hansen, Swansea	J. Howland, Taunton	M. Monteiro, Taunton	M. King, Wareham
S. Ouellette, Westport	J. Whitin, Westport	J. Peccini, Taunton A/L	R. Tith, F.R A/L

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Austin Horowitz at 6:32 P.M. Chair Slavin attended the meeting partially while he was traveling, and the Vice Chair was not available to attend. The meeting was recorded.

2. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the January 25, 2023 meeting minutes with abstentions.

3. Reports:

a. **Chair:** No report.

b. **Executive Director:** Mr. Walker mentioned he recently had opportunity to meet with Secretary Yvonne Hao Governor Healy's new Economic Development Secretary who shared that she had very much enjoyed her visit to the region a while back and remarks at UMass-Dartmouth. He added that he had also received a call from the Governor's Deputy Director of Boards and Commissions inviting expressions of interest from Southeast MA stakeholders who might be interested in being considered for appointment to any of a series of current vacancies on the MBTA board, among others, and asking a member of the Transportation Transition Committee that he kindly help spread

the word. Mr. Walker shared that it would be ideal if a representative from Southeast MA could be appointed to the MBTA board and encouraged that any Commissioners who knew of a possible candidate who might be interested to please reach out and he would be happy to assist putting them in touch with Nayana. Lastly, he mentioned it is annual meeting time and SRPEDD is currently looking at possible venues across the region; that he and fellow staff were open to suggestions, either as to a place to hold the meeting or with respect to this year's keynote.

4. Consent Agenda:

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

- 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.

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

5. Committee Reports:

- a. **Finance Committee:** Treasurer Horowitz reported that 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. The Committee reviewed the 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.

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

- b. **Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO:** Ms. Estrela-Pedro referred attendees to the meeting minutes from the Joint Transportation Planning Group that was held on January 11. At that meeting, the group discussed the development of the FFY 2024-2028 TIP and went through each project that is currently programmed and their status. A presentation was given on SRPEDD's Community Technical Assistance Program, there was an update on development of a Coordinated Human Service Transportation (CHST) Plan, and information was provided on grant opportunities. She mentioned the Mass Trails grant has closed, and SRPEDD assisted Wareham with an application. She also mentioned that the deadline for RAISE grant applications is March 28th.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned the SMMPO meeting was held on January 17th. At that meeting, there were amendments to the existing FFY 23 to 27 TIP for Community Transit grants and Performance Measurement Targets for congestion, emissions, reliability, and safety adopted.

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

- c. **Reginal Economic Strategies Committee (RESC):** Ms. Gonzalez reported that the RESC met this month on February 1st. At the meeting members were updated on ongoing EDA projects and existing grant opportunities throughout the region. She mentioned that the draft CEDS was also presented so members could provide input, with comments to be incorporated and the finalized CEDS to be approved next meeting. Ms. Gonzalez mentioned the RESC has launched a brief newsletter to keep in touch between quarterly meetings and provide timely updates on grant opportunities. She mentioned she is looking forward to sharing a new format for the RESC in the coming months aimed at revitalizing and reinvigorating the Committee. Ms. Gonzalez stated that she is continuing economic development and recovery-related outreach to communities initially made possible during the pandemic thanks to CARES Act funding, and now made possible thanks to DLTA-Augmentation funding from the state, amounting to a little over \$165,000 through June 30, 2024. She encouraged anyone interested in exploring projects or talking about potential grants to reach out to her. In closing, she entertained questions from the Commission.

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

6. Programs and Project Updates:

- a. **SRPEDD Regional Safety Action Plan (SS4A):** Ms. Estrela-Pedro reported on SRPEDD's recently received grant award for development of a Regional Safety Action Plan, the contract paperwork for which is expected soon, and shared her screen. She explained when SRPEDD begins development of the plan, date targets for achieving identified goals and percentage reduction targets in terms of reduced crashes, injuries and fatalities will also be set. In addition to that the planning structure of the action plan they will start a stakeholder's task force, with staff reaching out to all SRPEDD communities so that each has the opportunity to have a representative on the task force and to meaningfully contribute and provide input into the plan. She stated that the plan will include an analysis of existing conditions, historical trends focusing on fatalities and serious injuries, and contributing factors identified as being applicable to crashes occurring across the region. SRPEDD will convene multiple public engagement sessions for residents and stakeholders to comment and contribute toward the action plan's development. In addition to in depth collection and analysis of pertinent data, there will also be extensive emphasis on equity, with analysis to include both population characteristics and equity-related impact assessments of proposed projects and strategies. Ms. Estrela -Pedro explained the safety plan development initiative would be getting underway soon, and encouraged anyone with questions to please contact her.
- b. **Environmental Program Update and area MEPA projects:** Ms. Zinavage referred the Commission to the meeting packet for her Environmental report. She mentioned the February to March departmental priorities include competitive procurement of a qualified environmental professional for the Brownfields Community Assessment grant project, currently underway. She mentioned that procurement efforts have been going well and the last two interviews had been completed yesterday. She also reported that launch-related efforts are continuing in regards to the Narragansett Bay Estuary program circuit rider project. This project enables staff to support grant and other programmatic developments across 10 different areas in the Taunton River Watershed. Ms. Zinavage mentioned that there is other technical assistance available to help communities advance environmental projects. One such example is that in the coming month, staff is going to be convening meetings with communities to talk about the Open Space Residential Design bylaws. She

stated they are doing a regionwide audit of these bylaws in order to identify and highlight Best Practices for the OSR 30 By Law.

7. Old Business:

- a. **Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC) representative reappointment:** Ms. Zincavage mentioned that all of RPAC member terms with the exception of one person were expiring and that they needed to ask the new administration for reappointments. The Chair of the Commission mentioned it would be beneficial if all current members could provide an official letter from their Commissions requesting their reappointment.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to have Ms. Zincavage be reappointed to the Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC) as a representative from SRPEDD/Southeast MA and a letter to that effect forwarded as requested. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. **Mass Broadband Institute (MBI) funding/Lead for America placement opportunity:** Mr. Walker mentioned that in conjunction with earlier-referenced Massachusetts Broadband Institute funding, it was proving difficult for many of the state's RPAs to go through the necessary prequalification and other application hurdles due to existing commitments and obligations, however, he had recently heard a presentation by the head of Lead for America that an LFA fellow/Americorps volunteer might be possible, with the potential for match and other costs being offset by MBI. Were communities such as Fairhaven which has been leading the way on municipal broadband efforts and other areas to be interested in SRPEDD hosting an LFA fellow (providing oversight and a base for related outreach operations), he indicated that MBI has scheduled an upcoming information session on the subject and that SRPEDD would be open to exploring the possibility. Mr. Espindola stated that there is a meeting of the Broadband Coalition in which Fairhaven has been participating tomorrow evening and that he planned on mentioning this opportunity to others and would report back.

- c. **MA State Retirement Board Legislation sponsor request:** Mr. Walker referred the Commission to page 25 of the packet (draft co-sponsor request letter), along with a brief update on continuing legislative efforts with regard to the MA State Retirement Board issue for any who might be open to reaching out to a member of our state delegation to assist.

- d. **Technical Assistance:** Mr. King referred Commissioners to the traditional monthly update on projects contained in the packets, highlighting a number further detail and referring them to the additional information on the SRPEDD website. Mr. King mentioned that an update on 2023 DLTA funding awards would be provided at the next meeting.

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

8. New Business: None

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

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., to be held remotely via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Hills, Secretary

Date: 3/22/2023

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 town of Freetown to create a Master Plan and supporting civic engagement program that meets the requirements of M.G.L c. 41, s. 81D for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.
2. With the town of Swansea to create an economic and community development plan for a section of the Route 6 Corridor for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.
3. With the town of Rochester to create a Master Plan and supporting civic engagement program that meets the requirements of M.G.L. c. 41., s. 81D for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

AGENDA ITEM: Finance Committee Report # 5.a.

The Finance Committee met on Mar. 15, 2023 at SRPEDD conference room. The Feb. 15, 2023 Finance meeting minutes were approved, the Treasurer's Report for February 2023 received, and a warrant for expenses signed off on in the amount of \$27,741.04.

Cash & Funds: Feb. 1, 2023	\$ 1,095,019.82
Cash Receipts: Feb. 1 – 28, 2023	<u>\$ 158,337.78</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,253,357.60

Disbursements: Feb. 1 – 28, 2023	\$ 253,916.27
Cash & Funds: Feb. 28, 2023	<u>\$ 999,441.33</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,253,357.60

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

Mr. Walker presented the FY'2024 preliminary draft budget in the amount \$3,596,707 with unchanged indirect overhead rate of 115%. He indicated that the draft budget, as always, is based on conservative assumptions, e.g., contracts in hand vs. anticipated, and that the figures, despite the early spring snapshot are solid.

With annual evaluations presently underway and on track for completion next month--consistent with usual timing, Mr. Walker will have recommendations in April for the Finance and Personnel Committees' review and consideration regarding annual merit-based adjustments and personnel advancements for implementation July 1—he indicated that the agency is in a strong position and looking forward to another big year ahead.

The Committee VOTED unanimously to recommend that the FY'24 preliminary draft budget be forwarded to the full Commission at its upcoming March 22 meeting.



FISCAL YEAR 2024 Preliminary Draft Budget					SUMMARY Pg. 1
PROPOSED: 3/15/23					
REVENUE	FY 2023 APP 1/2023	FY 2024 PROP. 3/2023	CHANGE: 1/2023 to 3/2023	PERCENT CHANGE	
1. FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS					
a. MASSDOT.-3C*	1,588,594	1,913,175	324,581	20.43%	
b. GATRA-SEC.5307*	55,598	17,048	-38,550	-69.34%	
c. EDA*	70,000	70,000		0.00%	
NPS Taunton River (pass-through)	240,000	0	-240,000	-100.00%	
d. HOMELAND SEC/EOPSS*	193,000	232,899	39,899	20.67%	
e. DLTA (2022)*	124,247	124,247		0.00%	
f. DLTA (2023)	124,247	124,247		0.00%	
Sub-total	2,395,686	2,481,616	85,930	3.59%	
2. ASSESSMENTS	131,592	134,919	3,327	2.53%	
3. MUNICIPAL & LOCAL					
a. ARPA APC	54,220	0	-54,220	-100.00%	
b. Brownfields	162,712	162,712	0	0.00%	
c. CARES Act	100,226	0	-100,226	-100.00%	
d. Dartmouth OSRP	17,392	0	-17,392	-100.00%	
e. DLTA-A Allocation	54,669	54,669	0	0.00%	
f. EDA Fall River Mothers Brook	30,607	15,300	-15,307	-50.01%	
g. Freetown MP	0	75,000	75,000		
h. Lakeville HPP	15,000	0	-15,000	-100.00%	
i. MAAdb Dart & Wareham climate TA	8,585	0	-8,585	-100.00%	
i. Mansfield GC	0	4,500	4,500		
f. Marion GC	0	3,500	3,500		
Marion OSRP Implementation	8,000	0	-8,000	-100.00%	
MHP MBTA Webinar series	16,000	0	-16,000	-100.00%	
Middleborough HPP (HCI)	12,500	0	-12,500	-100.00%	
Regional Energy Planning TA '21	49,550	0	-49,550	-100.00%	
Regional Energy Planning TA '22	12,000	0	-12,000	-100.00%	
g. RRP EDA- Federal	138,295	138,295	0	0.00%	
h. RRP Eff and Regionalization- State	66,492	66,492	0	0.00%	
i. Resilient Taunton Circuit Rider	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%	
j. Rochester MP	0	120,000	120,000		
k. Seekonk HPP	0	0	0		
l. SCR PDA-PPA Update	64,704	64,704	0	0.00%	
m. Swansea MP, OSRP	135,294	67,500	-67,794	-50.11%	
n. Swansea Rt. 6 Corridor Study	0	75,000	75,000		
o. Taunton ASHE plan	141,000	100,000	-41,000	-29.08%	
p. TRSC website	0	2,500	2,500		
q. Viva Fall River	0	0	0		
r. Westport HPP	0	0	0		
Sub-total	1,112,246	975,172	-137,074	-12.32%	
4. MISCELLANEOUS					
Interest	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%	
Sub-total	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,644,524	\$3,596,707	-47,817	-1.31%	



FISCAL YEAR 2024 Preliminary Draft Budget					SUMMARY Pg. 2
PROPOSED: 3/15/23					
EXPENDITURES	FY 2023 APP 1/2023	FY 2024 PROP. 3/2023	CHANGE: 1/2023 to 3/2023	PERCENT CHANGE	
1 SALARIES	2,176,200	2,298,525	122,325	5.6%	
2 FRINGE BENEFITS	345,019	438,428	93,409	27.1%	
3 TRAVEL	1,250	1,250	0	0.0%	
4 BANK CHARGES	110	110	0	0.0%	
5 PRINTING	500	500	0	0.0%	
6 SUPPLIES	16,500	18,000	1,500	9.1%	
7 ACCOUNTING & LEGAL	16,716	16,716	0	0.0%	
8 COMPUTERS	60,237	66,234	5,997	10.0%	
9 DUES & SUBSCRIP.	6,900	12,400	5,500	79.7%	
10 EQUIP. LEASE	7,165	7,165	0	0.0%	
11 INSURANCE	21,000	22,050	1,050	5.0%	
12 MEETINGS & CONF.	4,000	11,000	7,000	175.0%	
13 ADVERTISING	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	
14 POSTAGE & TELEPHONE	6,348	7,500	1,152	18.1%	
15 SERVICES (GMS & IT)	17,440	17,440	0	0.0%	
16 BUILDING COSTS	41,840	49,320	7,480	17.9%	
17 TRAFFIC COUNT VEHICLE	472	472	0	0.0%	
18 EQUIP. SERV.& REPAIR	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	
19 EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	
20 CONSULTANTS/PASS THRU	230,000	0	-230,000	-100.0%	
21 DIRECT COSTS	70,570	64,820	-5,750	-8.1%	
22 LOCAL COST/INVEST.ACCT.	17,111	17,111	0	0.0%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,044,378	3,054,041	9,663	0.3%	
TOTAL REVENUES	3,644,523	3,596,707	-47,816	-1.3%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,044,378	3,054,041	9,663	0.3%	
EXCESS REV. OVER EXPEND.	600,145	542,666	-57,479	-9.6%	

Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) Meeting**DRAFT Minutes for the JTPG Meeting****Held on Wednesday, February 8, 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	Kevin Dumas.....Town Mansfield
Michael Tyler.....City of Attleboro	Norman Hills.....Town of Marion
Joe Callahan.....Town of Berkley	Leeann Bradley.....Town Middleboro
Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth	Dennis Morton.....Town of Plainville
Michael Mullen.....Town of Dighton	Ed Buckley.....Town of Raynham
Paul Foley.....Town of Fairhaven	Nancy Durfee.....Town of Rochester
Dan Aguiar.....City of Fall River	David Cabral.....Town of Seekonk
Victoria D'Antoni.....Town Freetown, Alt	William Anderson.....Town of Swansea
Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville	Alan Slavin.....Town of Wareham
Josh Reinke.....Town of Mansfield	James Hartnett.....Town of Westport

Representatives/alternates of the following were NOT in attendance:

Town of Acushnet	Plainville
Carver	Town of Rehoboth
Marion	Town of Somerset
Town of Mattapoisett	City of Taunton
Town of No. Attleborough	At-Large, City of Fall River
Town of Norton	At-Large, City of Taunton

Also in Attendance:

Raissah Kouame.....MassDOT	Sara Brown.....SRPEDD
Barbara Lachance.....MassDOT	Jon Gray.....SRPEDD
Angie Constantino.....GATRA	Phillip Duarte.....Taunton
Lisa Estrela-Pedro.....SRPEDD	Tyler de Ruiter.....BETA
Lilia Cabral-Bernard.....SRPEDD	Katherine Patch.....F&O
Jackie Jones.....SRPEDD	Kien Ho.....BETA
Jennifer Chaves.....SRPEDD	Phil Viveiros.....McMahon & Assocs
Joe Osbourne.....SRPEDD	Sid Kashi.....GPI
Sean Hilton.....SRPEDD	Lisa Sherman.....CDM Smith
Andrea Duarte.....SRPEDD	

Handouts:

JTPG Meeting Agenda for February 8, 2023
 DRAFT JTPG January 11, 2023 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	Stephanie Crampton, Chair.....	City of New Bedford
Tim Barber.....	Town of Dartmouth	Dennis Morton.....	Town of Plainville
Tom Ferry.....	Town of Dighton	Ed Buckley.....	Town of Raynham
Paul Foley.....	Town of Fairhaven	David Cabral.....	Town of Seekonk
Dan Aguiar.....	City of Fall River	Fred Cornaglia.....	City of Taunton
Victoria D'Antoni.....	Town Freetown, Alt	Alan Slavin.....	Town of Wareham
Franklin Moniz.....	Town of Lakeville		

2. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2022 (Materials Attached & roll call vote needed)

Chair Stephanie Crampton called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Leeann Bradley. Ms. Cabral-Bernard then called the roll:

City of Attleboro.....	Yes	Town of Middleborough.....	Yes
Town of Berkley.....	Yes	City of New Bedford.....	Yes
Town of Dartmouth.....	Yes	Town of Seekonk.....	Yes
Town of Dighton.....	Yes	Town of	
Town of Fairhaven.....	Yes	Swansea.....	Abstain
City of Fall River.....	Yes	Town of Wareham.....	Yes
Town of Lakeville.....	Yes		

THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

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

There were no comments offered.

4. Presentation of Projects for Consideration for FFY24-28 TIP

Ms. Jackie Jones introduced the first presenter, Kien Ho from BETA to speak on the Attleboro project which is corridor improvements on Route 123 (from Lathrop Road to Thatcher Street).

Mr. Kien Ho explained the project area is approximately 2000 feet in length, and he displayed a cross section of improvements for the group. He also indicated that additional traffic counts would be taken to update what is in existence.

Ms. Jones then introduced Sid Kashi to present the Raynham project which is intersection improvements at N. Main & S. Main Streets (Route 104) at Pleasant Street and Orchard Street. Mr. Kashi explained that these intersection improvements are still being determined but new signals as well as a roundabout are being considered. They will be evaluating traffic and considering pedestrians and bicyclists in the design.

Ms. Jones then introduced Katherine Patch to present the Swansea project which is improvements on Route 118 , The Swansea Mall Drive from Milford Road to Wood Street. Ms. Patch explained that this project includes a road diet with an equitable cross section that would serve all road users and become the gateway to Swansea's business district. The cost of the project is estimated at \$9 million and the 25% design should be completed by the end of 2024.

Ms. Jones then introduced Phillip Duarte, a Taunton City Councilor to present the Taunton project which is the Taunton River Rail Trail Construction. Mr. Duarte told the group that the trail ais approximately two to

two and a half miles long through the Weir section of Taunton and will re-use existing rail tracks. It will also overlook the Taunton River at one portion and is part of a revitalization of the Weir section of Taunton.

Ms. Jones introduced Stephanie Crampton from the City of New Bedford to present the New Bedford Project which is corridor improvements on Tarkiln Hill Road and Ashley Boulevard to Wood Street. The project area is one mile long and is a critical East-West connector in the city, serving future SouthCoast Rail connections, and connections to schools, churches and Brooklawn Park, as well as a Fire House located on Tarkiln Hill and Ashley Blvd. This project will connect previously completed projects on King's Highway and a Safe Routes to School project with pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, expanding these connections. The design is at pre 25% and has MassDOT approval.

Ms. Jones introduced Barbara Lachance from MassDOT District 5 to present the Wareham project which is improvements on Route 6, from Briarwood Drive to Cromesett Road. This project will connect Route 6 between Weweantic and the Swift's Beach Road project. It is at pre 25% design and estimated at \$7.6 M.

Ms. Lachance continued with the Seekonk project which is intersection improvements and resurfacing on Route 44 (Taunton Ave) from RI line to Peck Street including Route 114A/Fall River and Arcade Ave Intersections. This project will address two high crash intersections and improve multi-modal accommodations along this section of Route 44. This project is estimated at \$14.2 million but is likely to increase in cost.

5. Congestion Management Plan Survey Discussion

Sean Hilton informed the group of the Congestion Management Plan update and asked for feedback from communities by taking the survey available at the link shown.

6. Update on the Open Meeting Law

Lilia Cabral-Bernard informed the group that the Open Meeting Law was being changed after March 31, 2023, reverting back to pre-pandemic protocols that state the Chair and a quorum of any regional group must be in-person, with additional participants and members of the public still able to attend remotely. She explained that since the JTPG does not require a quorum, she was not entirely sure of the ramifications. She told the group she would reach out to the Attorney General's office to clarify this.

7. Other Business - Grants Update

Ms. Andrea Duarte informed the group of the Community One Stop for Growth grants application where applicants can be considered simultaneously for 12 programs across Exec. Office of Housing & Economic Development, DHCD, MassDevelopment. Expressions of interest can include up to 2 project proposals. Ms. Duarte continued with the Low or No Emission Vehicle Program with \$1.2 billion available from DOT/FTA for 100 awards to purchase or lease zero- and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities. Eligible recipients are those that allocate funds to fixed-route bus operators, states, or local governmental authorities that operate fixed route bus service, and Indian tribes. Info Sessions will be held on Feb 16 and Feb 28 and applications are due on April 13, 2023. She also provided where to find additional info at the BIL website and through SRPEDD's social media.

8. Date and Time for Next Meeting

Date and Time for next meeting is March 8, 2023, at 2:00 PM

9. Adjourn

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Victoria D'Antoni and seconded by Joe Callahan. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 PM.

**Draft Minutes of the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) Meeting
on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 1:00 PM - Held remotely via Zoom.**

The following members were in attendance:

Derek Krevat-----Representing Gina Fiandaca, MassDOT Secretary and CEO, **Chair**
Pamela Haznar-----Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Div. Administrator
Jamie Ponte-----Representing Jonathan Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford
Daniel Aguiar-----Representing Paul Coogan, Mayor of Fall River
Robert Espindola-----Town of Fairhaven
Mark Germain-----Town of Middleborough
Kevin Dumas-----Town of Mansfield, alternate
Jacob Vaught-----Town of Somerset
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
Shaunna O'Connell-----Mayor of Taunton

The following were also in attendance:

TJ Torres-----City of Taunton	Andrew Wang-----MassDOT
Josh Reinke-----Town of Mansfield	Lisa Estrela-Pedro-----SRPEDD
Andrew Reovan-----FHWA	Lilia Cabral-Bernard-----SRPEDD
Raissah Kouame-----MassDOT	Sean Hilton-----SRPEDD
Alan Andrade-----MassDOT	Jackie Jones-----SRPEDD
Jack Moran-----MassDOT	Joseph Osbourne-----SRPEDD
Barbara Lachance-----MassDOT	Andrea Duarte-----SRPEDD

Handouts:

SMMPO Agenda February 21, 2023
SMMPO Draft Meeting Minutes January 17, 2023
FFY2023-2027 TIP Proposed Amendment #1
FFY2023-2027 TIP Proposed Amendment #

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call-

Chairman Derek Krevat called the SMMPO meeting to order at 1:00 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:

Derek Krevat-----Representing Gina Fiandaca, MassDOT Secretary and CEO, **Chair**
Pamela Haznar-----Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Div. Administrator
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Shayne Trimbell-----Representing Erik Rousseau, Administrator, SRTA

2. Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2023 (Materials Attached and Roll Call Vote Needed)

Chairman Krevat requested a motion to approve the minutes from the SMMPO meeting from January 17, 2023. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Jamie Ponte. Ms. Cabral-Bernard then called the roll:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes	Town of Middleborough-----Yes
City of Fall River-----Abstain	Town of Somerset-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes	SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes	GATRA-----Yes
Town of Fairhaven-----Yes	SRTA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

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

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

4. Regional Transit Authorities (RTA) Report – RTA Updates

Shayne Trimbell told the group that SRTA is finishing up its Fall River services assessment and working on New Bedford's. They have been preparing for their budget, uncertain about whether state funding will increase or decrease, and won't know how service will change until it receives the numbers from the state.

Mary Ellen DeFrias informed the group that GATRA has a new management company. GATRA will be reviewing its routes and doing some potential realignment to make them more efficient in the future. Similar to SRTA, GATRA is putting together a budget with multiple scenarios depending on the level of state funding it will receive.

Chairman Krevat informed the group that since the speaker presenting the PM2 Performance Measures had not yet arrived in the meeting, and the group would move on to items #6 and #7 on the agenda.

5. FFY23-27 TIP Proposed Amendment #1 - Inclusion of Community Transit Grant Awards – (Materials Attached, Roll Call Vote Needed to Approve)

Lisa EstrelaPedro informed the group that Amendment #1 was presented at the last SMMPO meeting. SRPEDD held a public meeting and there were no comments at that time. The amendments are for the inclusion of community transit grants. SRPEDD is asking this body to approve this amendment to include these projects in the FFY 2023-2027 TIP. There were no questions. Alan Slavin made the motion and Robert Espinola seconded the motion. The Chair asked Ms. Cabral-Bernard to call the roll which was as follows:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes	Town of Mansfield-----Yes
City of Fall River-----Yes	Town of Somerset-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes	SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes	GATRA-----Yes
Town of Fairhaven-----Yes	SRTA-----Yes
Town of Middleborough-----Yes	

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. FFY23-27 TIP Proposed Amendment #2 – Highway & Transit – (Materials Attached, Roll Call Vote Needed to Release 21-day Comment Period)

Lisa Estrela-Pedro informed the group about the proposed Transportation Improvement Program amendments for both highway and transit. Some of the transit changes discussed could have been treated as adjustments, but to keep things simple we are treating this as one amendment. SRPEDD is proposing to put this amendment out to a 21-day comment period.

Highway amendments include a cost increase for a bridge replacement project in Mansfield. This change does not affect the regional target. Transit amendments include a cost increase in facility and vehicle maintenance for GATRA, a cost decrease for SRTA to acquire miscellaneous OPS/Maintenance support equipment, the addition of renovations to the GATRA Taunton terminal building, a new project tier for the GATRA Rehab/Renovate Facilities and a description change to include GATRA in the naming of the Rehab/Renovate Facilities project, a cost increase for SRTA to acquire OPS/Maintenance support vehicles, and an additional project for GATRA associated capital items vans. Mr. Estrela-Pedro asked the body to release this amendment to a 21-day comment period.

The chair asked for a motion and second to release this amendment as presented. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Kevin Dumas. There were no questions, so the Chair asked Lilia to read the roll as follows:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes	Town of Mansfield-----Yes
City of Fall River-----Yes	Town of Somerset-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes	SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes	GATRA-----Yes
Town of Fairhaven-----Yes	SRTA-----Yes
Town of Middleborough-----Yes	

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Pavement and Bridge Condition Performance Measures (PM2) Presentation – (Consideration of Roll Call Vote to Adopt)

The Chair provided some context to the group that in previous months the MPOs had voted on performance measures in safety and systems. This is continuing with the process of endorsing federally required performance measures. Jack Moran began the presentation of PM 2 measures, which include pavement and bridge conditions. Mr. Moran began by discussing measurement of bridge and pavement conditions exclusive to the national highway system, it doesn't include MassDOT and locally owned roads and bridges.

The most notable aspect of the pavement measures is that the measure itself is a composite of national indices developed through the performance management system at the federal level. It looks at ride quality, rutting, cracking, etc., similar to MassDOT's pavement serviceability index. MassDOT feels its measure is proportional to the federal measure. It was a change for MassDOT to set targets in this new measure when it had a good foundation with its own measure that it uses for capital planning.

Poor condition is synonymous with MassDOT's structurally deficient category, meaning that substantial

rehabilitation or replacement is necessary to get it back up into a good operating condition. It means that the element itself of bridge is at the end of life. Good condition means well-maintained. It's challenging to get a bridge that's in fair condition up to good condition. Good condition bridges are less than 10 or 15 years old.

The first performance period began in 2018 and MassDOT set targets for 2019 bridge conditions and 2021 conditions. Mr. Moran discussed where the region met and didn't meet its targets. Conditions within the Southeast region, municipally-owned and non-interstate NHS, are slightly worse than statewide conditions. This information is available on GeoDOT. He stated that bridges in Massachusetts are 15 years older than the national average and that poor conditions are not expected to be significantly influenced by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law until the latter half of the decade.

The Chair asked for a motion and second to endorse the pavement and bridge condition measures. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Jamie Ponte. 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	Town of Mansfield-----	Yes
City of Fall River-----	Yes	Town of Somerset-----	Yes
City of New Bedford-----	Yes	SRPEDD Commission Chair-----	Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----	Yes	GATRA-----	Yes
Town of Fairhaven-----	Yes	SRTA-----	Yes
Town of Middleborough-----	Yes		

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Draft FFY24-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Discussion

Jackie Jones began the presentation by informing the group what she and Lisa Estrela-Pedro learned about TIP projects' status at TIP readiness day. TIP readiness day is when the regional planning agency reviews with MassDOT all the projects on the TIP and those proposed for programming to determine which year would be the most appropriate for each project.

Several projects currently programmed in FFY 2024 will need to be moved to 2025 due to readiness issues. They include Dartmouth's Hathaway Road, Wareham's Swifts Beach Road due to design issues and Mansfield's Chauncy Street is being combined with another project. SRPEDD is working on a plan for the funding that will be available in 2024 and will present different scenarios for members to discuss in March.

For FFY2025, they are hoping the Lakeville project could be moved up to 2024 to use the now available funding. The Right of Way division is recommending the Wareham shared use path project be moved to an out year over concerns over ROW acquisitions. No proposed changes to FFY2026.

All projects proposed for 2027 are recommended to stay in 2027 with the exception of the Norton Route 123 project, which could be ready for 2026 and move up. Future projects for 2028 will be reviewed next month.

Discussion ensued about the Mansfield and Wareham projects being moved farther out. Kevin Dumas asked about the Mansfield project being moved back to 2025 and Ms. Jones explained how that is being combined with the Route 140 at Route 106 project and there might be design changes or ROW additions. Kevin Dumas informed the group this is the first they are hearing about this and the state did not tell them

this would cause the project being delayed by a year. Pamela Haznar stated that the biggest concern for the two Mansfield projects being combined into one is to finalize the right of way process in federal fiscal year 2024, which is very time consuming. She reiterated that projects require lots of time to go from initiation to preliminary design to PS&E. The push back to the next year might not delay the construction timeline.

Alan Slavin informed the group a large 40B development going in near the Wareham path project and this delay would cause a lot of push back from residents. Ms. Haznar informed them the ROW and other issues are slowing the process. MassDOT is recommending the project for FFY2025

Ms. Jones informed the group that next month there will be different scenarios presented for members to review for TIP programming.

9. Draft Congestion Management Plan Presentation & Survey Discussion

Sean Hilton informed the group that SRPEDD is currently working on an update for its Congestion Management Plan. Community feedback on it is currently missing. SRPEDD has created a short three-question survey for JTPG and SMMPO members to identify congestion issues in their town. Members can take it as many times as they like and report as many issues as they want. It can be taken with a QR code or link in the slides which will be sent with the meeting materials.

10. Other Business

Lisa Estrela-Pedro announced that SRPEDD is the recipient of a federal Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant. The total is \$1.1 million including a match from MassDOT. SRPEDD will be going out to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan and will be reaching out to all communities and looking for their participation in this effort. The plan will provide opportunities for SRPEDD communities to go out for funding to implement projects after it is finalized.

The Innovation Conference is coming up on May 2nd and 3rd if people want to start marking their calendars to attend. The Chair placed the conference registration link in the chat:

<https://www.umasstransportationcenter.org/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=5162>

11. Date and Time for Next Meeting

The Chair announced that the next SMMPO meeting will be on March 21, 2023, at 1:00 pm, held virtually. Ms. Estrela-Pedro told the group that we are awaiting updates on the Open Meeting Law effective in April and SRPEDD will keep members informed of any changes at the March meeting.

12. Adjourn

The Chair asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Jacob Vaught made the motion and Kevin Dumas seconded. The Chair asked that all in favor say aye. All ayes were heard. The Chair thanked everyone, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM.



Survey QR Code

6a. Draft Regional Congestion Management Plan

Congestion Management refers to the systematic process for managing congestion on all aspects of the transportation system with the principal goal of alleviating existing or preventing future congestion, thereby enhancing the mobility of people and goods. It includes procedures to monitor the transportation system's performance, identify causes of congestion, evaluate alternative actions, implement cost-effective strategies, and determine the effectiveness of those strategies.

In recent months, SRPEDD's Transportation Department has been compiling information related to congestion throughout the region to assess system-wide performance of roadways. This effort has included using data from the Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS) which provides performance summaries of truck travel time reliability, level of travel time reliability for both interstate and non-interstate roads, and bottleneck rankings for the region to identify problem areas. The full report will include information on roadways or segments that exceed thresholds set by the FHWA. In addition to the performance measure metrics mentioned, SRPEDD staff has utilized existing data concerning signalized intersection's level of service and proximity to Environmental Justice/Title VI populations to identify and priorities area that experience congestion.

All the analytical information regarding congestion within the SRPEDD region will be contained within a draft report published in coming months for review by communities and interested stakeholders. Until then, a short survey can be taken by Commission members to provide feedback and report congested location within communities for inclusion in a final report: <https://arcg.is/ujqe8>

AGENDA ITEM: Environmental Program Report, # 6.b.

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

- Brownfields Community Assessment Grant project: QEP selected, contract underway
- 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 (obtaining review letters)
 - Middleborough (drafts in final review)
 - Carver (plan writing)
 - Swansea (plan writing)
- Continuous grant opportunity outreach – MVP, PARC, LAND, SNEP SWIG, etc.
- APC: Developing pondside vegetated buffer workshops for Long Pond neighborhoods and developing RFP/BIDs for technical services: Upper Nemasket River Channel Restoration, Wareham St Dam 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), and Community Net Zero Planning workshop

Of Note and Interest*Trainings and Events*

- None at this time

Project Community Meetings

- None at this time

MEPA ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR – PROJECTS IN REGION

Project	Type	Community	Comments Due	RPA Review Components	Site Visit Details (Indicate if Remote Meeting)
Gracey Estates	ENF Project Under Review	Taunton			

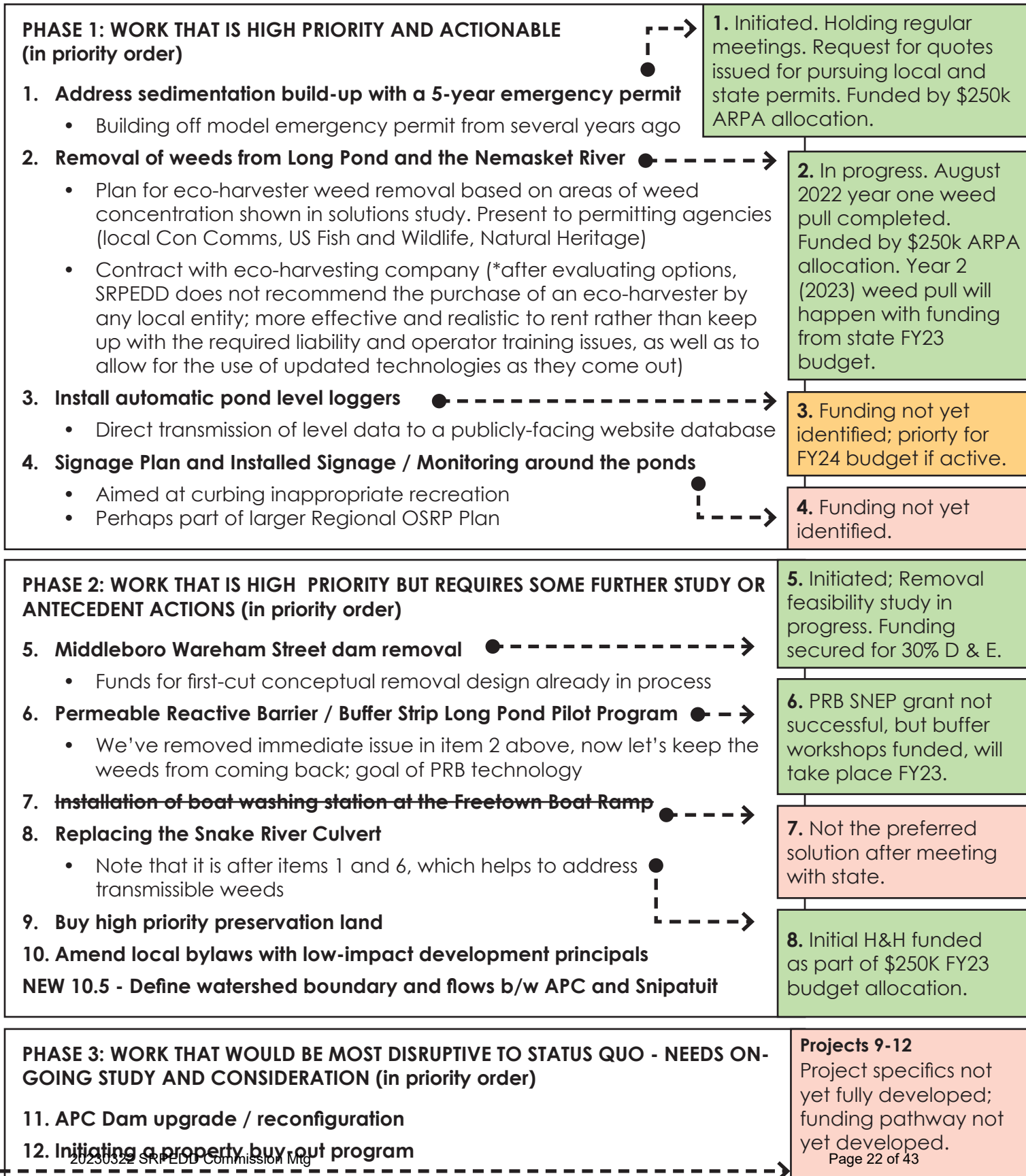
SouthCoast Wind 1 Project (fka Mayflower Wind SouthCoast Project)	DEIR Under Review	Somerset	3/27/23		
Grinnell Mill – Proposed Barges (92 Kilburn St)	Sec. Cert. – Requires EIR	New Bedford			
Prysmian Brayton Point	Sec. Cert. FEIR Adequately Complies w. MEPA	Somerset			
Raynham River Walk 40B	Sec. Cert. FEIR Adequately Complies w. MEPA	Raynham			

Reports Submitted

None at this time. Will review materials pertaining to SouthCoast Wind 1 Project (fka Mayflower Wind SouthCoast Project).

APC-NEMASKET 12-POINT PROJECT PHASING PLAN**[LAKEVILLE ENDORSED 3/21/22; MIDDLEBORO ENDORSED 3/14/22]**

This prioritized project list was endorsed by the Lakeville and Middleborough Select Boards, and was included in the APC and Nemasket River Management Plan. We are spending/leveraging the \$250K in ARPA funds that were direct to SRPEDD for use in the APC region in as close to list order as possible. We will also consider the list order as we pursue additional grant funding.





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DLTA Projects Support State and Local Initiatives

Selection Criteria

- Consistency with the CCC Best Practices
- Likelihood of completion and implementation
- Clear identification of expected outcomes
- Builds upon previous work and leads to subsequent work
- Promotes regional collaboration and local commitment
- Consistency with PDAs and PPAs
- Promotes the Housing Choice Initiative
- Supports the Multi-Family Zoning Requirement for MBTA Communities
- Regional in scope

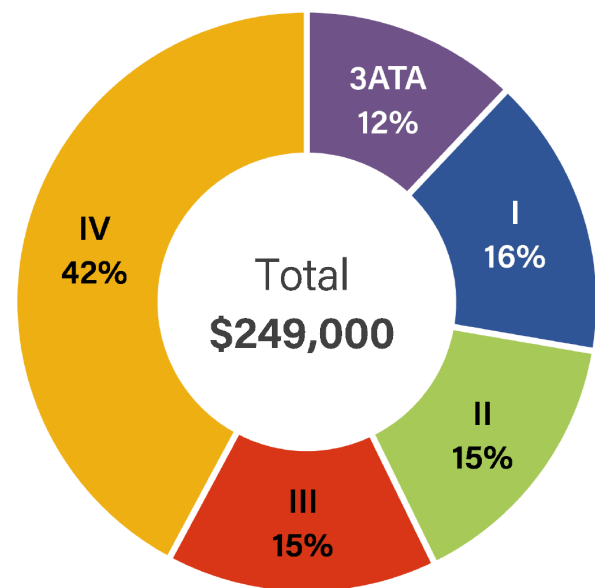
Projects and Selections

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

www.srpedd.org/DLTA

2023 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA)

The SRPEDD Region is grateful for another year of continued support for the DLTA Program. This year's projects include several new Corridor Studies, Master Plans, Housing Production Plans, an Open Space and Recreation Plan, and an Arts and Culture Project. In 2023, DLTA will also support an update of community and regional PDAs and PPAs and ongoing technical assistance for MBTA Communities subject to Section 3A.



- I: Regionalization
- II: Planning Ahead for Housing
- III: Planning Ahead for Growth
- IV: Support Community Compact Program
- 3ATA: MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Support

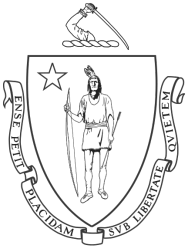


SRPEDD's 2023 DLTA Awards

City/Town	Project Description	Estimated Cost	Estimated Match	DHCD Reporting Category
Project Administration	Reporting, Project Solicitation, Project Scopes, and other DLTA-related tasks	\$24,345	-	I
Carver	Housing Production Plan	\$10,000	\$3,200	II
Dighton	Economic Development Plan	\$10,000	\$28,200	III
Fall River	Viva Fall River	\$12,500	\$3,200	III
Freetown	Master Plan	\$15,000	\$78,200	IV
Mansfield	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$12,500	\$3,200	IV
Middleborough	Housing Production Plan	\$7,500	\$3,200	II
Norton	Housing Production Plan	\$20,000	\$3,200	II
Plainville	Master Plan	\$25,000	\$78,300	IV
Regional	MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Support	\$30,000	\$40,000	MBTA
Regional	Priority Development & Priority Protection Area Update	\$39,000	\$161,000	I
Regional	Age-Friendly Communities	\$15,000	-	IV
Rochester	Master Plan	\$12,500	\$103,200	IV
Swansea	Route 6 Corridor Study	\$12,500	\$78,200	IV
Taunton	Route 140 Corridor Study	\$15,000	\$48,200	III
Westport	Housing Production Plan	\$12,500	\$3,500	II
		\$273,345	\$634,700	

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Advisory Concerning Enforcement of the MBTA Communities Zoning Law

The Office of the Attorney General is issuing this Advisory to assist cities, towns, and residents in understanding the requirements imposed by the MBTA Communities Zoning Law (G.L. c. 40A, § 3A) (the “Law”). The Law was enacted to address the Commonwealth’s acute need for housing by facilitating the development of transit-oriented, multifamily housing. By any measure, Massachusetts is in a housing crisis that is inflicting unacceptable economic, social, and environmental harms across our state – particularly on working families and people of color. The Law directly responds to this crisis by implementing zoning reforms that require MBTA Communities to permit reasonable levels of multifamily housing development near transit stations.¹

Massachusetts cities and towns have broad authority to enact local zoning ordinances and by-laws to promote the public welfare, so long as they are not inconsistent with constitutional or statutory requirements.² The MBTA Communities Zoning Law provides one such statutory requirement: that MBTA Communities must allow at least one zoning district of reasonable size in which multifamily housing is permitted “as of right.”³ The district must generally be located within half a mile of a transit station and allow for development at a minimum gross density of fifteen units per acre.⁴ MBTA Communities cannot impose age-based occupancy limitations or other restrictions that interfere with the construction of units suitable for families with children within the zoning district.⁵ For example, the zoning district cannot have limits on the size of units or caps on the number of bedrooms or occupants. The required zoning district must also allow for the construction of multifamily units without special permits, variances, waivers or other discretionary approvals.⁶ These measures can prevent, delay, or significantly increase the costs of construction. As directed by the Legislature, the Department of Housing and Community Development has promulgated guidelines regarding compliance.⁷ These guidelines provide

¹ An MBTA Community is a town or city which hosts MBTA service; which abuts a town or city that hosts service; or which has been added to the Transit Authority pursuant to a special law. *See* G.L. c. 40A, § 3A(a)(1); G.L. c. 40A, § 1. Currently, there are 177 MBTA Communities in Massachusetts. A list of these MBTA Communities, and other information related to the Law, can be found [here](#).

² *See generally* Mass. Const. Amend. Art. 89 (amending Mass. Const. Amend. Art. 2); G.L. c. 40A, § 1 et seq. (the “Zoning Act”).

³ G.L. c. 40A, § 3A(a)(1) (requiring that MBTA Communities “shall have” a compliant zoning district).

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ G.L. c. 40A, § 1A.

⁷ G.L. c. 40A, § 3A(c) (“The [D]epartment . . . shall promulgate guidelines”); Department of Housing and Community Development, *Compliance Guidelines for Multi-family Zoning Districts Under Section 3A of the Zoning Act* (revised October 21, 2022).

additional information and benchmarks to be utilized in determining whether MBTA Communities are complying with the Law.

All MBTA Communities must comply with the Law. Communities that do not currently have a compliant multi-family zoning district must take steps outlined in the DHCD guidelines to demonstrate interim compliance. Communities that fail to comply with the Law may be subject to civil enforcement action.⁸ Non-compliant MBTA Communities are also subject to the administrative consequence of being rendered ineligible to receive certain forms of state funding.⁹ Importantly, MBTA Communities cannot avoid their obligations under the Law by foregoing this funding. The Law requires that MBTA Communities “shall have” a compliant zoning district and does not provide any mechanism by which a town or city may opt out of this requirement.¹⁰

MBTA Communities that fail to comply with the Law’s requirements also risk liability under federal and state fair housing laws. The Massachusetts Antidiscrimination Law¹¹ and federal Fair Housing Act¹² prohibit towns and cities from using their zoning power for a discriminatory purpose or with discriminatory effect.¹³ An MBTA Community may violate these laws if, for example, its zoning restrictions have the effect of unfairly limiting housing opportunities for families with children, individuals who receive housing subsidies, people of color, people with disabilities, or other protected groups.

⁸ *See, e.g.*, G.L. c. 12, § 10 (the Attorney General shall take notice of “all violations of law” and bring “such...civil proceedings before the appropriate state and federal courts...as [s]he may deem to be for the public interest”); G.L. c. 231A, § 2 et seq. (authorizing declaratory judgment actions to “secure determinations of right, duty, status, or other legal relations under...statute[s]”).

⁹ G.L. c. 40A, § 3A(b).

¹⁰ G.L. c. 40A, § 3A(a)(1).

¹¹ G.L. c. 151B § 1 et seq.

¹² 42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.

¹³ *See, e.g.*, G.L. c. 151B, § 4(4A) (prohibiting activities that interfere with the exercise or enjoyment of fair housing rights); 804 C.M.R. § 2.01(2)(f)-(h) (Antidiscrimination Law applies to “persons who...interfere with another person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right under M.G.L. c. 151, § 4...persons who directly or indirectly prevent or attempt to prevent the construction, purchase, sale or rental of any dwelling or land covered by M.G.L. c. 151B, § 4...[and] persons who aid or abet in doing any illegal acts...”); 804 C.M.R. § 2.01(5)(f) (“Examples of unlawful housing practices include...to pass an ordinance that unlawfully denies a dwelling, commercial space or land to a person or group of persons because of their protected status.”).



Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies

March 1, 2023

The Honorable Aaron Michlewitz
Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chair Michlewitz,

On behalf of the Commonwealth's 13 Regional Planning Agencies (RPAs), the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA) respectfully requests that the **House Committee on Ways and Means increase the two-year bond authorization in the Governor's proposed H.52 to no less than \$600 million to ensure cities and towns have adequate funding to maintain their roads, bridges, and culverts.**

For years, municipalities and RPAs have been asking for additional Chapter 90 funding so cities and towns can support the local roadway repair and maintenance needs our communities face. The needs to address municipal roadway construction and reconstruction are outpacing our ability to keep up at current funding levels and with the exception of some supplemental one-time authorizations, the Chapter 90 bond-funded allocations have generally remained flat since fiscal 2012. Construction costs have risen over time, and recently inflation has only exacerbated these issues. Chapter 90 dollars will not go as far as they have in years past, and if currently trends hold, our communities will continue to need to do more with less.

Increasing the bond authorization to at least \$300 million annually is an important step forward for the cities and towns of the Commonwealth. An investment this size is more aligned with the scale of our roadway maintenance and repair needs today, and an increase in funding paired with a 2 year authorization will provide municipalities with the predictability they need to plan for these projects.

As construction season nears, we again respectfully urge the Committee to act quickly and increase the Chapter 90 bond authorization amount to at least \$600 million over two fiscal years.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at ldunlavy@frcog.org and jwalker@srpedd.org.

Sincerely,

Linda Dunlavy
Co-President, MARPA
*Executive Director, Franklin Regional Council
of Governments*

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Westport

March 15, 2023

Honorable Ed Markey
United States Senate
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Westport Congressional Directed Spending Request

Dear Senator Markey:

I am writing on behalf of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD), responsible for the Town of Westport and 26 other municipalities of Southeast Massachusetts (population 652,415) in enthusiastic support of the Town of Westport's Congressional Directed Spending Request for \$5.5 million in much-needed funds in order to develop the Westport Trunk Sewer and Water initiative. If funded, this project will make significant improvements to the Town's drinking water, wastewater, and water quality protection. The Town is requesting funding to initiate the project's critical connection to Fall River, developing the North Westport water and sewer area.

The North Westport area's reliance upon septic and cesspool wastewater disposal is a noted contributor to nitrogen pollution in the Westport River, a designated impaired water of the United States. The provision of sanitary sewer service in this area will greatly advance the Town's efforts to reduce contamination within the river, conferring multi-faceted benefits to water quality, public health, the environment, and local economy. Reducing nitrogen levels in the Westport River will also improve the health of Buzzards Bay, a critical natural and economic resource for the Town and Southeast MA. Moreover, provision of centralized water will reduce reliance on well systems which, in North Westport, have been showing high levels of both bacterial and PFAS contamination.

Accordingly, we respectfully encourage your support of the Town's request to fund the Westport Trunk Sewer and Water initiative, an essential infrastructure project for improving local water quality, public health, and the environment on behalf of the community of Westport and broader region.

With thanks for your consideration of this vital initiative and past and continuing support

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Walker, AICP
Executive Director

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	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, Jon Gray	MassDOT
Dartmouth, Wareham	Coastal Resilience Project Support	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	MassAudubon
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
Fall River	Mother's Brook Sewer Upgrades (D&E, Permitting) Project Administration	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Freetown	Master Plan	New	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu	DHCD, DLTA
Lakeville	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
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	Final Draft	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Marion	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, 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 Zincavage	DOER
North Attleborough	Master Plan and Housing Production Plan	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Robert Cabral, Taylor Perez	DLTA, CCC, local, MA
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	Regional Transportation Plan Community Listening Sessions	Ongoing	Transportation	Lilia Cabral-Bernard, Andrea Duarte	MassDOT
Regional	FFY2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones, Lisa Estrela-Pedro	MassDOT
Regional	Trails Mapping (Off Road)	Ongoing	Transportation	Joe Osborne, Karen Porter	MassDOT
Regional	Congestion Mitigation Plan	Ongoing	Transportation	Sean Hilton	MassDOT
Regional	Regional Bicycle Plan	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	MassDOT
Regional	FFY2024 Unified Planning Work Program	Development	Transportation	Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Jackie Jones, Jen Chaves	MassDOT
Regional	Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan Update	Development	Transportation	Jen Chaves, Andrea Duat	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, Jon Gray	MassDOT
Regional - Green Communities	Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, 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 Zincavage, 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
Swansea	Route 6 Economic and Community Development Plan	New	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez and Grant King	DHCD, DLTA
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 Zircavage, Lisa Estrela-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	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Wareham	Village Plan	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu	DLTA
Westport	Housing Production Plan (Tier 1, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA, local



2023-2024 SRPEDD Commission Member Appointment Form

The **Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD)** was created by the Massachusetts Legislature, along with 12 other regional planning agencies across the state to undertake regional planning and deliver cost-effective planning-related technical assistance to the municipalities that they serve (in SRPEDD's case: four cities and 23 towns). The key to all such agencies' success and effectiveness in achieving those missions, is the **Regional Commission**, or body of **appointed representatives** from each member municipality. As one would expect, there is call and opportunity for such Commissioners to exercise leadership, share of their expertise, and help to advance their respective regions—be it through land use, transportation, economic development, environmental, or multiple other types of planning. Indeed, it is the Commissioners that define the agency, who through their commitment, dedication and engagement in the following, help to ensure that the region is most effectively served:

1. ***Policy Setting*** - Through your participation in Committee and at Commission meetings, you will be asked to vote on important policy matters affecting the region:
 - Regional development policies – adoption of plans and goals.
 - Regional priorities –assessment and establishment of priorities that help to determine and apportion federal and state funding for transportation and economic development projects.
 - Work program direction – deliberation on whether to apply for particular funding, and/or pursue identified projects in conjunction with the annual work program.
2. ***Partnering with Member Municipalities*** - As a liaison and key point of contact between your municipality and SRPEDD:
 - Provide timely information and updates to your municipality in regards to ongoing planning initiatives, upcoming funding and other opportunities; also, to fellow Commissioners about key planning issues in your community.
 - Help to represent your city/town's perspective in discussion of regional issues.
 - Help to educate and promote awareness of regional planning in your community.
3. ***Agenda Setting*** – Based on your understanding and familiarity with local and regional needs, help to set the organization's agenda by encouraging focus on prioritized planning issues important and beneficial to the region.

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4. **Commission Governance** – Finally, in conjunction with fellow Commissioners and possible service as a SRPEDD officer or committee member, help to provide key oversight on personnel, budget and other areas related to day-to-day operations.

2023-2024 SRPEDD COMMISSION MEMBER Appointment Form

Please be advised that Name: has been appointed to

represent the (*check one*) Mayor [], Bd. of Selectmen [] Planning Bd. [] for the

City/Town of

Municipality:

on the SRPEDD Commission for the period:

May 24, 2023 through May 22, 2024

Signature: _____

Mayor or Chair, Board of Selectmen/Planning Board

Date: _____

Please provide SRPEDD Commissioner Appointee contact information

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/Town: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please return this form by: MAY 11, 2023

Via Email: ssousa@srpedd.org, Fax: (508) 823-1803 or U.S. Mail

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CALL for AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS (2023-24)

TO: Mayors; Community Groups in the SRPEDD Region;
At-Large SRPEDD Delegates; SRPEDD Commissioners
FROM: Alan Slavin, SRPEDD Chair
DATE: March 13, 2023
RE: NOMINATIONS FOR SRPEDD AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER(S)

We are seeking representatives of minority and low-income community groups to serve on the Commission of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD). These appointments will take effect on May 24, 2023, at SRPEDD's Annual Meeting and continue through May 24, 2024. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is a regional planning agency established by the Legislature to provide regional planning and related planning technical assistance in transportation, land use, economic development, housing, and environmental concerns to the 27 municipalities (4 cities and 23 towns) that SRPEDD serves.

The Commission is SRPEDD's governing body and consists of municipal and community representatives who oversee the activities of the agency and address regional issues. The Commission meets approximately eight to ten times per year on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at SRPEDD's office in Taunton and begin at 6:30 pm.

The position of At-Large Commissioner, per the agency's bylaws, is a unique opportunity for individuals who represent and speak for traditionally disenfranchised minority and/or low-income populations in housing and economic development planning processes, as well as area transportation investments, among other important areas. The opportunity is all the more significant because At-Large Commissioners are also official voting members of the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG), the advisory group to the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) for all transportation related issues. The JTPG is the forum for citizen involvement in transportation planning, and usually meets the second Wednesday of each month, likewise at SRPEDD, beginning at 2:00 pm.

Commission bylaws provide for up to six At-Large delegates representing low income and minority group interests: **2 for the New Bedford area; 2 for the Fall River area; 1 for the Taunton area; and 1 for the Attleboro area.**

The attached sheet outlines the eligibility criteria for At-Large Commissioner Appointees and the communities included in each subarea.

You or your organization may propose a person to sit on the Commission, who will be nominated by a member of the Commission and confirmed by the body as a whole.

If interested, kindly fill out the attached Qualification Statement, and forward your completed form to: Stacy Royer at ssousa@srpedd.org or 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02780. Questions? Please call Stacy at (508) 824-1367

We hope to see a full complement of six At-Large Commissioners serving for the 2023-24 term so that low-income and minority community groups are well represented on the board. If you are aware of other qualified or interested community groups who may not have received this mailing, please notify us so we may contact them or pass along a copy on to the appropriate party.

The **NOMINEE** must be a resident within one of the following subareas, as appropriate:

<u>Attleboro Subarea</u>	<u>Fall River Subarea (2)</u>	<u>New Bedford Subarea (2)</u>	<u>Taunton Subarea</u>
Attleboro	Fall River	New Bedford	Taunton
Mansfield	Freetown	Acushnet	Berkley
North Attleborough	Seekonk	Dartmouth	Carver
Norton	Somerset	Fairhaven	Dighton
Plainville	Swansea	Marion	Lakeville
Rehoboth	Westport	Mattapoisett	Middleborough
		Rochester	Raynham
		Wareham	

CURRENTLY SERVING AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS (2022-2023)

Attleboro Subarea: Catherine Ferrick
 Fall River Subarea: Ricky Tith, CARO
 New Bedford Subarea: Ashley Eaton, Community Development Director
 Taunton Subarea: Janine Peccini, (OECD) Off of Econ & Community Development

The NOMINEE must be certified as a representative of a qualified low-income or minority community group in writing.

COMMUNITY GROUPS are defined as one of the following:

- a legal non-profit corporation or association whose members are minority and/or low income; or
- the governing body or advisory board of a public agency whose goals are reflective of the needs of minority and low-income people.

MINORITIES are those defined by the Economic Development Administration as:

- Black or African American – American Indian and Alaska Native
- Hispanic - Mexican, Puerto Rican, Other Hispanic or Latino
- Native American - persons known by virtue of tribal associations
- Asian - Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Indian, Thai, Cambodian, Vietnamese
- Other Races including Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islanders

LOW-INCOME is defined according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' minimum standard of living.



SRPEDD
Southeastern Regional Planning
& Economic Development District

QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

TITLE OF ORGANIZATION (Community Group): _____

_____ Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Telephone: _____

Fax: _____ Agency email: _____

Date Organized or Incorporated: _____ Approx. # of Members: _____

Purpose (Brief Description): _____

Minority or Low-Income Groups Represented: _____

Our organization would like to nominate the following individual(s) to sit on the SRPEDD Commission:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____ Telephone: _____

Submitted by:

Name: _____ Title _____

E-mail: _____ Signed: _____

Date: _____

*Mass. General Laws: "The Commission may increase its membership by not more than six in order to provide representation to low income and minority groups."

PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 15, 2023 Email or fax the completed form to <mailto:ssousa@srpedd.org>
or 508-823-1803 fax Or forward via U.S. Mail to SRPEDD, 88 Broadway, Taunton, 02780



2023 SRPEDD ANNUAL SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND COMMISSION AWARDS *REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS*

As has long been the tradition, for presentation at the SRPEDD Annual Meeting the fourth Wednesday of May—and scheduled to be held at a location shortly to be announced—the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) Commission has recognized individuals and organizations from across Southeastern Massachusetts that have made a difference in advancing the agency and region, and once again, solicits your assistance in identifying this year’s awardees. Awards are given in two categories: **Special Recognition** and **Commission Awards** (of which there are two types of the latter).

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Special Recognition - honors a person, area business or community organization for specific contribution(s) to SRPEDD, the region, or field of planning or economic development;

COMMISSION AWARDS

Commissioner of the Year - given to a present SRPEDD Commission member for specific and recent contribution(s) to SRPEDD, and/or to the advancement of regionalism over the past year;

Distinguished Service - given to a former or present SRPEDD Commissioner for leadership and outstanding service to SRPEDD, in honor and acknowledgment of a range/extended body of contributions.

All three awards represent a unique opportunity to recognize someone in your community for their noteworthy contribution(s) to the region, in the case of the Special Recognition Awards, be they elected officials, citizen volunteers, advocates, educators, non-profit or business leaders; and in the case of the Commission of the Year or Distinguished Service Awards, be they present or former and present Commissioners, respectively.

Nominations must be received at SRPEDD by May 4, 2023 in order for the Awards Committee to review and decide on this year’s awardees, for presentation at the upcoming Annual Meeting slated for May 24, 2023.

Please email, fax or post your completed form to:

SRPEDD
Attn: Stacy Royer
88 Broadway
Taunton, MA 02780
info@srpedd.org or (508) 823-1803 fax

Questions? Please contact Jeffrey Walker or Stacy Royer.
Tel: 508-824-1367/Email: info@srpedd.org



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

This award will be given to a person, area business or community organization for specific contribution(s) to SRPEDD, the region, or field of planning or economic development

Criteria

- The contribution may be the initiation, development or administration of a plan, policy or program; it may be a specific product; or it may be ideas, concepts, actions or any other achievements.
- The nominee's contribution to SRPEDD, the region, or the field of planning and economic development must be easily documented and evaluated.
- The nominee's contribution may be past, recent, or ongoing.

Eligibility

- Candidates may be: an individual, business or community organization; from in or outside of SRPEDD region.
- Candidates may not be: SRPEDD Commission members; SRPEDD staff; or members of the nominating committee.

SRPEDD COMMISSION AWARDS

COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR (For SRPEDD Commission Members Only)

This award will be given to a SRPEDD Commission member for specific and recent contribution(s) to SRPEDD, and/or to the advancement of regionalism over the past year.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE (For SRPEDD Commission Members Only)

This award will be bestowed on a former or present SRPEDD Commission member for leadership and outstanding service to SRPEDD, in honor and acknowledgment of a range/extended body of contributions.

Criteria

- The contribution may be the initiation, development or implementation of a plan, policy or program; it may be a specific product; or it may be ideas, concepts, actions or related achievements.
- The nominee's accomplishments, leadership, and contributions to SRPEDD, and/or to the advancement of regionalism must be clearly documented; known to the membership of SRPEDD; and acknowledged by his/her own community.
- Although recognized and documented service to the benefit of a nominee's own community will be considered, the contribution to SRPEDD and Southeastern MA region at large will be accorded the most weight.

Eligibility

- Candidates must be currently serving SRPEDD Commission members in the case of Commissioner of the Year Award, or former or currently serving Commission members in the case of the Distinguished Service Award.
- Candidates may not be SRPEDD staff, or members of the Awards Committee.

NOMINATION FORM

Nominations must be received at SRPEDD by May 4, 2023 in order for the Awards Committee to review and decide on this year's awardees, for presentation at the upcoming Annual Meeting tentatively scheduled to be held at a location shortly to be announced.

AWARD CATEGORIES FOR NOMINEE

- Name: _____ Community: _____

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Name of Nominator: _____ Date: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Tel: _____

Please attach copy of candidate's resume, if available, and any other supporting documentation as needed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

PAST RECIPIENTS

1987	Representative Stephen Karol, Attleboro Robert Dillman, Bridgewater State College	2004	Kara Pennini, Katie MacAulay, Kellie Savery and David White, Middleb. Distrib. Ed. Clubs
1988	Edwin H.B. Pratt, Marion Representative Philip Travis, Rehoboth Lawrence J. Harman, EOTC SEMass, Rochester The Robbins Company, Attleboro The City of New Bedford/PACE Carver-Plymouth, Wareham Task Force	2005	Anthi Frangiadis, Wareham Pln. Board Ljiljana Vasiljevic, SouthCoast Insider Tony & Elsie Souza, New Bedford
1989	Representative Joan Menard, Somerset	2006	50 th Anniversary – Not Awarded
1990	Representative Marc Pacheco, Taunton Frederick Rubin, Lakeville	2007	Marijoan Bull, Staff Member & College Professor Marge Ghilarducci, Berkley Village Heritage Park
1991	Representative John Bradford, Rochester Peter Kortright, BayBank	2008	The Sheehan Family Foundation Chief Robert Crosby and Reinald Ledoux for Southeast Regional Advisory Council Marie Clarner, Conservation Commissioner, No. Attle. William “Buzz” Constable, MARPA
1992	John George, Union Street Bus Co. Stewart Washburn, SEED Corporation Robert DelRosso, Seekonk	2009	Taunton River Stewardship Council, Jim Ross, Bill Napolitano and Jamie Fosburgh
1993	The Standard-Times, New Bedford Anita Flanagan, Boston Edison	2010	Kristina Egan, South Coast Rail Project Manager Maryan Nowak, Citizen Volunteer; GATRA & Francis Gay; Irene Winkler, Coordinator of the Pilgrim RC&D
1994	Southeastern Massachusetts Leg. Caucus Dr. John Mullin, UMass.	2011	State Representative Stephen Canessa; Susan Jennings, UMass Sustainability Initiative; Officer Lance Lawson, Mansfield
1995	Manual Goulart, Acushnet Golf & Rec. Comm. Dennis Kelly, Pres., BCSB, Taunton	2012	Ron Labelle, Commissioner DPI, New Bedford David Wojnar, Selectman, Acushnet Alex Houtzager, Berkley
1996	Kathleen Simpson, Chair, GATRA’s CAC David Webster, Public Works Director, Swansea The Berkley Strategic Planning Committee	2013	Keven Desmarais, Freetown Planning Bd. & Conservation Commission Rachel Calabro, Save The Bay
1997	Richard Shafer, City of Taun. Econ. Dev. Corp. Ray Pickles, Executive Sec., Arthur Marchand, Town Adm., Somerset	2014	Representative William Straus, Mattapoissett Beth Lambert, Mill River Restoration Partnership
1998	John Corrigan, Reg. Adm., EDA, Phil. Mark Primack, Wildlands Trust of S.E. Mass	2015	Elain Ostrof, Westport; Wareham Celebration Alfred J. Lima, Fall River
1999	Alfred Raphael, Dir. Public Works, Fairhaven Norene Hartley, Rochester Lands Trust Freetown Youth Athletic Association	2016	Norman Hills, Marion Michael O’Reilly, Dartmouth; Julianne Kelly, Fall River
2000	David Westgate, President, and Maria Gooch-Smith Executive Dir., SEED Corp. Representative William Straus, Marion Land Bank; Christopher Richard, Fairhaven’s Dir. Of Tourism	2017	David Cole, Westport; Larry Cameron, MassDevelopment
2001	Chawner Hurd, Town of Lakeville Bd. Of Sel. Leonard Gonsalves, Buzzards Bay Action Comm. Laurell Farinon, Land Preservation Trust	2018	Jennifer Francis, Marion; Resilient Taunton Watershed
2002	Deborah Hogan, Mass. Envirothon Coordinator Michael Gagne, Executive Adm., Dartmouth	2019	Jennifer Carlino, Norton; Sandy Conaty; Community Economic Development Center (CEDC)
2003	Michael Rodriques, State Representative, Westport Nancy Yeatts, Lakeville, Assawompsett Ponds Jon Witten, Esq., Duxbury, Chapter 40B Reform	2020	Steve Silva, Taunton River Watershed Alliance (TRWA)
		2021	Lee Azinheira, Mansfield DPW Director
		2022	Patricia Cassady, Middleborough Conservation Agent

SRPEDD COMMISSION AWARDS

PAST RECIPIENTS

COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR AWARDEES

1977 Luke Leonard, Jr., Lakeville
 1979 Melville Moody, Attleboro
 1980 David Knight, Carver
 1982 Emeline MacDonald, Raynham
 1984 Richard T. Curley, Mansfield
 1985 Denise Poyant, New Bedford
 1986 Julia Enroth, Westport
 1987 Robert Arabian, Rehoboth
 1988 Donald Hussey, Somerset
 1989 Gus Yankopoulos, Wareham
 1990 Jayme Dias, New Bedford
 1991 Loretta Schaefer, Marion
 1992 Karl Eklund, PHD, Berkley
 1993 Daniel DeCarlo, Fall River
 1994 Ann M. Miller, Carver
 1995 Gus Yankopoulos, Wareham
 1996 Lou Martin, Taunton
 1997 Peter Kortright, Mattapoisett
 1998 Basil Castaldi, Dartmouth
 1999 Joseph Andrade, New Bedford
 2000 Susan Peterson, Rochester
 2001 Henry Young, Acushnet
 2002 Robert Rogers, Mattapoisett
 2003 Lori Schaefer, Marion
 2004 Martin Newfield, Raynham
 2005 Lorri-Ann Miller, Dartmouth
 2006 50th Anniversary
 2007 Wayne Sunderland, Westport
 2008 Chuck Gricus, Wareham
 2009 Susan Peterson, Rochester
 2010 No Award
 2011 Jean Fox, Freetown
 2012 William Roth, Fairhaven
 2013 Rita Garbitt, Lakeville
 2014 Joseph Callahan, Berkley
 2015 Jonathan Henry, Marion
 2016 Joan Marchitto, N. Attleboro
 2017 Alan Slavin, Wareham
 2018 George Hovorka, Swansea
 2019 Jim Whitin, Westport
 2020 Deborah Melino-Wender, Dartmouth
 2021 Marie Clarner, North Attleborough
 2022 D. Austin Horowitz

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDEES

1976 John Waterman, Rehoboth
 1977 Albert Larsen, No. Attle.; William Jordan, Norton
 1978 Raymond Fleurent, Fairhaven
 1979 George Hall, Westport
 1980 Luke Leonard, Jr., Lakeville
 1981 Kenneth Vining, Fairhaven
 1982 David Knight, Carver
 1983 Julia Enroth, Westport
 1984 Emeline MacDonald, Raynham
 1986 George Bare, Rochester
 1989 Allan Campbell, Dighton
 1990 Donald Hussey, Somerset
 1991 Basil Castaldi, Dartmouth
 1992 Patricia Redding, No. Attleborough
 1995 Karl Eklund, Berkley
 1996 Gus Yankopoulos, Wareham
 1997 Raymond Payson, No. Attleborough
 1998 Albert Caron, Marion
 1999 Mark Rasmussen, Fairhaven
 2000 Louis Martin, Mattapoisett
 2001 Loretta Schaefer, Marion
 2002 Emeline MacDonald (posthumously)
 2003 Robert Mawney, Attleboro
 2004 Gary Ayrassian, Attleboro
 2005 Leonard Flynn, Mansfield; Robert Rogers, Mattapoisett
 2006 50th Anniversary
 2007 George Hovorka, Fall River, At Large;
 Jack Healey, Middleborough
 2008 Albert Borges, Fairhaven
 2009 Robert Carney, Dartmouth
 2010 No Award
 2011 Raymond Fleurent, Fairhaven
 2012 Joan Marchitto, No. Attleborough
 2013 Randall Kunz, Mattapoisett
 2014 Lorri-Ann Miller, Dartmouth
 2015 Donna Kulpa, Dighton
 2016 Executive Director Search Committee
 2017 Robert Rogers, Mattapoisett
 2018 No Award
 2019 Rita Garbitt, Lakeville
 2020 Deborah Melino-Wender, Dartmouth
 2021 Joe Callahan, Berkley
 2022 Alan Slavin