

October 25, 2023
6:30 PM Regular Meeting
REMOTE* SRPEDD Commission Meeting

Zoom information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88908332124?pwd=Vmh3VzJkWjU4N2lRVFZnSkRLek5wdz09>

AMENDED-AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome
- p.2 2. Approval of Minutes – September 27, 2023* (*Vote requested*)
- 3. Reports
 - a. Chair
 - b. Executive Director
- 4. Consent Agenda
- p.8 a. Contracts * (*Vote to receive report and place on file*)
- 5. Contracts Committee Reports
- p.9 a. Finance Committee * (*Vote to receive report and place on file*)
- p.10 • FY'24 Q1 Budget Update *
- p.12 b. Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
- 6. Proposed Change In Timing of SRPEDD Annual Mtg from May to Sep
requiring of update to SRPEDD Bylaws IV. D. 3. (092618, p.84)
- 7. Programs and Project Updates:
 - a. [Draft 2024 Regional Bicycle Plan](#)
 - p.21 b. Environmental Program Update (inclusive of MEPA report) *
- 8. Old Business
- p.23 a. Technical Assistance* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
- p.28 b. MGC Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines and
proposed distribution formula- [10/26 Public Hearing](#) *
- 9. New Business
- 10. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics,
projects or matters of regional interest
- 11. Adjourn

FUTURE MEETINGS: December 6, 2023; January 24, 2024; February 28, 2024;
March 27, 2024; April 24, 2023

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

*Attached

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes, # 2

 SRPEDD Commission Meeting – Draft Minutes
 September 27, 2023
 Remote Meeting via Zoom
Present:**Commissioners:**

S. Boucher Acushnet	J. Kelley, Acushnet	S. Leary, Berkley	T. Bott, Carver
C. Shea, Carver	C. O'Neil, Dartmouth	C. Vitale, Dartmouth	R. Espindola, Fairh.
V. A. Duran, Freetown	A. Horowitz, Mansfield	N. Hills, Marion	J. Robbins, Mattapoisett
M. Clarner, No. Attle.	L. Pirnie, No. Attle.	S. Ollerhead, Norton	S. Warchal, Norton
C. Yarworth, Plainville	C. Desprez, Plainville	N. Durfee, Rochester	N. McDonald, Somerset
R. Peirce, Somerset	G. Hovorka, Swansea	J. Pateakos, Taunton	S. Quirk, Wareham
A. Slavin, Wareham	J. Whitin, Westport	G. Saddler, F.R A/L	A. Eaton, NB A/L

Guests/Staff:

D. Belknap, SRPEDD	G. King, SRPEDD	L. Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD	C. Rocha, EOEEA
S. Royer, SRPEDD	J. Walker, SRPEDD	K. Whalen, SRPEDD	H. Zincavage, SRPEDD

Absent:

F. Uriot, Attleboro	G. Ayrassian, Attleboro	R. Cote, Berkley	M. Sweet Dart. (Alter.)
J. Carvalho, Dighton	D. Braga, Fairhaven	D. Aguiar, Fall River	J. Ferreira, Fall River
D. Pettey, Freetown	L. Carboni, Lakeville	N. Cline, Lakeville	R. Burgmann, Mattap.
L. Bradley, Middleb.	M. Germain, Middleb.	J. Ponte, N.B.	C. Sullivan, Raynham
C. Gallagher, Raynham	W. Costa, Rehoboth	S. Cadime, Seekonk	P. Dunn, Seekonk
J. Hansen, Swansea	M. Monteiro, Taunton	S. Ouellette, Westport	C. Feerick, Attleboro A/L
T. Lobo, Taunton A/L			

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Marie Clarner at 6:31 P.M.
2. **Presentation: Courtney Rocha, SE Regional Coordinator, Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP), with an update on recent program changes and 'MVP 2.0':** Ms. Rocha presented on the Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP), with an update on recent program changes and the rollout of MVP 2.0. She referred members to her presentation and mentioned this was a pilot program. She explained the differences from the original MVP 1.0 Program and how the 2.0 MVP works. She also explained the process on to apply for MVP 2.0 and what is needed for the application. Ms. Zincavage thanked Ms. Rocha for her presentation. Ms. Rocha stated now is the time for action grants so please feel free to contact her.
3. **Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2023:** A motion was made to approve the July 26, 2023 minutes with abstentions completed with a roll call. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. **Reports:**
 - a. **Chair:** Chairwoman Clarner mentioned that Municipal Vulnerability has been a big topic in North

Attleboro the past couple of weeks, especially as they have received 10 inches of rain in the past three days in addition to three tornadoes. She stated that this is not typical for North Attleboro. She stated that she had asked the town manager if they could map locations where people had experienced flooding in an effort to identify means of mitigation going forward. The Chairwoman mentioned there are a lot of residents who've lived in their homes for 50 years and never had flooding before. She stated that Municipal Vulnerability program is certainly high on her list at the moment.

- b. **Executive Director:** Mr. Walker highlighted a couple of meetings with local and state officials that had taken place since the last Commission meeting in July, since the Commission was off in August; the first of which with Chairwoman Clarner, Fall River Commissioner Saddler, Mayor Paul Coogan, Fall River Commissioner/City Engineer Dan Aguiar and SRPEDD Past Chairman Slavin. He mentioned that he, Chairwoman Clarner, and staff had also had an excellent meeting with Congressman Auchincloss. Next, Mr. Walker mentioned that he had been contacted by the Mass Gaming Commission about their plans for transitioning the previous competitive annual application-based Mitigation Fund to block grant funding for SRPEDD and MAPC on behalf of their communities and adjoining communities with casinos, with reference to the possibility that the proposed Taunton Casino may be moving forward again, and the prospect of being able to access of \$250,000 for mitigation funding going forward on a block grant basis. A public hearing before the MGC to consider the proposed transition in mitigation funding allocation is to be held in October. Lastly, he mentioned he had also had a meeting that morning with State Rep. Ken Gordon from Bedford who is the Chair of the Public Services Committee on the subject of the State Retirement Board issue. Mr. Walker indicated that he had testified before the committee back in April in regards to the long-standing issue along with fellow MARPA Co-Chair Linda Dunlavey, and that Rep. Gordon has shared he was committed to helping broker a resolution.

Mr. Walker reported that the agency is currently advertising to fill several new positions for the Environmental and Transportation teams, each of them posted, among other locations, on the SRPEDD website. He mentioned that applications have been coming in and staff are eager to commence meeting with short-listed candidates. Mr. Walker reported there is an upcoming A&F Listening Session with the Lieutenant Governor scheduled for Oct. 3rd at Bridgewater State for the combined 'Southeast' regions of OCPC and SRPEDD for municipal chief administrator officers/mayors and town managers, and he understands that invites have already gone out. UMass Collins Center has been enlisted to do the scheduling, invites and meeting facilitation and they are going to be looking for feedback primarily on 'funding and related needs' from the state's 351 municipalities. He mentioned that the Berkshires meeting has just been held and the upcoming Oct 3 meeting will be the second in the series; for which he will be sharing the report of the proceeding with the Commission after it is received. Lastly, Mr. Walker mentioned that the annual MARPA DLS meeting will be held on October 10th and referred the members to an invite included in the agenda packet on page 45. He mentioned that the online registration is live and encouraged any who might be interested to register.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Contracts:** Chairwoman Clarner referred the Commission to the contract below. The Chairwoman read the following contract below for consideration by the Commission.

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

1. With the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) to assist with regional Asset Mapping and Digital Equity Planning program enrollment for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.
2. With the town of Somerset to update the Slade's Ferry Zoning District Zoning and Design Guidelines and to conduct supporting civic engagement for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.
3. With the Federal Highway Administration to develop a regionwide Safety Action Plan not to exceed \$880,000.
4. With the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for fulfillment of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant requirements for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Mr. Hills asked for an explanation on contract #3. Mr. Walker mentioned this is the \$1.1M federally funded FHWA Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) safety action plan initiative, inclusive of match provided by MassDOT. He said Ms. Jones, Ms. Estela-Pedro, and others all did a terrific job in putting the application together. Mr. Hills asked if Evacuation planning is involved in this contract. Mr. Walker mentioned it is not, but staff have been exploring possibilities and there is a strong possibility that it might be fundable through FEMA.

Mr. Whitin asked for more details on contract #4. Ms. Zinavage explained that it is an initiative being funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and will be following an MVP-type model where you put together a prioritization plan of actions that can reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Mr. Whitin asked if these contracts had been anticipated. Mr. Walker stated yes, that as shared at previous meetings, staff has been strategizing and preparing for them some time.

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

6. Committee Reports:

- a. **Finance Committee:** Mr. Horowitz mentioned the Finance and Personnel Committees met on August 23, 2023 for their regular August meeting/annual appreciation dinner at the Back Eddy in Westport. The July 19, 2023, Finance meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for July 2023 received, and a warrant for expenses signed-off on in the amount of \$32,431.94.

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

Mr. Horowitz mentioned that the Finance Committee also met on Sept. 20, 2023 at SRPEDD office. The Aug. 23, 2023 Finance meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for August 2023 received, and a warrant for expenses signed-off on in the amount of \$37,745.17.

The Committee reviewed August 2023 month-end general journal entries and Aug. 2023 OPEB statement.

Carl Begin of Raymond James/Bristol Wealth Group reported to the Committee on the annual performance of the OPEB Trust Fund.

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

- b. **Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO:** Ms. Estrela-Pedro referred the members to the meeting minutes that can be found in the packet from the JTPG and SMMPO meetings that start on page 8 through page 22. She mentioned there were four meetings that took place between July and August for JTPG and MPO. The Transportation staff presented both the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Bicycle Plan to both of those committees. Both documents were released to a minimum 21-day comment period, and they were endorsed at a September SMMPO meeting. In addition, there were minor adjustments and amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program which were mostly transit projects additional funding to complement already funding that was programmed. Ms. Estrela-Pedro entertained questions from the members.

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

7. **First Reading: Proposed Change In Timing of SRPEDD Annual Mtg from May to Oct requiring of update to SRPEDD Bylaws IV. D. 3. (092618, pg, 84):** Mr. Walker mentioned that the traditional timing of the annual meeting in May (heading in to the fiscal year-end for the agency), with the wrap-up of growing numbers of deliverables, close-out reports, final billing and preparations for the upcoming fiscal year, among other deadlines, has become more and more challenging over recent years as the agency has continued to grow and further diversify in its planning and program offerings. He referenced that in discussions with other RPA directors, a number had moved their annual meetings to fall in order to be able to better focus on closing out the fiscal year *prior* to preparing the annual report and holding the annual meeting thereafter. He referred Commissioners to the excerpt of the by-laws and contained in the packets with wording related to the convening of the annual meeting, and shared that were everyone to be amenable to such a change, that the officer elections and other provisions tied to the fiscal year would all remain unchanged, just the timing of the annual meeting, would be shifted to a later point in the year, after the close of the fiscal year, by way of update to the bylaws.

Chairwoman Clarner asked Commissioners for their feedback on the proposition. Ms. Robbins, an attorney, commented from corporate governance standpoint, typically, annual meetings are supposed to follow the end of the fiscal year. She stated that there are some legal ramifications for changing too much later than the end of the fiscal year. She believes we should cover our bases and inquire as to what's legally permissible. Ms. Robbins mentioned, for example, that the Commission might technically do a legal annual meeting just after the end of the fiscal year, and then do a social Annual Meeting at a later date time. Mr. Walker thanked Ms. Robbins, agreeing that the legal angles all needed to be confirmed. Ms. Robbins stated that a lot of companies waive annual meetings and have a special meeting in lieu of an annual meeting. Mr. Kelly mentioned from the town's point of view, they have elections in the spring, and then go to town meeting in May. He stated that having it later would ensure all are able to participate, but just need to make sure that if there's been a change following the earlier election, that such changes are reflected when SRPEDD has the annual meeting. Chairwoman Clarner mentioned that is an excellent point. Mr. Whitin cautioned against holding the meeting too late in the year, however, given weather challenges and darkness with an evening meeting; suggesting maybe sometime in August. Mr. Walker said that was a very good point, and with August typically an 'off' month in order to accommodate summer vacations and Commissioner travel, perhaps September might work best. Mr. Walker thanked all and mentioned that the feedback had been very helpful. Chairwoman Clarner asked that any others with ideas or feedback on the proposal to please let Mr. Walker know.

8. Programs and Project Updates:

- a. **Moving Forward 2050 SRPEDD Regional Transportation Plan endorsed:** Ms. Jones gave a presentation on the Transportation Department's Moving Forward 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. She announced that it had been recently finalized and endorsed by the SMMPO. She explained that the plan covers all aspects of transportation including covers including bicycle, pedestrian, transit, infrastructure conditions, reliability, and operations, environmental, housing, and scenario planning.
- b. **Priority Development Area/Priority Protection Area (PDA/PPA) initiative:** Mr. King updated the Commissioners on the Priority Development Area/Priority Protection Area (PDA/PPA) initiative. He mentioned many are familiar with this initiative and have participated in its first in 2008, 2009, 2012, and again in 2013. He stated now we are entering the second phase where we are conducting get your hands dirty working sessions using GIS. He stated staff will be looking at designations and a series of questions that you can really sort of summarize as what's changed and what's next. Mr. King stated that they are looking to refine boundaries of the designations and clearly outline the purpose for each site and any known anticipated plans for them. Mr. King mention that staff is currently hosting working sessions and recently held one with representatives from Wareham including Mr. Slavin. He entertained questions from the members. Mr. King mention if anyone would like to schedule a working session to please contact Phillip Hu at phu@srpedd.org and Maria Jones at mjones@srpedd.org.
- c. **Regional Broadband: Asset Mapping, ACC Fellow, Digital Equity Planning:** Mr. King mentioned that at the last Commission meeting there was a presentation from Maria Jones and Amber Davis on the Regional Broadband and related work program. He mentioned that he is happy to report that we've worked with numerous stakeholders to share the asset mapping tool with over 100 assets entered to date. He mentioned that staff recently held a webinar on the subject of digital equity and encouraging people to participate in the asset mapping. Mr. King introduced new Americorps and American Connection Corps (ACC) Fellow, Kaitlin Whalen. He mentioned that she is native of Taunton and a recent graduate from Suffolk University. Mr. King wanted to remind all that Mass Broadband will be closing the Asset Mapping Tool as of September 30th. Finally, he reported that SRPEDD has successfully responded to an RFQ, and SRPEDD is a pre-qualified consultant to conduct Digital Equity Plans and digital charettes. He mentioned this is identical to the MVP model. Mr. King entertained questions from the members.
- d. **Ocean Tech Hub of Southeastern New England proposal:** Mr. Walker referred members to page 31 and discussed the Ocean Tech Hub proposal. He reported that the multi-state effort with RI is in its early stages but showing good promise, with applications for designation and strategy development grant recently submitted to EDA.
- e. **Environmental Program Update and area MEPA projects:** Ms. Zinavage referred members to page 23 and reviewed the Environmental Program update projects. She reviewed the report in detail and entertained questions from the Commission.
- f. **Open Space Residential Design (OSRD) bylaw initiative:** Ms. Belknap presented the Environmental Department's summary of findings from a regional review and analysis of Open Space Residential Design (OSRD) Bylaws. Also known as "Conservation Subdivision," "Cluster" or "Natural Resource Protection" Zoning, OSRD bylaws allows developers more flexibility to create a subdivision with smaller lot sizes, while setting aside land for conservation. 70% of communities in SRPEDD's region allow some sort of OSRD in their zoning bylaws, but they are seeing varying levels of utilization of

this development type. SRPEDD is compiling information learned from interviews with communities and developers to recommend best practices for promoting this smart growth development strategy. More information can be found at <https://srpedd.org/environment/osrd/>.

- g. **RESC Quarterly Newsletter and 9/27 Virtual Meeting at 2:00 PM:** Mr. Walker mentioned that the RESC meeting was held today, and they had great discussion. He mentioned also that there was excellent representation and participation at the meeting from across the region, continuing the momentum from the well-attended networking meeting at Brack's in Taunton a while back. Mr. Walker mentioned the committee meets quarterly, alternating with both in-person and virtual meetings as they move forward.

9. Old Business:

- a. **Technical Assistance:** Mr. King referred to the traditional monthly update on projects contained in the packets. He also explained the table in further detail. Mr. King mentioned if any had questions they can contact him at gking@srpedd.org. Mr. Walker mentioned this matrix is a great way for other communities to get ideas that other communities are working on.

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

10. New Business: None.

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

12. Adjourn: The next Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 6:30 P.M as a hybrid meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Hills, Secretary

Date: 10/25/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Contract Approvals, # 4.a.

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

1. With the Town of Westport, to act as the Primary Vendor providing support and technical assistance for the Town's MVP 2.0 process, for an amount not to exceed \$24,560.

AGENDA ITEM: Finance Committee Report # 5.a.

The Finance Committee met on Oct. 18, 2023 at the SRPEDD office in Taunton and remotely via Zoom. The Sept. 20, 2023 Finance meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for September 2023 received, and a warrant for expenses in the amount of \$136,469.22.

Cash & Funds: Sept. 1, 2023	\$ 1,339,608.14
Cash Receipts: Sept. 1 – 30, 2023	<u>\$ 177,458.98</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,517,067.12
Disbursements: Sept. 1 – 30, 2023	\$ 213,276.95
Cash & Funds: Sept. 30, 2023	<u>\$ 1,303,790.17</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 1,517,067.12

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

Ms. Chang presented highlights from the recently received draft FY'23 audit report.

Next, Mr. Walker presented and the Committee reviewed and discussed the FY'24 Q1 Budget Update. Since approval of the FY'24 Budget in April, agency revenues have increased by 27.1% thanks to local contracts and the receipt of two federal grants. In order to accommodate this continuing and exciting growth, he referenced, the agency is currently advertising to fill six new positions, with likely further additions to follow as the organization builds on its very talented team. It is a solid financial outlook, he added, moreover, with a series of strong and promising applications on the hiring side continuing to come in. Upon additional discussion, the Committee accepted the Draft FY'24 Q1 Budget Update for forwarding to the full Commission at its upcoming next meeting.



FISCAL YEAR 2024 Q1 Draft Budget Update			SUMMARY Pg. 1		
PROPOSED: 10/18/23					
	REVENUE	FY 2024 APP 4/2023	FY 2024 PROP. 10/2023	CHANGE: 4/2023 to 10/2023	PERCENT CHANGE
1. FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS					
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.	EPA CPRG		1,000,000	1,000,000	
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%
Sub-total		3,581,616	4,581,616	1,000,000	27.92%
2. ASSESSMENTS		134,919	134,919	0	0.00%
3. MUNICIPAL & LOCAL					
a.	ARPA APC	-	0	0	
b.	Brownfields	162,712	162,712	0	0.00%
c.	Carver HPP	0	32,000	32,000	
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.	EOHLC Rural Community Grant		165,000	165,000	
h.	Freetown 3ATA		20,000	20,000	
i.	Freetown MP	75,000	75,000	0	
j.	Lakeville HPP	0	20,000	20,000	
k.	MAAdb Dart & Wareham climate TA	0	0	0	
l.	Mansfield GC	4,500	4,500	0	
m.	Marion Base, Overlay District maps		3,000	3,000	
n.	Marion GC	3,500	3,500	0	
o.	Marion OSRP Implementation	0	0	0	
p.	MassTech Muni Digital Equity Program		15,000	15,000	
q.	MHP MBTA Webinar series	0	0	0	
r.	Middleborough HPP (HCI)	0	0	0	
s.	New Bedford OSRP		2,097	2,097	
t.	Norton 3ATA	10,000	10,000	10,000	
u.	Open Space Dev Bylaws (OSRD)		75,000	75,000	
v.	Raynham 3ATA		20,000	20,000	
w.	Regional Energy Planning TA '21	0	0	0	
x.	Regional Energy Planning TA '22	0	0	0	
y.	RRP EDA- Federal	138,295	138,295	0	0.00%
z.	RRP Eff and Regionalization- State	66,492	66,492	0	0.00%
aa.	Rehoboth Green Community		5,000	5,000	
bb.	Resilient Taunton Circuit Rider	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
cc.	Rochester MP	120,000	120,000	0	
dd.	Seekonk HPP	0	0	0	
ee.	SCR PDA-PPA Update	64,704	64,704	0	0.00%
ff.	Somerset Slade's Ferry		75,000	75,000	
gg.	Swansea MP, OSRP	67,500	67,500	0	0.00%
hh.	Swansea Rt. 6 Corridor Study	75,000	75,000	0	
ii.	Taunton ASHE plan	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%
jj.	Taunton OSRP Add'l Svcs	5,000	5,000	0	
kk.	Taunton Rt. 140 Corridor Study	10,000	10,000	0	
ll.	TRSC website	2,500	2,500	0	
mm.	Viva Fall River	0	0	0	
nn.	Wareham 3ATA		20,000	20,000	
oo.	Westport HPP	0	0	0	
pp.	Westport MVP 2.0		24,560	24,560	
Sub-total		1,000,172	1,476,829	476,657	47.66%
qq.	Lakeville ASHE	69,500	69,500	0	
rr.	Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (see above)	140,000	0	-140,000	
Sub-total		209,500	69,500	-140,000	
Total Municipal Grants		1,209,672	1,546,329	336,657	27.83%
4. MISCELLANEOUS					
	Interest	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
Sub-total		5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES		\$4,931,207	\$6,267,864	1,336,657	27.11%



FISCAL YEAR 2024 Q1 Draft Budget Update					SUMMARY Pg. 2
PROPOSED: 10/18/23					
EXPENDITURES		FY 2024 APP 4/2023	FY 2024 PROP. 10/2023	CHANGE: 4/2023 to 10/2023	PERCENT CHANGE
1	SALARIES	2,490,465	2,377,851	-112,614	-4.5%
2	FRINGE BENEFITS	441,211	439,578	-1,633	-0.4%
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	26,716	16,716	-10,000	-37.4%
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	24,550	22,500	-2,050	-8.4%
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	233,320	49,320	-184,000	-78.9%
17	TRAFFIC COUNT VEHICLE	472	472	0	0.0%
18	EQUIP. SERV.& REPAIR	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
19	EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
20	CONSULTANTS/PASS THRU	700,000	1,474,200	774,200	110.6%
21	DIRECT COSTS	94,070	98,495	4,425	4.7%
22	LOCAL COST/INVEST.ACCT.	17,111	17,111	0	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		4,174,514	4,642,842	468,328	11.2%
TOTAL REVENUES		4,931,207	6,267,864	1,336,657	27.1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		4,174,514	4,642,842	468,328	11.2%
EXCESS REV. OVER EXPEND.		756,693	1,625,022	868,329	114.8%

**Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD)
Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) Meeting.**

DRAFT Minutes for the JTPG Meeting**Held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM****Held Hybrid via Zoom and SRPEDD Office in Accordance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.****The following members and alternates were in attendance:**

Alan Slavin, Vice-Chair.....Town of Wareham	Justin Chicca.....City of New Bedford
John Woods.....Town of Carver	Dennis Morton.....Town of Plainville
Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth	Ed Buckley.....Town of Raynham
Thomas Ferry.....Town of Dighton	Nancy Durfee.....Town of Rochester
Joshua Crabb.....Town of Fairhaven	David Cabral.....Town of Seekonk
Daniel Aguiar.....City of Fall River	James HartnettTown of Westport
Victoria Alfaro.....Town of Freetown	Michael Burris.....Town of Westport, Alt
Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville	Gloria Saddler.....A/L, City of Fall River
Leeann Bradley.....Town Middleboro	

The following members/alternates were NOT in attendance:

City of Attleboro	At-Large, City of Attleboro
City of Taunton	At-Large, City of New Bedford
City of New Bedford	At-Large, City of Taunton
Town of Acushnet	
Town of Berkley	
Town of Mansfield	
Town of Marion	
Town of Mattapoisett	
Town of North Attleborough	
Town of Norton	
Town of Rehoboth	
Town of Somerset	
Town of Swansea	

Also in Attendance:

Mary Ellen DeFrias.....GATRA	Lisa Estrela-Pedro.....SRPEDD
Raissah Kouame.....MassDOT	Jackie Jones.....SRPEDD
Barbara Lachance.....MassDOT	Andrea Duarte.....SRPEDD
Miranda Briseno.....MassDOT	Jon Gray.....SRPEDD
Bonnie Roalsen.....Safe Rtes School Liaison	Jennifer Chaves.....SRPEDD
Kathy Holton.....City of Taunton	Lisa Sherman.....CDM Smith
Patrick Dello Russo.....City of Taunton	Sid Kashi.....GPI
Gail Roderigues.....SCBA	Steve Findlen.....Howard Stein Hudson

Handouts:

JTPG Meeting Agenda for September 13, 2023

DRAFT August 9, 2023 JTPG Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Vice-Chair Alan Slavin called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Ms. Estrela-Pedro 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:

Alan Slavin, Vice-Chair.....Town of Wareham
John Woods.....Town of Carver
Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth
Thomas Ferry.....Town of Dighton
Joshua Crabb.....Town of Fairhaven
Daniel Aguiar.....City of Fall River
Victoria Alfaro.....Town of Freetown
Leeann Bradley.....Town Middleboro

Justin Chicca.....City New Bedford
Dennis Morton.....Town of Plainville
Ed Buckley.....Town of Raynham
Nancy Durfee.....Town of Rochester
David Cabral.....Town of Seekonk
James HartnettTown of Westport
Michael Burris.....Town Westport, Alt

2. Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2023 (Materials Attached & roll call vote needed)

Vice-Chair Slavin called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023 meeting. Robert Burgmann made the motion and Vice-Chair Slavin seconded the motion. Ms. Duarte then called the roll:

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

City of New Bedford.....Yes
Town of Plainville..... No response
Town of Raynham.....Abstain
Town of Seekonk.....Yes
Town of Wareham.....Yes
Town of Westport.....Abstain

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE ABSTENTIONS.

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

There were no comments offered.

4. Safe Routes to School Grant Program Presentation by MassDOT

Ms. Lisa Estrela-Pedro announced that that there were two Safe Routes to School representatives present today, Miranda Briseno and Bonnie Roalsen. Ms. Briseno introduced herself, Federal Programs Coordinator in the Office of Transportation Planning at MassDOT. She stated that Safe Routes to School (SRTS) she manages and provided an overview of the two SRTS programs currently accepting grant applications. The Signs and Lines program is meant for quick build projects that are completed within the state fiscal year in which they were awarded, and five projects are selected per year. The reimbursement amount for this grant was increased from \$6,000 to \$10,000 to account for varying costs and inflation. The Infrastructure grant program is meant for more intensive project development and often takes project several years to get to construction phase. Up to ten projects are selected for Infrastructure grants each year and funding

for this grant varies from \$300,000 to \$2 million per project. Ms. Briseno discussed project scope and eligibility criteria, the reimbursement process, timeline, applicant eligibility criteria, and examples of eligible projects for both SRTS grant programs. She emphasized that Signs and Lines grants are not meant to fund just one item such as a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon and that the grant is meant to maximize the use of the funds in conjunction with optimizing arrival/dismissal procedures. There is no match required for these grants. Projects must address improvements for both walking and bicycling in school zones. Ms. Briseno asked if there were questions about the grants. Daniel Aguiar asked if a municipality would be disqualified from applying if they already have a SRTS-funded project in process to which Ms. Briseno answered that it is taken into consideration but the municipality is still welcome to submit an application for a different school in its district. Ms. Aguiar also asked whether vocational technical schools are eligible for SRTS funding to which Ms. Briseno responded yes that as long as the school receives public funding, then it is eligible to apply for the grants. Ms. Briseno's presentation slides were distributed to the JTPG email list following the meeting and contained additional resources and contact information.

5. Draft Regional Transportation Plan Discussion ([Link](#))

Ms. Estrela-Pedro announced that a public meeting was held for the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2024 Regional Bicycle Plan (RBP) yesterday. A majority of the comment provided at this meeting was about the Regional Bicycle Plan. Jackie Jones then announced that if members had not attended one of the presentations about the RTP, to review the Plan on the SRPEDD website and that the comment period would be open until September 19th. Ms. Jones discussed comments that were received from MassDOT about the Regional Transportation Plan. This included formatting adjustments, adding additional greenhouse gas analysis for projects in outer years, adding more information about the MPO structure, add a project scoring table and list of acronyms, and referencing the SMMPO's public participation program. Ms. Jones asked if members had any questions or comments about the Plan and there were no responses.

6. Draft Regional Bicycle Plan Presentation Discussion ([Link](#))

Jon Gray announced that various public comments were received for the 2024 Regional Bicycle Plan, including those received during the hour-long public meeting for the RTP and RBP. Mr. Gray discussed the major takeaways from the comment period, which included incorporating bike routes identified in communities' open space and recreation plans and Complete Streets prioritization plans as additional route recommendations in the RBP. Staff will be adding these into the recommendations in the RBP. A suggestion was made for SRPEDD to create a bikeway planning and funding guide for local advocates to better understand programs, policies and regulations related to bikeway planning. There was a general comment about shifting the thinking in Southeastern Massachusetts about bikes as a strictly recreational vehicle to more of a viable commuter option. There were comments related to creating better ways to visualize commuter data and identify potential commuter trips in the region that could be more easily made by bike. There was a concern about MBTA commuter rail trains, particularly through the Attleboro and Mansfield stations, not allowing bikes during peak hours for those wanting to bike to commuter rail stations and in Boston. A comment was made to advance lightweight demonstration projects that are low cost, easy to quickly implement and can better inform decision makers on the viability of different types of roadway improvements. Many local advocates voiced comments about getting buy-in from local officials on bikeway safety, reducing speed limits, and general planning for bicycle transportation.

7. Other Business

Ms. Estrela-Pedro announced that MassDOT is expanding the Vulnerable Road Users Program, and that there is additional funding for Vulnerable Road Users signage. Information about additional funding and

applications was sent to the group by Ms. Duarte earlier in the week. She stated that SRPEDD is hiring for several positions in the Transportation, Environmental, and Homeland Security departments, and job descriptions can be found on the SRPEDD website. She encouraged the group to share these job postings with their networks.

8. Date and Time for Next Meeting

Date and Time for next meeting is October 11, 2023, at 2:00 PM as a hybrid meeting, in which attendees can join at the SRPEDD office in Taunton or via Zoom.

9. Adjourn

The Vice-Chair asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Nancy Durfee and seconded by Victoria Alfaro. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.

**Draft Minutes of the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) Meeting
on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 1:00 PM - Held remotely via Zoom.**

The following members were in attendance:

Stephen Woelfel-----Representing Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Acting MassDOT Secretary, **Chair**
Richard Bilski-----Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Div. Administrator
Daniel Aguiar-----Representing Paul Coogan, Mayor of Fall River
Jamie Ponte-----Representing Jon Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford
Jay Pateakos-----Representing Shauna O’Connell, Mayor of Taunton
Jacob Vaught-----Town of Somerset
Sarah Hewins-----Town of Carver
Alan Slavin-----Town of Wareham
Marie Clarner-----SRPEDD Commission Chair
MaryEllen DeFrias ----- GATRA Administrator
Shayne Trimbell-----Representing SRTA Administrator Erik Rousseau

The following were also in attendance:

Dana Hanson-----Office of Cong. Auchincloss	David Monteiro-----LakeCAM TV
Raissah Kouame-----MassDOT	Judy Richard-----Member of the public
Derek Krevat-----MassDOT	Lisa Estrela-Pedro-----SRPEDD
Andrew Wang-----MassDOT	Jackie Jones-----SRPEDD
Colleen Pekrul-----MassDOT/Safe Rtes School	Andrea Duarte-----SRPEDD
Bonnie Roalsen-----MassDOT/Safe Rtes School	Jon Gray-----SRPEDD

Handouts:

SMMPO Agenda September 19, 2023
SMMPO Draft Meeting Minutes August 15, 2023

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call-

Chairman Stephen 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	Town of Somerset-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes	Town of Wareham-----Yes
City of Fall River-----Yes	SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
City of Taunton-----Yes	GATRA-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes	SRTA-----Yes
Town of Carver -----Yes	

2. Approval of Minutes – August 15 2023 (Materials Attached and Roll Call Vote Needed)

Chairman Woelfel requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2023 SMMPO meeting. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Sarah Hewins. Ms. Duarte then called the roll:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes	City of New Bedford-----Abstain
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes	Town of Carver -----Yes
City of Fall River-----Yes	Town of Somerset-----Yes
City of Taunton-----Yes	Town of Wareham-----Yes

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

SRTA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSENTION.

3. Public Comments

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

4. Regional Transit Authorities Report – RTA Updates

Shayne Trimbell announced that SRTA held a public meeting in New Bedford last Thursday for service changes that SRTA is evaluating and proposing for the city of New Bedford. This is the second public hearing this year and second round of services changes. A series of changes was implemented in August that affected Fall River, and this is the other half of the SRTA system. SRTA staff are currently reviewing comments received and proposals and making potential modifications. Mr. Trimbell will have more to report about what changes to expect at next month's meeting. Mary Ellen DeFrias announced that GATRA is aiming to launch Sunday service starting in mid-October with some additional funds that were received from the state. This will include 4 routes in Attleboro, 4 routes in Taunton, and a few of GATRA's high performing routes across the rest of the region. The routes will be running Saturday service on Sundays to start. As more drivers are hired, GATRA hopes to roll out full Sunday service by January.

5. 2024 Regional Transportation Plan ([Link](#) - Roll Call Vote Needed to Endorse)

Jackie Jones reminded the group that the regional transportation plan is the long-range transportation plan that assesses the current transportation system and its needs and forecasts what the region could look like in the future. It provides recommendations on how to get the transportation network to achieve the goals stakeholders have set and how to best serve the region's needs. It did not receive many comments during the public comment period, but MassDOT did provide some comments. This included formatting adjustments, adding additional greenhouse gas analysis for projects in outer years, adding more information about the MPO structure, adding a project scoring table and list of acronyms, and referencing the SMMPO's public participation program. SMMPO staff held a public meeting on September 12, for the RTP and the Regional Bicycle Plan. SMMPO staff conducted an additional internal review and made some minor revisions. Ms. Jones asked the body to endorse the final RTP for signature by the Acting Secretary of MassDOT.

The Chair asked if there were any questions on the Regional Transportation Plan and seeing none asked for a motion and second to endorse the RTP. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Daniel Aguiar. The Chair asked Ms. Duarte to read the roll as follows:

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

Town of Somerset-----Yes
Town of Wareham-----Yes
SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes
SRTA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. 2024 Regional Bicycle Plan ([Link](#) - Roll Call Vote Needed to Endorse)

SRPEDD Transportation Planner Jon Gray reminded the group that the 2024 Regional Bicycle Plan is a planning document to help advance local bikeways in the region. Mr. Gray discussed the major takeaways from public input received via email and the September 12 public meeting. They included:

- Sarah Hewins Carver Select Board member suggested incorporating bike routes identified in communities' open space and recreation plans and Complete Streets prioritization plans as additional route recommendations in the RBP. Staff will be adding these routes into the RBP's recommendations.
- A suggestion was made for SRPEDD to create a bikeway planning and funding guide for local advocates to better understand programs, policies and regulations related to bikeway planning. Nathaniel Roberts of Bike Fall River discussed the need for creating a network of inner-city bike lanes and infrastructure to support bike parking, with a special emphasis on high comfort and infrastructure on major city arteries through the city of Fall River in particular.
- There was a general comment about shifting the thinking in Southeastern Massachusetts about bikes as a strictly recreational vehicle to more of a viable commuter option.
- There were comments related to creating better ways to visualize commuter data and identify potential commuter trips in the region that could be more easily made by bike.
- There was a concern about MBTA commuter rail trains, particularly through the Attleboro and Mansfield stations, not allowing bikes during peak hours for those wanting to bike to commuter rail stations and in Boston.
- There was a comment about having the city of Fall River explore bringing in a local bike shop as it is a large city without any at the moment and this could benefit the local bike way and current/future cyclists.
- Support was expressed for Fall River's Bedford Streets shared use path project that had been proposed in earlier years.
- Support was expressed for opportunities to share equipment for bikeway development and construction. A comment was made about better understanding the resources provided to local DPW and public transportation officials on Complete Streets planning processes.
- Several local advocates, including Bonnie DeSousa, voiced comments about getting buy-in from local officials on bikeway safety, reducing speed limits, and general planning for bicycle transportation. Bonnie DeSousa, a member of the Friends of Mattapoissett Rail Trail, stated that a local official didn't see a need for local bikeway improvements because they have not seen many riders out on the roads, without specifically citing any data, or making the connection that existing infrastructure hasn't encouraged potential riders in that community.
- Will Gardner of the Fairhaven Livable Streets Committee would like to advance lightweight demonstration projects that are low cost, easy to quickly implement and can better inform decision makers on the viability of different types of roadway improvements. Mr. Gardner was also concerned about ensuring that future improvements on Route 6 genuinely accommodated bike travel and he proposed reducing roadway design speeds in Fairhaven to 25 mph or less.
- Gail Rodriguez, Chair of Westport Bike and Walking Path Committee shared some examples of projects to advance bike recycling and tune up to provide underserved cities better access to bikes.
- Steve Ouellette, Vice Chair of the Westport Board of Selectmen, expressed general support for the South Coast Bikeway route through Westport and stated that the town is seeking funding for this route.
- Alan Slavin, member of the Wareham Board of Selectmen suggested SRPEDD staff connect with the Wareham Open Space Committee regarding trail connections into Wareham's Minot Forest area.

The Chair asked if there were any questions for Mr. Gray and seeing none asked the body for a motion and second to endorse the 2024 Regional Bicycle Plan. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Mary Ellen DeFrias. The Chair asked Ms. Duarte to read the roll as follows:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes	Town of Somerset-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes	Town of Wareham-----Yes
City of Fall River-----Yes	SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
City of Taunton-----Yes	GATRA-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes	SRTA-----Yes
Town of Carver -----Yes	

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. MassDOT Update on FFY2023-2027 TIP Projects

Richard Bilski provided updates on FFY2023-2027 TIP Projects as follows:

- 608535 NEW BEDFORD- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON COUNTY STREET, FROM NELSON STREET TO UNION STREET: BID OPENINGS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2023
- 603796 MANSFIELD- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, BALCOM STREET OVER THE WADING RIVER: BID OPENINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
- 609433 ATTLEBORO- NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH- MEDIAN CABLE BARRIER INSTALLATION ON I-95: BID OPENINGS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 17, 2023
- ATTLEBORO BRIDGE REMOVAL ON THE I-195 RAMP OVER 10 MILE RIVER : BID OPENINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
- 612743 MIDDLEBOROUGH BRIDGE PRESERVATION I-495 OVER ROUTE 105 AND MBTA: BID OPENINGS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 24, 2023
- 608563 SWANSEA- IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 6 (GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY) AT GARDNERS NECK ROAD: IS AT 100% DESIGN AND WAITING FOR THE PS&E
- 608753 TAUNTON- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON BROADWAY (ROUTE 138), FROM PURCHASE STREET TO JACKSON STREET (PHASE 2): IS AT 100% DESIGN WHICH IS UNDER REVIEW.
- 610647 WAREHAM - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 6 AT SWIFTS BEACH ROAD: IS AT 25% DESIGN, THE 75% DESIGN SUBMISSION WAS RECEIVED AND IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW.
- 606527 NEW BEDFORD- SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT, I-195 (EB & WB) RAMP C & F OVER ST 18, COUNTY STREET, STATE STREET, MASS COASTAL RAILROAD, PURCHASE STREET, WELD STREET, INCLUDES REPLACING N-06-046, I-195 (EB) RAMP F OVER WELD STREET: FINAL BTC 25% UNDER REVIEW
- 605311 MARION- WAREHAM- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, WAREHAM STREET (US 6) OVER WEWEANTIC RIVER: IS AT 25% DESIGN, WAITING FOR DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING, IT'S GOING TO BE A DESIGN BUILD PROJECT
- 609518 FAIRHAVEN- LEROY WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS (SRTS): AT 75% DESIGN AND AWAITING THE 100% DESIGN SUBMISSION
- 607871: DARTMOUTH- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 6, FROM FAUNCE CORNER ROAD TO HATHAWAY ROAD: AWAITING THE 75% DESIGN SUBMISSION
- 612268 MANSFIELD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON CHAUNCY STREET FROM ROUTE 140 TO COPLAND DRIVE: 75% DESIGN SUBMISSION IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW
- 606715 LAKEVILLE- RECONSTRUCTION AND RELATED WORK ON RHODE ISLAND ROAD (ROUTE 79), FROM THE TAUNTON CITY LINE TO CLEAR POND ROAD: AWAITING 100% DESIGN SUBMISSION

- 609255 MANSFIELD - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON SCHOOL STREET, FROM SPRING STREET TO WEST STREET: AT 25% AND AWAITING 75% DESIGN
- 608750 PLAINVILLE - RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH STREET (ROUTE 1A), FROM SHARLENE LANE TO EVERETT STREET AND RELATED WORK: AT 25% DESIGN AND AWAITING REVISED 25% DESIGN PLANS
- 607440 MATTAPOISETT- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON MAIN STREET, WATER STREET, BEACON STREET AND MARION ROAD: WAITING FOR INTERIM 25% PLANS WHICH ARE UNDER REVIEW
- 610798 NEW BEDFORD- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT MOUNT PLEASANT STREET AND NASH ROAD: AWAITING THE PRE 25% SCOPING MEETING
- 609193 NORTON- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT WEST MAIN STREET (ROUTE 123), NORTH WORCESTER STREET AND SOUTH WORCESTER STREET: DPH WAS HELD IN MARCH, AT 25% DESIGN
- 613095 ATTLEBORO CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS RT123 FROM LATHROP ROAD TO THATCHER STREET : PRC WAS APPROVED IN DECEMBER
- 608530 MIDDLEBOROUGH - RECONSTRUCTION AND RELATED WORK ON WAREHAM STREET AND WOOD STREET: AWAITING 25% DESIGN SUBMISSION
- 608586 DARTMOUTH- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON DARTMOUTH ST AND PROSPECT ST: AT 25% AND STILL WAITING REVISED 25% SUBMISSION
- 610927 WESTPORT - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 177 AND ROBERTS ROAD/TICKLE ROAD: AT 25% AND AWAITING 75% DESIGN SUBMISSION
- 612268 MANSFIELD CHAUNCEY STREET 106 IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2: PRC WAS APPROVED THIS SUMMER

Discussion ensued about the two projects in Wareham, Mr. Slavin requested that MassDOT update him on the status of these projects due to potential traffic issues with a nearby 40B housing development of 100+ units that will be online in the next few years.

8. Other Business

Ms. Estrela-Pedro announced that MassDOT is expanding the Vulnerable Road Users Program, and that there is additional funding for Vulnerable Road Users safe passing signs. Local officials can submit the application forms and install the signs themselves. She stated that MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces grant program is now accepting applications until October 31. There is a federal NOFO open for Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility that is due November 13. Ms. Estrela-Pedro stated that SRPEDD is hiring for several positions in the Transportation, Environmental, and Homeland Security departments, and job descriptions can be found on the SRPEDD website. She encouraged the group to share these job postings with their networks.

Chair Woelfel announced that registration for this year's [MassDOT Moving Together conference](#) has reached 1250 which includes both virtual and in person attendees. The conference is now sold out of in person registrations at 1100. This is the first time the conference has sold out 3-4 weeks in advance. Virtual registration is still open. He announced that the Lieutenant Governor will be doing the morning keynote speech and Acting Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt will do the afternoon keynote speech.

9. Date and Time for Next Meeting

The Chair announced that the next SMMPO meeting will be on October 17, 2023, at 1:00 pm, held virtually as of right now.

10. Adjourn

The Chair asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Alan Slavin made the motion and Sarah Hewins seconded. The Chair asked that all in favor say aye. All ayes were heard. The Chair thanked everyone, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 PM.

Environmental Program Update Brief**September Departmental Priorities**

- Westport MVP 2.0 – project launch and equity vendor
- EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant launch and procurement
- Brownfields Community Assessment Grant site selection and site access agreements
- Rochester Master Plan public engagement summary and existing conditions
- Open space plans – current status
 - Marion: submitted to state
 - Taunton: addressing State comments for final approval
 - Middleborough: obtaining
 - Carver: plan writing
 - Swansea: awaiting final approval letters
 - Mansfield: public survey and public meeting
 - New Bedford: addressing State comments for final approval
 - Fall River: project scoping/contracting
- DLTA-A: no active grant rounds
- APC: Starting Upper Nemasket River Channel Restoration d/e, starting culvert alternatives analysis, scoping FY24 projects with DER/USGS on water quality sampling and level logging, Snipatuit monitoring well drilling and stream flow gauge installation
- Green Communities: scoping projects for Fall competitive grant round (Seekonk, Acushnet, Plainville)
- OSRD: starting bylaw work with Dighton and Middleborough (grant case study communities)

Of Note and Interest*Trainings and Events*

- Regional Conservation Partnership Network Conference: Nov 9th (registration open)
- Stormwater innovation expo: Roger Williams Park, Oct 18th
- Mass Rivers Dam Removal Lunch Webinar Series (“Dam Busters 101”); first session Nov 1st, with registration open – <https://www.massriversalliance.org/dambusters101>
- Dam removal training (Blackstone Watershed Collaborative) on 10/26, 9AM – 4:30 PM; registration at - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dam-removal-eco-restoration-101-training-tickets-715417120867>

Project Community Meetings

- Mansfield OSRP Public Meeting – Oct 23rd and tabling at Mansfield 101 Night Oct 25th

MEPA ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR – PROJECTS IN REGION

Project	Type	Community	Comments Due	RPA Review Components	Site Visit Details (Indicate if Remote Meeting)
Lake Rico Dam Rehabilitation Project	ENF	Taunton	10/30/23	Will attend site visit	10/19/23 (virtual) & 10/23/23 (in-person)
Moniz Estates	EENF	Acushnet	10/18/23		
Gardiner Street Bridge and Kings Pond Dam Replacement	ENF under review	Raynham	10/16/23		
251 Broadway Crossing	FEIR Rollover under review	Raynham	10/25/23	Transportation reviewing need to comment	
Grinnell Mill – Proposed Barges (92 Kilburn St.)	DEIR Cert – Does not adequately comply with MEPA	New Bedford	9/29/23		

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

Community	Project Name	Status	Department	Project Leads	Funding
Acushnet	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	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	Gulf Rd & Fisher Road Speed Limit Recommendation Technical Memo	Complete	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
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/NOAA
Dighton	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Dighton	Economic Development Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, CCC, MA
Fairhaven	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DOER
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
Freetown	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Lakeville	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Complete	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Mansfield	Green Communities Designation Grant Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Marion	Green Communities Comp Grant TA	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DOER
Mattapoissett	Industrial Drive Infrastructure Improvement	Project Close-out	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	local, EDA
Middleborough	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	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
Middleborough, Rochester, Wareham	Route 28 Corridor Study from Cushman Street (MB) to Charlotte Furnace Road in (WH)	NEW	Transportation	Sean Hilton	MassDOT
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
New Bedford	Ashley Boulevard/Acushnet Ave/Belair Ave Tech Memo	Complete	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
North Attleborough	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DOER
North Attleborough	Master Plan and Housing Production Plan	Complete	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	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Norton	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Norton	Woodward Street - Heavy Vehicle Exclusion and South Worcester Street- Entrance Relocation Evaluation	NEW	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Plainville	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Plainville	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, local
Raynham	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Raynham	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Regional	Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) Asset Mapping and Digital Equity Planning Enrollment	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Maria Jones, Amber Davis	MBI
Regional	Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira, Joseph Osborne	MassDOT

Regional	Pavement Management - Fed. Aid Road Network	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Regional	Trails Mapping (Off Road)	Ongoing	Transportation	Joe Osborne, Karen Porter	MassDOT
Regional	Regional Pedestrian Plan	NEW	Transportation	Jon Gray	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 Snipatuit Evaluation	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	ARPA
Regional	Taunton River Stewardship Council Upper Nemasket Implementation	Ongoing	Environmental	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)	Ongoing	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, Lizeth Gonzalez, Grant King	DLTA , CCC EDA,
Regional	MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Support	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Taylor Perez	DLTA, DHCD
Regional	Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA
Regional	Justice, Equity, and Community Development (JECD) Initiative	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Regional	PDA/PPA Update for MBTA Communities	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King	MBTA, DLTA
Regional	South Coast Administrators Committee	Ongoing	Administrative	Jeff Walker	SRPEDD
Regional	Mass. Assn. of Regional Planning Commissions (MARPA)	Ongoing	Administrative	Jeff Walker	RPAs
Regional	Taunton River Trail	Ongoing	Transportation	Jon Gray, Jackie Jones	MassDOT

Regional - GATRA	Technical Assistance Planning and GIS	Ongoing	Transportation	Jen Chaves	GATRA
Regional - Green Communities	Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications	Ongoing	Environmental	All Enviro Staff; Helen DOER Contract Managemnet	EOEEA
Regional - MassDOT	Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)	Ongoing	Transportation	Lisa Estrela-Pedro	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)	Ongoing	Transportation	Lisa Estrela-Pedro	MassDOT
Regional - SRAC	FFY20 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Homeland Security	Todd Castro, Kevin Ham, Grant King	MAPC
Regional - SRAC	FFY21 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Homeland Security	Todd Castro, Kevin Ham, Grant King	MAPC
Regional - SS4A Grant & MassDOT	Safety Action Plan Development	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones	SS4A Grant/MassDOT
Regional - SNEP Network	SNEP Network Provider	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	USM/EPA
Regional - State Planning Assistance Grant	Open Space Residential Design Regional Study	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	EOEEA
Regional - Providence-Warwick MSA	Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	EPA
Regional - Ten Mile Watershed to Mount Hope Bay	Brownfield Community Wide Assessment Grant	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Lizeth Gonzalez	EPA
Rochester	Agriculture and PPA Planning	Complete	Environmental	Sara Brown	DLTA
Rochester	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Rochester	Master Plan	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage (temporary)	DHCD, DLTA, local
Seekonk	Housing Production Plan (Tier 2, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA

Seekonk	Newman Avenue at Arcade Avenue Signal Warrant Analysis	NEW	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Somerset	Slade's Ferry Zoning and Design Guidelines	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Lizeth Gonzalez, Rob Cabral, Phillip Hu	Local, 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, Danica Belknap	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	Ongoing	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	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Transportation	Robert Cabral, Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Jackie Jones, Grant King	MassDOT, DLTA, MA
Taunton	MSIP V- Business Park	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Taunton	OSRP Revisions	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	Local
Wareham	Bicycle Committee Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones, Jon Gray	MassDOT
Wareham	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Westport	MVP 2.0 Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	Local, MVP
Westport	Housing Production Plan (Tier 1, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA, local



Public Hearing on Modifications to the Community Mitigation Fund

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING AGENDA

26 October 2023

Pursuant to G.L. c.23K and G.L. c.30A, §20, notice is hereby given of a public hearing and public meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

The Commission will hold a public hearing and a public meeting at the below time and location.

Thursday, October 26, 2023 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Virtual – register to offer public comment using link below.

REGISTRATION TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT:

https://meeting.windstream.com/webinar/register/WN_SgzTb_ubTs6ZfZxQo1ZSaA

Those wishing to offer public comment must register at the link above. Those wishing to view the meeting but not offer public comments, please visit the [MGC website](#) to stream the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation on Modifications to the Community Mitigation Fund
3. Public Input
4. Other Business – Reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting.

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission is proposing to make significant changes to the structure of the Community Mitigation Fund. The primary changes are the development of a block grant program for eligible municipalities and the development of a formula to guide the distribution of funds to the municipalities. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to obtain public input on the Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines and proposed distribution formula that will be used implement the proposed changes to the program.

Those wishing to make public comment at the hearing must register to speak using the following link:

https://meeting.windstream.com/webinar/register/WN_SgzTb_ubTs6ZfZxQo1ZSaA . You will then receive a confirmation email with a link to join the meeting. If you have any



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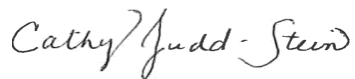
technical difficulties registering, please email Thomas.Mills@massgaming.gov for assistance.

Those wishing to provide written public comment may also do so at MGCcomments@massgaming.gov with **Modifications to CMF** in the subject line. Comments must be received by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023**.

I certify on this date, this Notice was posted as “Public Hearing and Meeting” at www.massgaming.com and emailed to regs@sec.state.ma.us.

I certify that this Notice was posted as “Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting” at www.massgaming.com and emailed to regs@sec.state.ma.us. Posted to Website: October 16, 2023 | 3:00 p.m. EST

October 16, 2023



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