

**April 26, 2023**  
6:30 PM Regular Meeting  
**Remote SRPEDD Commission Meeting via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328698167?pwd=ZGNaR2VEOGNTRG00Z04zYVd6cCt1dz09>

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. *Presentation*: Honorable Monica Tibbitts-Nutt, Undersecretary of Transportation- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
3. Approval of Minutes – March 22, 2023\* (*Vote requested*)
4. Reports
  - a. Chair
  - b. Executive Director
5. Consent Agenda
  - a. Contracts \*(*Vote to receive report and place on file*)
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Finance Committee \*(*Vote to receive report and place on file*)
    - FY'23 Q3 Budget Update \* (*Vote to accept*)
    - FY'24 Updated Preliminary Draft Budget \* (*Vote to accept*)
  - b. Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO \* (*Vote receive place on file*)
7. Programs and Project Updates:
  - a. [2023-2024 Priority Area Project Update](#)
  - b. Environmental Program Update and area [MEPA](#) projects \*
  - c. Regional Energy Planning Assistance (REPA)/SRPEDD- municipal assistance to pursue net-zero planning activities and regional clean energy projects
8. Old Business
  - a. Technical Assistance\* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)  
[www.srpedd.org/MA](http://www.srpedd.org/MA) or [www.srpedd.org/Municipal-Assistance](http://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:** May 24, 2023 (SRPEDD Annual Mtg- [Loon Pond Lodge](#));  
Jun 28, 2023; Jul 26, 2023; Sep. 27, 2023; Oct 25, 2023

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

# Healey picks transit veterans Gina Fiandaca, Monica Tibbits-Nutt as transportation secretary, undersecretary

By [Samantha J. Gross](#) and [Matt Stout](#) Globe Staff, Updated December 23, 2022, 10:00 a.m.



Gina Fiandaca, left, and Monica Tibbits-Nutt were named transportation secretary and undersecretary by Governor-elect Maura Healey on Dec. 23, 2022. HEALEY-DRISCOLL TRANSITION TEAM

Gina Fiandaca, who ran Boston's transportation department before moving to Texas to oversee mobility for the city of Austin, will take over Massachusetts' sprawling transportation bureaucracy in Governor-elect Maura Healey's incoming administration.

Named by Healey on Friday, Fiandaca will take over as transportation secretary at a critical juncture for the state's transportation system. Healey is inheriting responsibility for an MBTA that is confronting a long list of new federal safety mandates, a deep workforce shortage, and lines still

[struggling with delays](#). She has also promised more transparency on safety statewide and has committed to hiring a transportation safety chief to audit the entire system.

“We can’t have a functioning economy without a functioning transportation system. Gina Fiandaca gets that,” Healey said in a statement.

A longtime East Boston resident, Fiandaca will succeed Secretary of Transportation Jamey Tesler.

The governor-elect also selected Monica Tibbits-Nutt, former member of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation board of directors, as undersecretary.

Tibbits-Nutt is currently the executive director of the 128 Business Council, an organization that offers shuttle services along the Route 128 West corridor. She also served as the vice chair of the Fiscal and Management Control Board, which oversaw the MBTA from 2015 to 2021.

Healey said Tibbits-Nutt “prioritizes transparency and communication in her work, because she understands that earning the public’s trust is key to a strong transportation system.”

“She also looks at transportation through an equity lens, striving to ensure that underserved communities and those most impacted by environmental injustices are centered in our decision making,” Healey said.

The state is likely to have billions of additional dollars, including federal aid, at its disposal in the coming years, but will face crucial decisions on where to steer the funds. Healey, as a candidate, touted support for several major projects, including expanding rail service between Boston and Western Massachusetts, as well as other long-sought transit expansions such as the Red Blue Connector and the Allston Multimodal Project.

On the MBTA front, the governor-elect has said that the next secretary will be tasked with ensuring that the state is in line with recommendations made by the federal government when it comes to safety.

The new administration inherits a system that, in the past year, killed two people and injured dozens of others.

A commuter rail train [struck a car](#) and killed its driver in January, a Boston man was [dragged to his death](#) in April after being trapped in the door of a Red Line car.

In July, the driver of a Green Line train crashed into the one in front of it, [injuring 27](#), and in September, an [ascending escalator malfunctioned](#) at Back Bay Station, causing a bloody pileup and sending nine people to the hospital.

The Federal Transit Administration identified a number of weaknesses, including poor safeguards, worker shortages, and lack of training, in a [scathing report](#) released earlier this year.

Healey has said her administration will address staffing issues by streamlining the hiring process and by working with high schools and community colleges to create a pipeline for transportation workers such as bus and train drivers, engineers, and planners.

Fiandaca was a longtime presence in Boston's City Hall. She served for four years as commissioner of the city's Transportation Department under then-Mayor Martin J. Walsh, running an agency of more than 400 people who oversaw the city's 850 miles of roadway. She also served as chair of the Boston Air Pollution Control Commission, among other roles.

She had previously worked for nearly eight years as the director of the city's Office of the Parking Clerk.

In 2019, Fiandaca left for Austin, where she served as an assistant city manager overseeing mobility, a purview that included transportation, aviation, and public works, according to the [city's website](#).

Fiandaca, an avid runner and marathoner, received a bachelor's degree from Suffolk University and an MBA from Boston University.

"Massachusetts residents need to be able to rely on our trains, buses and roads to get them where they need to go safely and on time," she said in a statement. "This is key not only for people's daily lives, but also for the strength of our businesses and economy."

Those in the transit community and beyond lauded the hires Friday, underscoring the importance of bringing diversity to the office.

For María Belén Power, who leads the Chelsea-based community organization GreenRoots, Tibbits-Nutt, who has worked in her community, and Fiandaca, who has roots in East Boston, symbolize a welcome change in the new administration.

Healey campaigned on a commitment to implement low-income fares and unlimited bus transfers, and said she'd explore getting fare-free buses in place throughout the state. She's committed to increasing frequency of regional transit service and has promised to electrify public transportation by 2040, starting with school and MBTA buses by 2030.

Power said by advocating for such changes, this administration could help address some of her community's most pressing concerns.

"Low income fare is critical. . . . It's a very achievable goal to signal prioritization of low-income folks," said Power, who served on Healey's climate-focused transition committee. "And we know that communities like Chelsea and East Boston . . . are really bearing the brunt of pollution, especially from the transportation sector."

Thomas Glynn, a former Massport CEO, said Fiandaca and Tibbits-Nutt have three chief mandates as they start out: addressing safety concerns, dealing with rush-hour traffic, and finding the money to keep the system running smoothly.

"All of those things play to the strength of Gina's experience," said Glynn, who is also a former general manager of the MBTA. "The T is front and center in terms of what the priorities are."

Glynn co-chaired Healey's transportation-focused transition committee alongside Tibbits-Nutt, who he said is "very respected" in the transportation policy world.

Prior to working in Massachusetts, Tibbits-Nutt worked in regional planning and development in Ohio and in the city of Columbus.

She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Indiana and a master's degree in city and regional planning from the Ohio State University. As undersecretary, she will report to Fiandaca.

"Gina and I share a vision for transforming transportation options throughout the Commonwealth," she said in a statement. "Together, we will prioritize transparency, safety, equity and climate resiliency."

## AGENDA ITEM: Minutes, # 3

SRPEDD Commission Meeting- Draft

March 22, 2023

Remote meeting via Zoom

**Present:****Commissioners:**

C. Feerick, Attleboro A/L	S. Leary, Berkley	C. Shea, Carver	R. Espindola, Fairh.
D. Braga, Fairhaven	D. Aguiar, Fall River	V. D'Antoni, Freetown	L. Carboni, Lakeville
A. Horowitz, Mansfield	N. Hills, Marion	M. Germain, Middleb.	L. Bradley, Middleb
A. Eaton, N.B. A/L	M. Clarner, No. Attle.	L. Pirnie, No. Attle.	S. Ollerhead, Norton
C. Yarworth, Plainville	W. Costa, Rehoboth	G. Hartley, Rochester	P. Dunn, Seekonk
N. McDonald, Somerset	J. Kardel, Somerset	G. Hovorka, Swansea	J. Howland, Taunton
A. Slavin, Wareham	S. Ouellette, Westport	J. Whitin, Westport	

**Guests/Staff:**

R. Cabral, SRPEDD	L. Gonzalez, SRPEDD	S. Hilton, SRPEDD	J. Jones, SRPEDD
S. Royer, SRPEDD	J. Walker, SRPEDD	H. Zincavage, SRPEDD	

**Absent:**

J. Kelley, Acushnet	D. Pimentel, Acushnet	G. Ayrassian, Attleboro	F. Uriot, Attleboro
T. Bott, Carver	M. Sweet Dart. (Alter.)	C. O'Neil, Dartmouth	C. O'Grady, Dartmouth
J. Carvalho, Dighton	J. Ferreira, Fall River	D. Pettey, Freetown	N. Cline, Lakeville
J. Henry, Marion	R. Burgmann, Mattap.	J. Ponte, New Bedford	J. Carloni, New Bedford
J. Artz, Norton	R. Stefanelli, Norton (Alt.)	M. Andrade, Raynham	C. Sullivan, Raynham
L. Mills, Rehoboth	N. Durfee, Rochester	J. Hansen, Swansea	M. Monteiro, Taunton
M. King, Wareham	J. Peccini, Taunton A/L	R. Tith, F.R A/L	

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Slavin called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the February 22, 2023 meeting minutes with abstentions. Chairman Slavin introduced Mr. Jim Howland from the City of Taunton. He mentioned Mr. Roth took a position in Stoughton.
3. **Reports:**

- a. **Chair:** Chairman Slavin reported that he emailed all members a copy the Mass Municipal Association legislative package which covered different acts that have been filed with actual numbers. He mentioned the first is creating a municipal and public safety building authority. This basic act is supported by Representative Blais and Senator Comerford and would establish a new independent state authority to assist municipalities with construction or improvements to public safety buildings and facilities. Chairman Slavin mentioned if members see certain bills they really want to support they should contact their State senator or Representative and lobby for these items. He stated the other piece is for Buzzards Bay communities that are keeping eyes on possible new septic regulations that could result in significant costs for homeowners. Lastly, to be discussed later on today will be further information for cities and towns regarding MBTA Communities requirements

including recent communication from the Attorney General.

- b. **Executive Director:** Mr. Walker mentioned that he will be at the Statehouse next week in conjunction with District Local Technical Assistance 'DLTA Day,' and remains hopeful regarding the chances for a possible increase in this vital annual funding. He mentioned that Mr. Cabral will be updating the Commission this evening on 2023 District Local Technical Assistance funding awards. Mr. Walker also mentioned that planning efforts on behalf of this year's SRPEDD Annual Meeting to be held at beautiful Loon Pond Lodge in Lakeville have been picking up speed—please mark your calendars for Wed, May 24, 2023. He shared that an invitation for Keynote Speaker has been extended to Governor Healey and staff are waiting to hear back.

#### 4. Consent Agenda:

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

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 March 15, 2023 at SRPEDD. The February 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.

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

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

- **FY'24 Preliminary Draft Budget:** Mr. Horowitz referred the Commission to pages 9 and 10 of the meeting packet to the FY'24 Preliminary Draft Budget. He discussed the budget in detail and explained that the figures are conservative and looking. Mr. Horowitz entertained questions from the members.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY'24 Preliminary Draft budget. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. **Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO:** Ms. Jones gave a brief overview of JTPG and MPO meetings on February 8<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting minutes can be found in the packet starting on page 11. At the JTPG meeting , invited were several project proponents to showcase new



projects under consideration for programming in the FFY 24-FFY 28 TIP. Ms. Jones mentioned that there was also discussion on the Congestion Management Plan survey, which Mr. Hilton will be reporting on later this evening. Ms. Jones mentioned that at the MPO meeting the FFY 23-FFY 27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was presented for approval. In addition to GATRA being awarded a community transit grant, there was a proposed amendment which included a cost increase for a bridge replacement in Mansfield, and several cost changes to transit projects. She mentioned in the amendment was a new project for GATRA to have renovations completed at the Taunton Terminal which was released for a 21-day comment period. Lastly, at the MPO meeting, staff members presented on Pavement and Bridge Performance Measures which were adopted by the MPO. She entertained questions for the Commission.

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

## **6. Programs and Project Updates:**

- a. Regional Congestion Management Plan:** Mr. Hilton presented on the Regional Congestion Management Plan which will be released in April. He mentioned this plan covers a variety of topics related to congestion issues in the SRPEDD region which includes regional objectives, congestion, definition of the congestion management network, strategies for congestion management, plan projects and steps to be taken to reduce congestion. He explained that a large part of the plan focuses on data attained through the regional integrated Transportation Information System, also called Redis. In closing, he entertained questions from the group.
- b. Environmental Program Update and area MEPA projects:** Ms. Zincavage referred the Commission to the Environmental Program updates. She mentioned the departmental priorities and stated they have officially signed a contract with qualified environmental professionals and are beginning to work on the Ten Mile River to Mount Hope Bay Brownfields Community Assessment grant. Ms. Zincavage stated that her team is also working on the Rochester Master Plan that's being run through the Environmental Department at SRPEDD. She mentioned they are working with various towns on Open Space Plans. She stated that she received news that it's time to prep for Green Community Competitive Grants which will be due on May 5<sup>th</sup>. She believes that there are only three communities that are eligible for the grant who are Seekonk, Fairhaven and Wareham.

Ms. Zincavage shared her screen and mentioned that there is a new opportunity from EPA which is called the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. She mentioned that it is a national grant, and it is \$5 billion over the next few years for the establishment of climate pollution reduction plans, and then implementation funds. She indicated that each of the 50 states will be receiving \$3 million to do a state level plan which is a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan. Staff is currently investigating how to make sure SRPEDD communities are covered among potentially competing (Boston and Providence) MSAs, and that a letter may need to be written stating that SRPEDD will be collaborating with the two entities. Mr. Walker mentioned that the letter would be due after the April Commission meeting, and they will be reaching out to appropriate parties. He mentioned this is a sizeable amount of funding that we can move to this area.

- c. Assawompsett Pond Complex (APC) Project Overview:** Ms. Zincavage mentioned that the Environmental Department has been working with the Assawompsett Pond Complex and



Nemasket River. She referred the Commission to page 22 and explained the three phases of the project. Ms. Zinavage entertained questions from the Commission. Ms. Carboni mentioned Ms. Zinavage did a great job on this project. Ms. Clarner congratulated her as well on this project and all the work that has been completed. Ms. Zinavage mentioned many people worked on this project and it has come a long way. She thanked the Commissioners.

- d. **2023 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Funding Awards:** Mr. Cabral referred the Commission to pages 23-24 of the packet and stated that on page 24 were SRPEDD's 2023 DLTA Awards. He mentioned that members could go to SRPEDD's DLTA web page to explore recent work and to review the Selection Criteria worksheet at [www.srpedd.org/DLTA](http://www.srpedd.org/DLTA).
- e. **MBTA Communities Update and 3/15 Attorney General Advisory:** Mr. Cabral referred the Commission to pages 25-26 and updated the members. He explained the MBTA Communities update in further detail. Mr. Cabral entertained questions from the members.

## 7. Funding Availability Notifications and Letters of Support Requests:

- a. **MARPA- Chapter 90 Bond Authorization increase request:** Mr. Walker explained the MARPA- Chapter 90 Bond Authorization increase request and referred the members to the letter of support.
- b. **Town of Westport- Rt. 6 Water and Sewer Cong. Directed Spending request:** Mr. Walker referred the Commission to page 27 and explained the Town of Westport-Rt. 6 Water and Sewer Congressional Direct spending request. He mentioned that SRPEDD is always happy to work with communities on local applications, as needed, and with letters of support.

## 8. Old Business:

- a. **Technical Assistance:** Mr. Cabral 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.

## 9. New Business:

- a. **2023-2024 Commissioner (Re-)Appointment Forms: Mayor/Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, At-Large:** Mr. Walker mentioned it is that time of year again for Commission (Re-)App Forms for Mayor/Board of Selectmen, Planning to be completed for the 2023-2024 year. He asked that forms be sent to Ms. Royer by mail or email at [ssousa@srpedd.org](mailto:ssousa@srpedd.org). Mr. Walker mentioned the forms are included in today's meeting packet, on the SRPEDD website and have been emailed to communities as well.
- b. **Call for SRPEDD 2023 Annual Award Nominations: Special Recognition, Commissioner of the Year, and Distinguish Service:** Mr. Walker referenced that the call is open for 2023 Annual Award nominations in advance of the upcoming Annual Meeting as they are each year and encouraged that Commissioners give thought to submitting entries on behalf of

noteworthy local/regional leaders in their communities. He mentioned that the forms are in today's meeting packet, on the SRPEDD website and have been emailed as well and requested that nominations kindly be forwarded by the deadline to him or Ms. Royer.

- 10. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest:** Mr. Whitin mentioned it appears that the single source bus service from New Bedford area to Boston will be discontinued soon. Chairman Slavin mentioned that he received notice that DATTCO will be ceasing service for that route.

Mr. Espindola mentioned that at the last month's meeting Mr. Walker mentioned the MBI (Mass Broadband Institute) fellowship program that was available. He mentioned there might be a grant opportunity in the area. He stated that 15 fellowships in Massachusetts are being offered. Mr. Espindola mentioned the possibility of the region being awarded a fellow if communities are interested, and that communities would have access to a yearlong fellow, with about 1,100 hours' worth of work this is available. Mr. Espindola stated that MBI originally had a requirement for a \$35,000 match that has since been taken care of by the MBI. He stated that the deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>, the fellow assigned to our region would receive training through the program, and then would be able to service our communities. Chairman Slavin asked Mr. Espindola to send the application and more details to Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker mentioned that Fairhaven has been making excellent progress on their community broadband efforts, working with consultants, and participating in a statewide coalition, and that the agency would be open to assisting with the application and hosting the fellow, if awarded.

- 11. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., to be held remotely via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

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Norman Hills, Secretary

Date: 4/26/2023

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

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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 Town of Norton with its 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 \$20,000.
2. With the City of Taunton to assist with its 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 \$31,875.
3. With the Taunton River Stewardship Council to assist with website maintenance for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.
4. With the Town of Mansfield to assist with the administration of its Green Communities Designation Grant for an amount not to exceed \$4,500.
5. With the Town of Carver to assist with the administration of its Green Communities Designation Grant for an amount not to exceed \$4,300.

## AGENDA ITEM: Finance Committee Report # 6.a.

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The Finance Committee met on April 19, 2023 via Zoom. The March 15, 2023 Finance meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for March 2023 received, and a warrant for expenses in the amount of \$126,664.76.

Cash & Funds: Mar. 1, 2023	\$ 999,441.33
Cash Receipts: Mar. 1 – 31, 2023	<u>\$ 452,365.76</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	<b>\$1,451,807.09</b>

Disbursements: Mar. 1 – 31, 2023	\$ 202,114.67
Cash & Funds: Mar. 31, 2023	<u>\$1,249,692.42</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	<b>\$1,451,807.09</b>

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

The Committee reviewed the FY'23 Q3 March 31, 2023 quarterly budget update. The budget is in a great shape, total amount of \$5,045,223, an increase of \$1,400,699 from the last quarter.

The Committee reviewed the FY'24 preliminary draft budget update with potential merit-based allowance of up to 3% or \$71,940.

Lastly, the Committee discussed current space needs, possible options, and agreed to continue the discussion next meeting.



FISCAL YEAR 2023 <b>Draft Q3</b> Budget Update				SUMMARY Pg. 1
PROPOSED: 4/19/23				
REVENUE	FY 2023 APP 1/2023	FY 2023 PROP. 4/2023	CHANGE: 1/2023 to 4/2023	PERCENT CHANGE
<b>1. FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANTS</b>				
a. MASSDOT-.3C*	1,588,594	1,588,594	0	0.00%
b. SRTA-SEC.5307*	0	0		0.00%
c. GATRA-SEC.5307*	55,598	55,598	0	0.00%
d. EDA*	70,000	70,000		0.00%
e. NPS TNVR*	240,000	240,000		0.00%
f. FHWA SS4A*		1,100,000	1,100,000	
g. HOMELAND SEC/EOPSS*	193,000	193,000		0.00%
h. DLTA (2022)*	124,247	124,247		0.00%
i. DLTA (2023)	124,247	124,247		0.00%
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2,395,686</b>	<b>3,495,686</b>	<b>1,100,000</b>	<b>45.92%</b>
<b>2. ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>131,592</b>	<b>131,592</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>3. MUNICIPAL &amp; LOCAL</b>				
a. ARPA APC	54,220	54,220	0	0.00%
b. APC STB Nemasket River Inv Weed		9,500	9,500	
c. Brownfields	162,712	162,712	0	
d. CARES Act ext	100,226	100,226	0	
e. Carver Green Communities	0	0	0	
f. Dartmouth OSRP	17,392	17,392	0	0.00%
g. DLTA-A Allocation	54,669	54,669		
h. EDA Fall River Mothers Brook	30,607	30,607	0	0.00%
i. Lakeville 3ATA		20,000	20,000	
j. Lakeville HPP	15,000	15,000	0	
k. MAADB Dart & Wareham climate TA	8,585	8,585	0	
l. Marion OSRP Implementation	8,000	8,000	0	
m. Mattapoisett MP	0	0	0	
n. SCR PDA-PPA Update	64,704	64,704	0	
o. MHP MBTA Webinar series	16,000	16,000	0	
p. Middleborough HPP (HCI)	12,500	12,500	0	
q. Middleborough OSRP	0	0	0	
r. N Attle MP	0	0	0	
s. Norton 3ATA		20,000	20,000	
t. RRP EDA- Federal	138,295	138,295	0	0.00%
u. RRP Eff and Regionalization- State	66,492	66,492	0	0.00%
v. Regional Energy Planning TA '21	49,550	49,550	0	0.00%
w. Regional Energy Planning TA '22	12,000	12,000	0	
x. Resilient Taunton Circuit Rider	25,000	25,000	0	
y. Seekonk HPP	0	0	0	
z. SNEP Community Resilience Building TA	0	0	0	
aa. Somerset EDA III	0	0	0	
bb. Swansea MP, OSRP	135,294	135,294	0	0.00%
cc. Taunton ASHE plan	141,000	141,000	0	
dd. Taunton Rt. 140 Corridor Study		15,000	15,000	
ee. Taunton OSRP Add'l Services	0	6,700	6,700	
ff. Viva Fall River		0		
gg. Wareham 3ATA		20,000	20,000	
hh. Westport HPP		0		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1,112,246</b>	<b>1,203,445</b>	<b>91,199</b>	<b>8.20%</b>
<b>Anticipated</b>				
ii. Lakeville ASHE		69,500	69,500	
jj. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant		140,000	140,000	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>209,500</b>	<b>209,500</b>	
<b>Total Municipal Contracts</b>	<b>1,112,246</b>	<b>1,412,945</b>	<b>300,699</b>	<b>27.04%</b>
<b>4. MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
Interest	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$3,644,524</b>	<b>\$5,045,223</b>	<b>1,400,699</b>	<b>38.43%</b>



FISCAL YEAR 2023 <b>Draft Q3</b> Budget Update					SUMMARY Pg. 2
<b>PROPOSED: 4/19/23</b>					
EXPENDITURES		FY 2023 APP 1/2023	FY 2023 PROP. 4/2023	CHANGE: 1/2023 to 4/2023	PERCENT CHANGE
1	SALARIES	2,101,062	2,176,200	75,138	3.6%
2	FRINGE BENEFITS	345,019	345,019	0	0.0%
3	TRAVEL	1,250	1,250	0	0.0%
4	BANK CHARGES	110	110	0	0.0%
5	PRINTING	500	500	0	0.0%
6	SUPPLIES	16,500	16,500	0	0.0%
7	ACCOUNTING & LEGAL	16,716	16,716	0	0.0%
8	COMPUTERS	60,237	60,237	0	0.0%
9	DUES & SUBSCRIP.	6,900	6,900	0	0.0%
10	EQUIP. LEASE	7,165	7,165	0	0.0%
11	INSURANCE	21,000	21,000	0	0.0%
12	MEETINGS & CONF.	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
13	ADVERTISING	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
14	POSTAGE & TELEPHONE	6,348	6,348	0	0.0%
15	SERVICES (GMS & IT)	17,440	17,440	0	0.0%
16	BUILDING COSTS	41,840	41,840	0	0.0%
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	930,000	700,000	304.3%
21	DIRECT COSTS	70,570	102,570	32,000	45.3%
22	LOCAL COST/INVEST.ACCT.	17,111	17,111	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>2,969,240</b>	<b>3,776,378</b>	<b>807,138</b>	<b>27.2%</b>
TOTAL REVENUES		3,644,523	5,045,223	1,400,700	38.4%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,969,240	3,776,378	807,138	27.2%
<b>EXCESS REV. OVER EXPEND.</b>		<b>675,283</b>	<b>1,268,845</b>	<b>593,562</b>	<b>87.9%</b>



FISCAL YEAR 2024 Preliminary Draft Budget					SUMMARY Pg. 1
PROPOSED: 4/19/23					
REVENUE		FY 2024 APP 3/2023	FY 2024 PROP. 4/2023	CHANGE: 3/2023 to 4/2023	PERCENT CHANGE
<b>1. FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANTS</b>					
a.	MASSDOT.-3C*	1,913,175	1,913,175	0	0.00%
b.	GATRA-SEC.5307*	17,048	17,048	0	0.00%
c.	EDA*	70,000	70,000		0.00%
d.	NPS Taunton River (pass-through)	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
e.	FHWA SS4A		1,100,000	1,100,000	
f.	HOMELAND SEC/EOPSS*	232,899	232,899	0	0.00%
g.	DLTA (2022)*	124,247	124,247		0.00%
h.	DLTA (2023)	124,247	124,247		0.00%
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2,481,616</b>	<b>3,581,616</b>	<b>1,100,000</b>	<b>44.33%</b>
<b>2. ASSESSMENTS</b>		<b>134,919</b>	<b>134,919</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>3. MUNICIPAL &amp; LOCAL</b>					
a.	ARPA APC	-	0	0	
b.	Brownfields	162,712	162,712	0	0.00%
c.	CARES Act	0	0	0	
d.	Dartmouth OSRP	0	0	0	
e.	DLTA-A Allocation	54,669	54,669	0	0.00%
f.	EDA Fall River Mothers Brook	15,300	15,300	0	0.00%
g.	Freetown MP	75,000	75,000	0	
h.	Lakeville HPP	0	0	0	
i.	MAAdb Dart & Wareham climate TA	0	0	0	
i.	Mansfield GC	4,500	4,500	0	
j.	Marion GC	3,500	3,500	0	
k.	Marion OSRP Implementation	0	0	0	
l.	MHP MBTA Webinar series	0	0	0	
m.	Middleborough HPP (HCI)	0	0	0	
n.	Norton 3ATA		10,000	10,000	
o.	Regional Energy Planning TA '21	0	0	0	
p.	Regional Energy Planning TA '22	0	0	0	
q.	RRP EDA- Federal	138,295	138,295	0	0.00%
r.	RRP Eff and Regionalization- State	66,492	66,492	0	0.00%
s.	Resilient Taunton Circuit Rider	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
t.	Rochester MP	120,000	120,000	0	
u.	Seekonk HPP	0	0	0	
v.	SCR PDA-PPA Update	64,704	64,704	0	0.00%
w.	Swansea MP, OSRP	67,500	67,500	0	0.00%
x.	Swansea Rt. 6 Corridor Study	75,000	75,000	0	
y.	Taunton ASHE plan	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%
z.	Taunton OSRP Add'l Svcs		5,000	5,000	
aa.	Taunton Rt. 140 Corridor Study		10,000	10,000	
bb.	TRSC website	2,500	2,500	0	
cc.	Viva Fall River	0	0	0	
dd.	Westport HPP	0	0	0	
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>975,172</b>	<b>1,000,172</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>2.56%</b>
ee.	Lakeville ASHE		69,500	69,500	
ff.	Climate Pollution Reduction Grant		140,000	140,000	
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>209,500</b>	<b>209,500</b>	
	<b>Total Municipal Grants</b>	<b>975,172</b>	<b>1,209,672</b>	<b>234,500</b>	<b>24.05%</b>
<b>4. MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
	Interest	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$3,596,707</b>	<b>\$4,931,207</b>	<b>1,334,500</b>	<b>37.10%</b>





**FISCAL YEAR 2024 Preliminary Draft Budget**

**SUMMARY Pg. 2**

**PROPOSED: 4/19/23**

EXPENDITURES		FY 2024 APP 3/2023	FY 2024 PROP. 4/2023	CHANGE: 1/2023 to 3/2023	PERCENT CHANGE
1	SALARIES	2,298,525	2,490,465	191,940	8.4%
2	FRINGE BENEFITS	438,428	441,211	2,783	0.6%
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	18,000	18,000	0	0.0%
7	ACCOUNTING & LEGAL	16,716	26,716	10,000	59.8%
8	COMPUTERS	66,234	66,234	0	0.0%
9	DUES & SUBSCRIP.	12,400	12,400	0	0.0%
10	EQUIP. LEASE	7,165	7,165	0	0.0%
11	INSURANCE	22,050	24,550	2,500	11.3%
12	MEETINGS & CONF.	11,000	11,000	0	0.0%
13	ADVERTISING	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
14	POSTAGE & TELEPHONE	7,500	7,500	0	0.0%
15	SERVICES (GMS & IT)	17,440	17,440	0	0.0%
16	BUILDING COSTS	49,320	233,320	184,000	373.1%
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	0	700,000	700,000	
21	DIRECT COSTS	64,820	94,070	29,250	45.1%
22	LOCAL COST/INVEST.ACCT.	17,111	17,111	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>3,054,041</b>	<b>4,174,514</b>	<b>1,120,473</b>	<b>36.7%</b>
TOTAL REVENUES		3,596,808	4,931,207	1,334,399	37.1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		3,054,041	4,174,514	1,120,473	36.7%
<b>EXCESS REV. OVER EXPEND.</b>		<b>542,767</b>	<b>756,693</b>	<b>213,926</b>	<b>39.4%</b>

**Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) Meeting****DRAFT Minutes for the JTPG Meeting****Held on Wednesday, March 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:**

Paul Foley.....Town of Fairhaven, Acting Chair  
 Michael Tyler.....City of Attleboro  
 John Woods.....Town Carver  
 Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth  
 Thomas Ferry.....Town of Dighton  
 Dan Aguiar.....City of Fall River  
 Victoria D'Antoni.....Town of Freetown, alt

Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville  
 Josh Reinke.....Town of Mansfield  
 Kevin Dumas.....Town of Mansfield, alt  
 Nancy Durfee.....Town of Rochester, alt  
 Fred Cornaglia.....City of Taunton  
 Alan Slavin.....Town of Wareham

**The following members/alternates were NOT in attendance:**

Chair, City of New Bedford  
 Town of Acushnet  
 Town of Berkely  
 Town of Marion  
 Town of Mattapoisett  
 Town of Middleborough  
 Town of No. Attleborough  
 Town of Norton

Town of Plainville  
 Town of Raynham  
 Town of Rehoboth  
 Town of Seekonk  
 Town of Somerset  
 Town of Swansea  
 Town of Westport  
 At-Large, City of Taunton

**Also in Attendance:**

Raissah Kouame.....MassDOT  
 Pam Haznar.....MassDOT  
 Shayne Trimbell.....SRTA  
 Joshua Crabb.....Town of Fairhaven  
 Jim Howland.....City of Taunton  
 TJ Torres.....City of Taunton  
 Kathy Holton.....City of Taunton  
 Lisa Estrela-Pedro.....SRPEDD

Jackie Jones.....SRPEDD  
 Karen Porter.....SRPEDD  
 Sean Hilton.....SRPEDD  
 Andrea Duarte.....SRPEDD  
 Grant King .....SRPEDD  
 Sid Kashi.....GPI  
 Lisa Sherman.....CDM Smith

**Handouts:**

JTPG Meeting Agenda for March 8, 2023  
 DRAFT JTPG February 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Acting Chair Paul Foley called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. Ms. Duarte 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:

Michael Tyler.....City of Attleboro  
John Woods.....Town Carver  
Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth  
Thomas Ferry.....Town of Dighton  
Paul Foley.....Town of Fairhaven  
Dan Aguiar.....City of Fall River

Victoria D'Antoni.....Town of Freetown, alt  
Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville  
Josh Reinke.....Town of Mansfield  
Nancy Durfee.....Town of Rochester, alt  
Alan Slavin.....Town of Wareham

## **2. Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2023 (Materials Attached & roll call vote needed)**

Acting Chair Paul Foley called for a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2023. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Leeann Bradley. Ms. Duarte then called the roll:

City of Attleboro.....Yes  
Town Carver.....Abstain  
Town of Dartmouth.....Yes  
Town of Dighton.....Yes  
Town of Fairhaven.....Yes  
City of Fall River.....Yes

Town of Freetown.....Yes  
Town of Lakeville.....Yes  
Town of Mansfield.....Yes  
Town of Rochester.....Abstain  
Town of Wareham.....Yes

## **THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS.**

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

There were no comments offered.

## **4. Draft FFY24-28 TIP Highway Projects Discussion**

Jackie Jones informed the group that every year SRPEDD scores all the projects based on the evaluation criteria process, which takes into account all the region's priorities. Ms. Jones presented the results of this year's process. Ms. Jones told the group that there is always an opportunity to discuss these scores and if attendees have questions SRPEDD is always happy to explain the scoring in detail with individuals over a one-on-one meeting. There are five categories of points, and the scores are based on project updates from MassDOT and project filings.

She explained that there were a few minor changes to existing programmed projects but nothing major. She added that SRPEDD is incorporating a minor change into the Title VI text, which will be presented as part of the draft TIP.

Lisa Estrela-Pedro presented an update on projects for the draft FFY2024-2028 TIP which SRPEDD is in the process of developing. Ms. Estrela-Pedro explained that the recommended programming year for projects displayed in the second column on her slide are the result of recommendations resulting from meetings with MassDOT during TIP Readiness Day in February. The first column is the existing fiscal year where the project is currently programmed. She went through each project and explained which year it might be programmed in based on project readiness.

The three TIP projects in FFY 2024 will leave us with a balance of \$5.6 million. She stated that SRPEDD is not concerned with programming anything in FFY 2024 because we are anticipating cost increases for the Taunton and Lakeville projects, which moved to FFY 2025. For FFY 2028, SRPEDD reviewed the existing list of projects and used the evaluation criteria to create some scenarios for consideration by the JTPG.

Scenario 1 includes the highest priority based on evaluation criteria projects in New Bedford and Swansea. Scenario 2 includes the highest priority project New Bedford and Taunton River Trail project. Ms. Estrela Pedro explained that the reason SRPEDD presented Scenario 2 is that in the past the JTPG group has voted that 10% of our regional target funds should be devoted to trails and multi-use paths and we have not programmed any of these types of projects thus far. Scenario 3 focuses on programming smaller projects, that are a regional priority, in comparison to the higher cost projects of Scenarios 1 and 2. Scenario 3 includes three projects in Swansea, Dartmouth, and New Bedford.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro asked for members to vote on their preferred scenario to give SRPEDD staff an idea of the groups priorities and to select a preferred scenario to recommend to the SMMPO. She encouraged communities to reach out to SRPEDD. Some projects score low now because SRPEDD does not currently have a lot of information but as SRPEDD updates the TIP on a yearly basis and receives more information about projects, a project could score higher and possibly move up to an earlier year. She also presented a list that included MassDOT projects that could be considered for funding with regional target funds, but SRPEDD gives priority to the region's projects first; a couple of these MassDOT projects were scored to give SRPEDD staff an idea of how their scores compare to the scores of regional projects.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro listed the draft listing of projects being funded using statewide funds for the region for the FFY 2024-2028 TIP. She then opened discussion on the three scenarios stating that if the JTPG has narrowed their preference to 2 scenarios, SRPEDD will return to the JTPG in April and ask members to vote on one scenario. Paul Foley asked whether there is a place on SRPEDD or MassDOT website where members can view design plans for existing projects beyond spreadsheets and numbers. Ms. Estrela-Pedro responded that existing TIP projects have descriptions in the TIP document on SRPEDD's website. There have been presentations at JTPG meetings on the newer projects, but they are still preliminary, some of these projects are not at 25% design yet so this information would not be available. She explained that SRPEDD typically does not have design plans in house, just project descriptions.

Alan Slavin stated that Wareham is getting a 100-unit 40B project that will come online in 2025 and add traffic volume to the project area.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro responded that projects with higher scores are a regional priority, but SRPEDD wants to know if members prefer to see smaller projects programmed or are members interested in funding multi-use paths. Mr. Slavin informed the group that Wareham uses Community Preservation Act funds to fund shared use paths and reminded them that there is another potential stream of funding for those projects. Mr. Slavin and Mr. Foley stated they members may not have enough information to vote on the scenarios. Ms. Estrela-Pedro stated that SRPEDD will send out write-ups of project scopes to the JTPG group. Eight members voted through a poll on the three TIP scenarios, with 50% voting for scenario 3, 38 % voting for scenario 2, and 13% voting for scenario 1. Ms. Estrela-Pedro informed the group that SRPEDD will get out more information before the April JTPG meeting.

Tim Barber made an announcement that there's a design public hearing for the Dartmouth Route 6 Faunce Corner Road to Hathaway Road project scheduled for Wednesday March 29 at 6:00 pm at the Dartmouth Town Hall.

## **5. Draft Congestion Management Plan Presentation**

Sean Hilton presented on SRPEDD's region-wide congestion management plan, which includes the regional objectives, definition of SRPEDD's congestion management network, strategies for congestion management, list of SRPEDD's congestion management projects, and other steps the region can take to

reduce congestion. He focused on a network analysis of truck travel time reliabilities, interstate travel time reliabilities, non-interstate, and bottlenecks for continued monitoring. He stated that the SRPEDD region is well-within the standards set out by the Federal Highway Administration and explained continued monitoring goals and next steps.

Paul Foley asked a question about the 6-hour average daily duration at Dartmouth's Hathaway Road. Mr. Hilton explained that he would follow up with Mr. Foley with more information about this data point. Pam Haznar explained that Hathaway Road in Route 6 is included in the Dartmouth Tucker Road project that will be programmed in 2025, it will be signalized and should make a major improvement.

## **6. Other Business**

Ms. Estrela Pedro made announcements about 3 design public hearings coming up in the region: Dartmouth Route 6 as mentioned earlier at Town Hall, a live virtual meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> for Norton's Route 123 at North and South Worcester Streets project, and on April 11, a live virtual meeting for Mansfield's School Street project. She reminded attendees that MassDOT's Innovation Conference is on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the DCU Center with a virtual option. She also reminded members that it's important for communities who are initiating projects to get those into the MaPIT program as soon as possible.

The next project review committee is May 17, but MassDOT needs extra time to review those and get back to communities with questions before bringing them before the Committee for review. Pam Haznar added that there will be a bridge bundle design public hearing for Mansfield, Lakeville, and Wareham, on March 29<sup>th</sup> over a virtual live meeting. There will be 2 public informational meetings for the canal bridges on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>, both virtual. Kevin Dumas reminded Pam Haznar that MassDOT was supposed to circle back with him after the last MPO meeting about the Route 106/140 Phase 1 timing as there was a decision to move this project into FFY 2025. Ms. Haznar responded that she would follow up with the project managers and the review sections that have a strong bearing on the advertising date, such as environmental and right of way; it was agreed that FFY 2025 was the better fit for advertising this project.

She stated that ideally the project will be advertised for early FFY 2025 so it shouldn't have a great bearing on the physical construction. MassDOT has wording they can put in contracts with special provisions for cooperation of contractors with adjacent projects.

Mr. Dumas asked if there was a like project ready in advance if they could switch the School Street project to FFY 20226 to allow for transition; he already has 2 projects in FFY 2025. Pam Haznar responded that this is something he can discuss with SRPEDD. Ms. Estrela Pedro reminded Mr. Dumas that the project may get pushed back based on readiness and funding. She reminded the group that the FFY year starts in October; projects may get advertised at the end of the year and the construction season may not start until the next spring. She advised Mr. Dumas not to push out the Mansfield project yet. Mr. Dumas encouraged other JTPG members to make the commitment to bring their design plans to the most advanced state possible because it makes it easier for members to switch out projects with each other and not lose any momentum for advancing projects forward. It makes the region stronger and more resilient. The key, he said, is to keep the projects moving.

## **8. Date and Time for Next Meeting**

The date and Time for next meeting is April 12, 2023, at 2:00 PM.

## **9. Adjourn**

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Kevin Dumas. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 PM.

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

**The following members were in attendance:**

Steve Woelfel-----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  
James Howland-----Representing Shaunna O’Connell, Mayor of Taunton  
Gary Ayrassian-----Representing Cathleen DeSimone, Mayor of Attleboro  
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 were also in attendance:**

Josh Reinke-----Town of Mansfield	Lisa Estrela-Pedro-----SRPEDD
Andrew Reovan-----FHWA	Lilia Cabral-Bernard-----SRPEDD
John Lebert-----SRTA	Andrea Duarte-----SRPEDD
Raissah Kouame-----MassDOT	Sean Hilton-----SRPEDD
Derek Krevat-----MassDOT	Jackie Jones-----SRPEDD
Barbara Lachance -----MassDOT	Joseph Osbourne-----SRPEDD
Derek Shooster-----MassDOT	Jon Gray-----SRPEDD
Andrew Wang-----MassDOT	Grant King-----SRPEDD

**Handouts:**

SMMPO Agenda March 21, 2023  
SMMPO Draft Meeting Minutes February 21, 2023  
FFY 2024-2028 Draft TIP Development Projects for Consideration  
FFY 2024-2028 Draft TIP Development MassDOT Projects for Consideration  
FFY 2024-2028 Draft TIP Development Scenarios  
FY 2024-2028 TIP Scenario Project Descriptions  
Evaluation Criteria Scores for Programmed Projects  
Evaluation Criteria Scores for Projects Under Consideration  
FFY 2024-2028 Draft TIP Statewide Projects  
FFY 2024-2028 Draft TIP SRTA Project Needs  
FFY 2024-2028 Draft TIP GATRA Project Needs  
FFY2023-2027 TIP Proposed Amendment #2

**AGENDA:**

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

Chairman Steve Woelfel called the SMMPO meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Ms. Andrea Duarte asked all MPO members and designees to please unmute themselves so she could call the roll for attendance. She then called the complete roll of MPO members, with the following being present at the time of the roll call:

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

Town of Middleborough-----Yes  
 Town of Somerset-----No response  
 SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes  
 GATRA-----Yes  
 SRTA-----Yes

## **2. Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2023 (Materials Attached and Roll Call Vote Needed)**

Chairman Woelfel requested a motion to approve the minutes from the SMMPO meeting from February 21, 2023. The motion was made by Jamie Ponte and seconded by Pam Haznar. Ms. Duarte then called the roll:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes  
 City of Attleboro-----Abstain  
 City of Fall River-----Yes  
 City of New Bedford-----Yes  
 City of Taunton-----Yes  
 MassDOT Administrator-----Yes

Town of Fairhaven-----Yes  
 Town of Middleborough-----Yes  
 Town of Somerset-----No response  
 SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes  
 GATRA-----Yes  
 SRTA-----Yes

### **THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION.**

## **3. Regional Transit Authorities Safety Performance Targets (Roll Call Vote Needed to Adopt)**

Shayne Trimbell presented on SRTA's Safety Performance Targets based on a five-year rolling average. John Lebert stated that they are unmodified compared to those of past years and because they have been good about staying around those current targets. SRTA will continue monitoring these numbers to identify different trends and address them. Otherwise, they are fairly accurate and in line with industry standards.

Mary Ellen presented GATRA's Safety Performance Targets, and stated that similar to SRTA, they have minimal changes from previous years because GATRA has stayed consistent in this area. GATRA will continue to monitor these numbers. Chairman Woelfel asked if there were questions for Mr. Trimbell and Ms. DeFrias. There were no questions. He asked for a motion and second to adopt GATRA and SRTA's safety measures. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Daniel Aguiar. The Chair asked Ms. Duarte to call the roll which was as follows:

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

Town of Middleborough-----Yes  
 Town of Mansfield-----Yes  
 Town of Somerset-----No response  
 SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes  
 GATRA-----Yes  
 SRTA-----Yes

### **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **4. FFY23-27 TIP Proposed Amendment #2 – Highway & Transit – (Materials Attached, Roll Call Vote Needed to Approve)**

Lisa Estrela-Pedro reminded the group that FFY23-27 TIP Proposed Amendment #2 was released at the last SMMPO meeting to a 21-day comment period. She reviewed the proposed amendment and its components. She stated that a public meeting was held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and there were no questions or



comments received during the meeting or comment period. The chair asked for a motion and second to approve Amendment #2. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Mary Ellen DeFrias. There were no other questions, so the Chair asked Ms. Duarte to read the roll as follows:

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

Town of Middleborough-----Yes  
Town of Mansfield-----Yes  
Town of Somerset-----No response  
SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes  
GATRA-----Yes  
SRTA-----Yes

### **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **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.

### **5. Regional Transit Authorities (RTA) Report – RTA Updates**

Shayne Trimbell informed the group that SRTA is still working on a service plan in New Bedford and has completed one for Fall River. SRTA staff is determining which of the changes in the plan they may implement but nothing has been decided yet.

Mary Ellen DeFrias informed the group that GATRA is in the process of rolling out Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) technology across the system, which is taking lots of staff time but will be worth it in a few months when they have more complete data about ridership across the region. There were no questions for Mr. Trimbell or Ms. DeFrias. The Chair informed the group that MassDOT OTP has a new Manager of Transit Planning, Jonathan Church, who will be working with Ms. DeFrias and Mr. Trimbell.

### **6. Draft FFY24-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - (Materials Attached)**

Ms. Estrela-Pedro presented an update on projects for the draft FFY2024-2028 TIP which SRPEDD is in the process of developing. Selected projects will be included on the draft TIP which will be released to comment period in April. Ms. Estrela-Pedro went through the transit projects, which equal \$76.5 million in needs for GATRA and \$205 million in needs for SRTA over the next five years. She then presented the programmed highway projects and highway projects for consideration on the draft TIP as well as statewide projects and MassDOT projects for consideration.

For FFY2028, SRPEDD reviewed the existing list of projects and used the evaluation criteria to create some scenarios for consideration by the members of the SMMPO. Scenario 1 includes the highest priority projects, based on evaluation criteria, in New Bedford and Swansea. Scenario 2 includes the highest priority project New Bedford, and the Taunton River Trail project. Ms. Estrela Pedro explained that the reason SRPEDD presented Scenario 2 is that in the past the JTPG group has voted that 10% of our regional target funds should be devoted to trails and multi-use paths and we have not programmed any of these types of projects thus far. Scenario 3 focuses on programming smaller projects, that are a regional priority, in comparison to the higher cost projects of Scenarios 1 and 2. Scenario 3 includes three projects in Swansea, Dartmouth, and New Bedford. Ms. Estrela-Pedro reiterated that attendees could reference the project list handouts which were sent out to the SMMPO mailing list to review all of the aforementioned projects.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro stated that the JTPG group took a poll on their preferred FFY2028 scenario in the March meeting, with 7 of the 13 members in attendance voting at that time. Scenario 3 was the preferred scenario, followed by Scenario 2. She explained that things can still shift as we see what we can do with the surplus funds in FFY2024 and the deficit in FFY2025. She asked the group what their preferred scenario would be, as it would be helpful to know their preference so that SRPEDD can incorporate these projects into its equity analysis for the draft TIP.

Derek Krevat stated that he was notified by MassDOT's highway division headquarters that, based on conversations with communities and designers, they believe that the Wareham project 610647 could remain programmed in FFY2024 and that there's potential for our statewide programs to essentially share costs with the Dartmouth corridor improvements on Route 6, because it is on State Highway, and it was initiated by the district. That's the solution that they've come up with given that it seems like the Lakeville project will have to remain in FFY2025. But that will allow the TIP to remain fiscally constrained and for projects besides that one, to stay where they are. MassDOT will work with staff offline to show that correctly and send that information out.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro thanked Mr. Krevat for the information and the assist on the funding.

The Chair asked members for their thoughts about the three FFY 2028 scenarios and asked Ms. Estrela-Pedro to clarify which scenario the JTPG body liked best. Seeing no disagreement or opposition, he suggested going with the JTPG preference, scenario 3.

## **8. Other Business**

Lisa Estrela-Pedro announced several design public meetings (per below). She told the group that registration for the Innovation Conference on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> is half full and that there is a virtual and in person option. Chairman Woelfel announced that there will be a few virtual sessions, which will be recorded and then posted online a couple of weeks later. He stated that it is still more of an in-person event. He believed that registration is half full because they haven't finished the conference program yet, but anticipated that the numbers would increase significantly the next week once the program is posted.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro informed the group that SRPEDD staff is continuing regional transportation plan community meetings and have met or scheduled meetings with 21 out of our 27 communities. She encouraged town officials to reach out to SRPEDD staff and that SRPEDD is aiming to meet with all 27 communities.

### **Dartmouth - Route 6 corridor improvements**

Dartmouth Town Hall, Select Board Hearing Room 304, 400 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747  
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6 p.m.

### **District 5: Bridge bundle project in Mansfield, Wareham, and Lakeville**

Live Virtual Design Public Hearing  
March 29, 2023 at 6 p.m.

### **Norton - Improvements at Route 123, N. Worcester St and S. Worcester St**

Live Virtual Design Public Hearing  
March 29, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Route 79-Davol Street Corridor Improvements Public Information Meeting,  
Live Virtual Design Public Hearing  
March 30, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Mansfield - Multimodal accommodation on School Street, from Spring Street to West Street  
Live Virtual Design Public Hearing  
April 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Wareham - Bridge Replacement of Cranberry Highway / Mill Pond Dam over Agawam River  
Live Virtual Design Public Hearing  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

[https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events?\\_page=1](https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events?_page=1)

## **9. Date and Time for Next Meeting**

The Chair announced that the next SMMPO meeting will be on April 18, 2023, at 1:00 pm, held virtually. Ms. Estrela-Pedro told the group that we are still awaiting updates on the Open Meeting Law virtual meeting regulations which would require the SMMPO to meet in person if the Law was not extended. Chairman Woelfel stated that MassDOT did not have any updates, there is some legislation in the House and Senate, but they don't match yet.

## **10. Adjourn**

The Chair asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Mary Ellen DeFrias 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 1:41 PM.

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

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

- Developing work program for EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- Brownfields Community Assessment Grant project – working with individual communities to select sites for environmental assessment
- Rochester Master Plan departmental interviews
- Open space plans – current status:
  - Marion (in project close out)
  - Taunton (addressing State comments for final approval)
  - Dartmouth (obtaining review letters)
  - Middleborough (drafts in final review)
  - Carver (plan writing)
  - Swansea (plan writing/public workshop)
  - Mansfield (project launch)
- DLTA-A: MVP application assistance for Wareham, Swansea, Mansfield, Fall River, Marion
  - PARC/LAND, CZM Coastal Resilience, BBEP grants likely next
- MVP 2.0 – developing regional application (looking on sub-watershed basis)
- APC: Delivering pondside vegetated buffer workshops for Long Pond neighborhoods and developing RFP/BIDs for Upper Nemasket River Channel Restoration, selecting vendor for Culvert Assessment, Snipatuit monitoring well drilling and stream flow gauge installation.
- Working with eligible communities to develop Green Community Competitive Grant applications (currently eligible: Seekonk, Fairhaven, Wareham)
- Celebrating Bill!! (Meet-up in June, Kudoboard)

**Of Note and Interest***Trainings and Events*

- Watershed Scale Collaborative Conference, Wed, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- MVP Grant Applications Due, Thu, May 4<sup>th</sup>
- MC-FRM Trainings: May 4<sup>th</sup> / May 11<sup>th</sup>

*Project Community Meetings*

- Swansea CP/OSRP Open House, Thu, May 4<sup>th</sup>
- RTWN Meeting Tue, May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Long Pond Friendly Septic Maintenance Workshop, Tue, May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Long Pond Friendly Landscape Buffer Workshop, Sat, May 20<sup>th</sup>

## MEPA ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR – PROJECTS IN REGION

Project	Type	Community	Comments Due	RPA Review Components	Site Visit Details (Indicate if Remote Meeting)
Broadstone East Station	EENF	Taunton	5/10/23		4/20/23 (remote)
Mill Street Roadway Improvement Project	ENF	Raynham	5/1/23		4/18/23 (remote)
Raynham Park Redevelopment	SDEIR Under Review	Raynham	4/21/23		
SouthCoast Wind 1 Project (fka Mayflower Wind SouthCoast Project)	DEIR Under Review	Somerset	5/3/23		
MDAR Notice of Submission of Yearly Operational Plan	Public Notice	Seekonk (part of larger region)			
MassDEP Notice for Chapter 91 Waterways License	Public Notice	Somerset			
Con Comm NOI to initiate Ecological Restoration Project	Public Notice	Attleboro			

## 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
Carver	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	local
Carver	Pre-Application Business Park Development	Pending	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Carver	Green Communities Comp Grant TA	Ongoing	Environmental	Lauren Carpenter	DOER
Dartmouth	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	local
Dartmouth	Master Plan	Complete	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	Ongoing	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	Danica Belknap	DOER
Mansfield	Housing Production Plan Phase 2	Complete	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Taylor Perez	DLTA, MA
Marion	Marion Village Parking Assessment	Complete	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT

Marion	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Complete	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Bill Napolitano	DLTA, local, MA
Marion	Green Communities Comp Grant TA	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Marion	Housing Production Plan Update	Complete	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Taylor Perez	local
Mattapoissett	Master Plan and Housing Production Plan	Complete	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez, Robert Cabral, Phillip Hu	DLTA, CCC, local, MA
Mattapoissett	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 Attleborough	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
Norton	Section 3A Technical Assistance	New	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Norton	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
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
<b>Regional</b>	<b>Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Luis de Oliveira</b>	<b>MassDOT</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>Pavement Management - Fed. Aid Road Network</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Luis de Oliveira</b>	<b>MassDOT</b>



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 Duarte	MassDOT
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Groundwater Hydrologic & Hydraulic Study	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DER
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Water Quality Workshops and Culvert Evaluation	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Danica Belknap	DER
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Sedimentation, Invasive Removal, and Wareham Street Dam Evaluation	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	ARPA
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,

<b>Regional</b>	<b>MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Support</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Grant King, Taylor Perez</b>	<b>DLTA, DHCD</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Lizeth Gonzalez</b>	<b>DLTA</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>Justice, Equity, and Community Development (JECD) Initiative</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Taylor Perez</b>	<b>DLTA</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>CARES Act/COVID-19 U.S. EDA Technical Assistance</b>	<b>Project Close-out</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Jeff Walker, Lizeth Gonzalez, Rob Cabral, Grant King</b>	<b>SRPEDD, U.S. EDA</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>PDA/PPA Update for MBTA Communities</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Grant King</b>	<b>MBTA, DLTA</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>South Coast Administrators Committee</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Jeff Walker</b>	<b>SRPEDD</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>Mass. Assn. of Regional Planning Commissions (MARPA)</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Jeff Walker</b>	<b>RPA's</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>Taunton River Trail</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Bill Napolitano, Jon Gray</b>	<b>MassDOT</b>
<b>Regional - Green Communities</b>	<b>Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Environmental</b>	<b>Helen Zincavage, Danica Belknap, Sara Brown</b>	<b>EOEEA</b>
<b>Regional - SRAC</b>	<b>FFY20 Homeland Security Program and Project Management</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Comprehensive, Homeland Security</b>	<b>Todd Castro, Kevin Ham, Grant King</b>	<b>MAPC</b>
<b>Regional - SRAC</b>	<b>FFY21 Homeland Security Program and Project Management</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Comprehensive, Homeland Security</b>	<b>Todd Castro, Kevin Ham, Grant King</b>	<b>MAPC</b>
<b>Regional - Ten Mile Watershed to Mount Hope Bay</b>	<b>Brownfield Community Wide Assessment Grant</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Environmental</b>	<b>Helen Zincavage, Bill Napolitano, Lizeth Gonzalez</b>	<b>EPA</b>
<b>Regional-GATRA</b>	<b>Technical Assistance Planning and GIS</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Jen Chaves</b>	<b>GATRA</b>
Rochester	Agriculture and PPA Planning	Ongoing	Environmental	Sara Brown	DLTA
Rochester	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Rochester	Master Plan	Ongoing	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, Environmental	Robert Cabral, Taylor Perez	DLTA, Urban Agenda, local, MA
Swansea	Route 6 Economic and Community Development Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez and Grant King	DHCD, DLTA
Taunton	Section 3A Technical Assistance	New	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	DHCD, local
Taunton	School District Active Shooter / Hostile Event (ASHE) Response Tool	Ongoing	Homeland Security, Comprehensive	Kevin Ham	Local
Taunton	Route 140 Corridor Study	Scoping	Comprehensive, Environmental, Transportation	Robert Cabral, Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Jackie Jones, Grant King	MassDOT, DLTA, MA
Taunton	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Complete	Environmental	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	Complete	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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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](mailto:ssousa@srpedd.org), Fax: (508) 823-1803 or U.S. Mail**



## 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](mailto: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.





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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:

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## 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 Clamer, 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, Mattapoisett 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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

**Jeffrey Walker**

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**Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District**  
**2023 Annual Meeting**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
SRPEDD's 67th Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**  
**Loon Pond Lodge**

Keynote Speaker -TBD  
Formal Invitation to Follow

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