

**December 13, 2023**  
6:30 PM Regular Meeting  
**Virtual SRPEDD Commission Meeting**

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome
2. *Presentation:* Lisa Carnevale and Daniela Fairchild of RI Commerce and Michael Goodman and Jennifer Dowling of UMass Dartmouth and New Bedford Ocean Cluster, respectively, on subject of the [Ocean Tech Hub of Southeastern New England](#)
3. Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2023\* (*Vote requested*)
4. Reports
  - a. Chair
  - b. Executive Director
5. Consent Agenda
  - a. Contracts \*(*Vote to receive report and place on file*)
6. Contracts Committee Reports
  - a. Finance Committee \*(*Vote to receive report and place on file*)
  - b. Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO\* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
7. Programs and Project Updates:
  - a. Exploring Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Eligibility and Funding
  - b. Taunton Schools [ASHE Response Toolkit](#) Initiative
  - c. Environmental Program Update (inclusive of MEPA report) \*
8. Old Business
  - a. Proposed Change In Timing of SRPEDD Annual Mtg from May to Sep requiring of update to SRPEDD Bylaws IV. D. 3. (092618, p.84)
  - b. Technical Assistance\* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
9. New Business
10. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest
11. Adjourn

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** January 24, 2024; February 28, 2024; March 27, 2024;  
April 24, 2024; May 22, 2024

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

## AGENDA ITEM: Minutes, # 3

## SRPEDD Commission Meeting – Draft Minutes

October 25, 2023

Remote Meeting via Zoom

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

J. Kelley, Acushnet	T. Bott, Carver	C. Shea, Carver	C. Vitale, Dartmouth
J. Carvalho, Dighton	R. Espindola, Fairh.	D. Aguiar, Fall River	V. A. Duran, Freetown
L. Carboni, Lakeville	N. Hills, Marion	J. Robbins, Mattapoisett	M. Clarner, No. Attle.
L. Pirnie, No. Attle.	S. Ollerhead, Norton	S. Warchal, Norton	C. Sullivan, Raynham
R. Peirce, Somerset	G. Hovorka, Swansea	S. Quirk, Wareham	A. Slavin, Wareham
S. Ouellette, Westport	J. Whitin, Westport	G. Saddler, F.R A/L	T. Lobo, Taunton A/L

**Guests/Staff:**

J. Jones, SRPEDD	S. Royer, SRPEDD	J. Walker, SRPEDD	H. Zincavage, SRPEDD
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**Absent:**

S. Boucher Acushnet	F. Uriot, Attleboro	G. Ayrassian, Attleboro	S. Leary, Berkley
R. Cote, Berkley	C. O'Neil, Dartmouth	M. Sweet Dart. (Alter.)	D. Braga, Fairhaven
J. Ferreira, Fall River	D. Pettey, Freetown	N. Cline, Lakeville	R. Burgmann, Mattap.
L. Bradley, Middleb.	M. Germain, Middleb.	J. Ponte, N.B.	C. Yarworth, Plainville
C. Desprez, Plainville	C. Gallagher, Raynham	W. Costa, Rehoboth	N. Durfee, Rochester
S. Cadime, Seekonk	P. Dunn, Seekonk	N. McDonald, Somerset	J. Hansen, Swansea
M. Monteiro, Taunton	J. Pateakos, Taunton	C. Feerick, Attleboro A/L	A. Eaton, NB A/L

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Marie Clarner at 6:31 P.M.
2. **Approval of Minutes – September 27, 2023:** A motion was made to approve the September 27, 2023 minutes with abstentions completed with a roll call. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **Reports:**
  - a. **Chair:** Chairwoman Clarner mentioned she did not have updates but mentioned that on the agenda page numbers have been added. She stated this will make it easier to manage the packet.
  - b. **Executive Director:** Mr. Walker added that hyperlinks to the appropriate page numbers have also been added for those viewing the agenda electronically to make it easier to manage during the meeting. Mr. Walker mentioned that he attended a listening session with the Lt. Governor's office with SRPEDD and OCPC on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bridgewater State. He mentioned that attendance of representatives from Southeast communities was strong and the group shared extensive feedback and recommendations about issues and funding challenges from across the region. He referenced that he will be sure to distribute the report from the listening session as soon as it is received. Next, he mentioned the annual MARPA DLS Conference, which was back in person at Holy Cross in Worcester for the second year since the pandemic. He stated that among other informative discussions, he had the opportunity to speak with Lieutenant Governor Driscoll, new Housing Secretary Ed Webster, in addition to former Undersecretary-now Interim Secretary of Transportation Monica Tibbets-Nutt who recently presented to the Commission.

In closing, Mr. Walker reported that many SRPEDD communities have recently received notification regarding receipt of One Stop grants, thanks likely due to assistance from Lizeth Gonzalez and other SRPEDD planners, as the agency has been going full tilt in support of these applications.

#### 4. Consent Agenda:

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

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

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.

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

#### 5. Committee Reports:

- a. **Finance Committee:** Mr. Slavin mentioned that 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 signed-off on in the amount of \$136,469.22. The Committee also reviewed the OPEB statement for September 2023 included in the packet along with September 2023 month-end general journal entries.

Mr. Slavin mentioned that Ms. Chang presented highlights from the recently received draft FY'23 audit report and 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.

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

- FY'24 Q1 Budget Update: Mr. Slavin reported on the FY'24 Q1 budget and entertained questions from the members.
- b. **Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO:** Ms. Jones mentioned that the JTPG met on September 13<sup>th</sup> and at this meeting, there was a Safe Routes to School Grant Program presentation by MassDOT. Also, the draft Regional Transportation and Bike Plan were presented at this meeting, including the comments that were received during the public comment period and the changes were made. She mentioned the SMMPO also met on September 19<sup>th</sup> and at this meeting, the RTP and the Bike Plan were presented and endorsed. In addition, MassDOT provided project updates for the 2023 to 2027 TIP, which has currently closed and now we are operating with the 2024 to 2028 TIP. Ms. Jones entertained questions from the Commission.

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

- 6. Proposed Change In Timing of SRPEDD Annual Mtg from May to Sept requiring of update to SRPEDD Bylaws IV. D. 3. (092618, pg, 84):** Mr. Walker referenced, as initially reported last meeting, that due to an ever-growing number of initiative deliverables, financial report, and other time-sensitive obligations during the months of May and June as staff works to conclude its fiscal year, a change in timing of the SRPEDD Annual Meeting from May to September, requiring a corresponding update in the bylaws is being proposed. Chairwoman Clarner asked if the Commissioners would like to form a committee on how they should move forward on the timing of the Annual meeting. Mr. Kelley stated that this made sense and that a decision be scheduled for the December meeting. Mr. Whitin referenced that shifting too late in the fall (after the change back from daylight savings time) might be problematic and that earlier be better. Mr. Walker mentioned that he would have Ms. Royer send out a poll. Mr. Slavin mentioned the terms of Commissioners should not matter if the Annual Meeting is in May or September as local elections are normally in April or May.

**7. Programs and Project Updates:**

- a. **Draft 2024 Regional Bicycle Plan:** As Mr. Gray was unable to attend, Ms. Jones presented a quick summary of the 2024 Regional Bicycle Plan update. She mentioned the plan creates a vision for a connected regional bikeway that links separate local projects into one cohesive network across Southeastern Massachusetts. Ms. Jones mentioned that the 2024 Regional Bicycle makes the case why bicycle infrastructure is a good investment for the region, including numerous economic, public health, environmental, and equity benefits. She mentioned that the plan emphasizes the need for additional intermodal coordination between bikeway and transit planning efforts, as well as infrastructure that supports both modes. It also provides updates and summarizes recent developments in the regional bike network including but not limited to the South Coast Bikeway, Taunton River Trail, WWII Veterans Memorial Trail, Ten Mile River Trail, and Mount Hope Bay Greenway. She mentioned the plan shares the results of the Regional Bicycle Plan survey, which received 435 responses from members of the public with a wide range of experiences and perspectives. Lastly, Ms. Jones mentioned that this concludes details and recommendations to support future bicycle planning efforts in the region. Ms. Jones entertained questions from Commissioners.
- b. **Environmental Program Update (Inclusive of MEPA report):** Ms. Zinavage referred members to page 21 and reviewed the Environmental Program update projects. She reviewed the report in detail and entertained questions from the Commission.

**8. Old Business:**

- a. **Technical Assistance:** As Mr. King was unable to attend, Mr. Walker referred members to the traditional monthly update on projects contained in the packets, adding that the matrix is a great way for communities to see what other communities are working on and get ideas for possible projects.

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

b. **MGC Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines and proposed distribution formula:** Mr. Walker mentioned that since the last meeting he had received a call from the Mass Gaming Commission. He mentioned they are interested in transitioning from an annual competitive grant process by RPAs and member municipalities to access these mitigation funds to an envisioned block grant process. He stated that funds are available to both casino communities such as Plainville but adjoining ones for the purpose of mitigating impacts. Mr. Walker referred members to page 28 for information on tomorrow's meeting with a link in order to join at noon. He mentioned he had been able to participate in an earlier preliminary informational call on the proposed block grant process with MAPC and PVPC, the RPAs of the state's two other casino region, and if approved, the new process should prove more flexible and enable the RPAs to not only develop a work program a year in advance and secure permissions from the Gaming Commission, but to work with the applicable member municipalities to craft a mitigation project that best meets the community's needs. Mr. Walker entertained questions and encouraged interested members to attend or send comments or questions in to the MGC.

9. **New Business:** Chairwoman Clarner mentioned that the Governor filed a bond bill for housing with a number of key provisions and policies. She stated if you have a chance, you all should read the bill and maybe we could discuss it at the next meeting.

10. **Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest:** Mr. Slavin stated communities on the west side of Buzzards Bay should have been notified that they have a meeting in November with EPA. He stated this will be a public meeting, to discuss the TMDL. Mr. Whitin stated that he was not aware of this meeting, but he will speak to people in Westport about it. Mr. Slavin mentioned this meeting is just for Wareham, but Westport should have their own individual meeting.

Mr. Whitin mentioned that the SRPEDD budget, around \$2 million when Mr. Walker was appointed in 2016, has since been tripled thanks to him, CFO Chang and staff. Chairwoman Clarner agreed and expressed thanks to all of them.

Mr. Whitin mentioned that the town of Westport is currently at work on a by-law for short-term rentals. He mentioned it has been interesting and contentious at meetings, and that they are trying to be sensitive to both property owners and neighborhoods. Mr. Slavin mentioned that Cape Cod Commission has also been working on this issue for a while. He stated if Mr. Whitin couldn't get a hold of them to let Mr. Slavin know. Mr. Espindola stated that the town of Fairhaven has a by-law for short-term rentals. Ms. Robbins asked if any communities have had any litigation with short term rentals because she knows there are some in New Hampshire Mr. Slavin mentioned he believes there is litigation going in the Cape area. Chairwoman Clarner mentioned she believes there is an issue in Cambridge or in Boston.

11. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Norman Hills, Secretary

Date: 12/13/2023

AGENDA ITEM: 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 Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) to support seven eligible rural communities in the SRPEDD region with their efforts to comply with Section 3A of the Zoning Act among for an amount not to exceed \$165,000.
2. With the Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP) to assist the Town of Plympton with their efforts to comply with the new Multi-Family Zoning Requirements for MBTA Communities (Section 3A of M.G.L. c. 40A, "the Zoning Act") for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.
3. With the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MassTech) as a pre-qualified consultant for Municipal Digital Equity Planning, effective until June 30, 2025.
4. With the Town of Swansea to create a Route 103 Corridor Plan focused on placemaking, circulation, and economic development for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.
5. Contract Extension with the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) to render technical and professional services for an amount not to exceed \$21,603.

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

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The Finance Committee met on Nov. 13, 2023 at SRPEDD office and via Zoom. The Oct. 18, 2023 Finance meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for October 2023 received, and a warrant for expenses in the amount of \$22,042.24.

Cash & Funds: Oct. 1, 2023	\$1,303,790.17
Cash Receipts: Oct. 1 – 31, 2023	<u>\$ 229,245.71</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	<b>\$1,533,035.88</b>

Disbursements: Oct. 1 – 31, 2023	\$ 293,926.66
Cash & Funds: Oct. 31, 2023	<u>\$ 1,239,109.22</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	<b>\$1,533,035.88</b>

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

The Committee received FY'23 audit report from Marcum accounting audit firm.

## AGENDA ITEM: Committee Reports- JTPG/SMMPO, # 6.b

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**Draft Minutes of the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 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**  
 Shaun Handy-----Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Div. Administrator  
 Cathleen DeSimone-----Mayor of Attleboro  
 Daniel Aguiar-----Representing Paul Coogan, Mayor of Fall River  
 Jamie Ponte-----Representing Jon Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford  
 Kevin Dumas-----Town of Mansfield  
 Alan Slavin-----Town of Wareham  
 Shayne Trimbell-----Representing SRTA Administrator Erik Rousseau

**The following were also in attendance:**

Raissah Kouame-----MassDOT	Southcoast Bikeway Alliance Member
Barbara Lachance-----MassDOT	Lisa Estrela-Pedro-----SRPEDD
Andrew Wang-----MassDOT	Jackie Jones-----SRPEDD
Colleen Pekrul-----MassDOT/Safe Routes	Andrea Duarte-----SRPEDD
Bonnie Roalsen-----MassDOT/Safe Route	Sean Hilton-----SRPEDD
David-----LakeCAM TV	Elijah Medeiros-----Member of the public
Eli-----LakeCAM TV	

**Handouts:**

SMMPO Agenda October 17, 2023  
 SMMPO Draft Meeting Minutes September 19, 2023  
 FFY2024 UPWP Proposed Amendment 1

**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	City of New Bedford-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes	Town of Mansfield-----Yes
City of Attleboro-----Yes	Town of Wareham-----Yes
City of Fall River-----Yes	SRTA-----Yes

**2. Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2023 (Materials Attached and Roll Call Vote Needed)**

Chairman Woelfel requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2023 SMMPO meeting. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Daniel Aguiar. Ms. Duarte then called the roll:



MassDOT Chair-----Yes  
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes  
City of Attleboro-----Yes  
City of Fall River-----Yes

City of New Bedford-----Yes  
Town of Mansfield-----Yes  
Town of Wareham-----Yes  
SRTA-----Yes

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**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 is working on a plan to implement Sunday service starting in 2024 using additional funding received from the Fair Share Amendment. There is no specific date yet, SRTA is contending with the challenge of hiring drivers to get this done. SRTA just kicked off a study to examine the Fall River maintenance facility and locate a new site since the RTA has outgrown this one. SRTA will need more space to store more buses if it will adopt zero emission vehicles.

**5. FFY24-28 TIP Proposed Amendment #1 – Inclusion of New Bedford Raise Grant - (Roll Call Vote needed to Release to minimum 21-day Comment Period)**

Lisa Estrela-Pedro informed the group that FFY24-28 TIP Proposed Amendment #1 is for inclusion of the \$1.7 million RAISE grant that the City of New Bedford received for the New Bedford Blue Lane Working Waterfront Connector. It funds planning, preliminary design and public outreach for the last gap in the north-south connection of the Cove Walk and Harbor Walk. It does not affect regional target funds but will allow New Bedford the opportunity to access the grant funds to begin conducting the aforementioned tasks. Ms. Estrela-Pedro asked the body to release the proposed TIP amendment to a 21-day comment period.

The Chair asked if there were any questions on the amendment and seeing none asked for a motion and second to release it to a 21-day comment period. The motion was made by Daniel Aguiar and seconded by Alan Slavin. The Chair asked Ms. Duarte to read the roll as follows:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes  
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes  
City of Attleboro-----Yes  
City of Fall River-----Yes

City of New Bedford-----Yes  
Town of Mansfield-----Yes  
Town of Wareham-----Yes  
SRTA-----Yes

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. FFY24 UPWP Proposed Amendment #1 - Inclusion of GATRA Contract/Scope of Services (Roll Call Vote needed to Release to minimum 21-day Comment Period)**

Ms. Estrela-Pedro stated that SRPEDD's FFY23 contract with GATRA still had a remaining balance of \$21,000 and GATRA is requesting SRPEDD extend the contract through May of 2024. Under this contract, SRPEDD will continue to provide technical assistance to GATRA. It needs to be amended into the UPWP so that SRPEDD can continue this work. Ms. Estrela-Pedro asked the body to release the proposed UPWP amendment to a 21-day comment period.

The Chair asked if there were any questions and seeing none asked the body for a motion and second to release the amendment to a 21-day comment period. The motion was made by Daniel Aguiar and seconded by Alan Slavin. The Chair asked Ms. Duarte to read the roll as follows:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes  
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes  
City of Attleboro-----Yes  
City of Fall River-----Yes

City of New Bedford-----Yes  
Town of Mansfield-----Yes  
Town of Wareham-----Yes  
SRTA-----Yes

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. Other Business**

Ms. Estrela-Pedro announced that MassDOT is holding a design public hearing on October 25 at 6:30 PM in New Bedford to discuss the Route 18 – I95 Interchange. It will be held at the Hayden- McFadden Elementary School. SRPEDD staff will follow up with an email after the meeting.

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

The Chair announced that the next SMMPO meeting will be on November 21, 2023, at 1:00 pm, held virtually as of right now.

**9. Adjourn**

The Chair asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Daniel Aguiar made the motion and Alan Slavin seconded. The Chair asked that all in favor say aye. All ayes were heard. The Chair thanked everyone, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 PM.

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

**DRAFT Minutes for the JTPG Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday, November 8, 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	Josh Reinke.....Town of Mansfield
Michael Tyler.....City of Attleboro	Norman Hills.....Town of Marion
John Woods.....Town of Carver	Leeann Bradley.....Town of Middleborough
Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth	Justin Chicca.....City of New Bedford
Joshua Crabb.....Town of Fairhaven	Dennis Morton.....Town of Plainville
Daniel Aguiar.....City of Fall River	David Cabral.....Town of Seekonk
Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville	James Hartnett .....Town of Westport

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

City of Taunton	Town of Raynham
City of New Bedford	Town of Rehoboth
Town of Acushnet	Town of Rochester
Town of Berkley	Town of Somerset
Town of Dighton	Town of Swansea
Town of Freetown	At-Large, City of Attleboro
Town of Mattapoisett	At-Large, City of Fall River
Town of North Attleborough	At-Large, City of New Bedford
Town of Norton	At-Large, City of Taunton

**Also in Attendance:**

Mary Ellen DeFrias.....GATRA	Lisa Estrela-Pedro.....SRPEDD
Marie Clarner.....SRPEDD Chair/N. Attle.	Jackie Jones.....SRPEDD
Ken Buckland.....Town of Wareham	Andrea Duarte.....SRPEDD
Bonnie Polin.....MassDOT	Sean Hilton.....SRPEDD
Jaclyn Youngblood.....MassDOT	Jon Gray.....SRPEDD
Raissah Kouame.....MassDOT	Jennifer Chaves.....SRPEDD
Barbara Lachance.....MassDOT	Luis de Oliveira.....SRPEDD
Joshua Barber.....FHWA	Seth Gadbois.....CLF
Colleen Pekrul.....Safe Routes to School	Phil Viveiros.....McMahon & Assocs
Bonnie Roalsen.....Safe Routes to School	Sid Kashi.....GPI
Gail Roderigues.....SCBA	

**Handouts:**

JTPG Meeting Agenda for November 8, 2023  
DRAFT September 13, 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. 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:

Alan Slavin, Vice-Chair.....Town of Wareham  
 Michael Tyler.....City of Attleboro  
 John Woods.....Town of Carver  
 Daniel Aguiar.....City of Fall River  
 Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville  
 Josh Reinke.....Town of Mansfield  
 Norman Hills.....Town of Marion  
 Leeann Bradley.....Town of Middleborough  
 Justin Chicca.....City of New Bedford  
 Dennis Morton.....Town of Plainville  
 David Cabral.....Town of Seekonk  
 James Hartnett .....Town of Westport

## 2. Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2023 (Materials Attached & roll call vote needed)

Vice-Chair Slavin called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting.

The motion was made by Daniel Aguiar and seconded by John Woods. Ms. Duarte then called the roll:

City of Attleboro.....Yes	Town of Mansfield.....Yes
Town of Carver.....Yes	Town of Middleborough..... Yes
Town of Dartmouth..... Yes	City of New Bedford.....Yes
Town of Fairhaven..... Yes	Town of Plainville..... Abstain
City of Fall River.....Yes	Town of Seekonk.....Yes
Town of Lakeville.....Yes	Town of Wareham.....Yes
Town of Marion.....Yes	Town of Westport.....Yes

## THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTIONS.

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

There were no comments offered.

## 4. Vulnerable Road Users Law Presentation by MassDOT

Bonnie Polin, State Safety Engineer at MassDOT, introduced herself and discussed the Vulnerable Road User Safety (VRU) Assessment. In addition to preparing a statewide Strategic Highway Safety Plan, state DOTs are also required to prepare a Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment, as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The VRU Assessment looks at fatalities and serious injuries of bicyclists, pedestrians, and people on other mobility devices using different approaches such as analyzing crash data and risk. Ms. Polin presented several initiatives of the statewide MassDOT report that will be submitted on November 15, which is tied to the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. One initiative is to address top risk locations and populations of vulnerable road users. 22% of traffic fatalities in the Commonwealth are vulnerable road users. The VRU Assessment found that 44% of all fatal and serious injuries in pedestrian crashes occur within 2000 feet of a school. To respond to this MassDOT has built upon Safe Routes to School program activities and provided 130 communities with school zone assemblies upon request to lower speeds in school zone areas. 41% of fatal and serious injury pedestrian crashes and more than a third of bicycle fatal and serious injury crashes occur within 300 feet of a bus stop. To respond to this, MassDOT is running a multiyear program to address the top risk crossings near bus stops in the state, starting with state highway locations that are not near a signal. Environmental Justice, underserved minority, low-income, and Limited English Proficient communities are overrepresented in vulnerable road user crashes.

MassDOT will initially be working with communities in the top 5% of vulnerable road user risk and crash

locations over the next couple years. Fall River is one of these 17 communities. The SMMPO received a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) federal grant; while the regional action plan that is developed using this grant may not provide details of types of countermeasures that can be implemented at each top crash location in the region, the goal is that it will identify where systemic types of projects, such as low-cost fixes that can be installed in various locations, are needed. The SS4A Action Plan will help identify community needs for vulnerable road users through the MPO and help MassDOT begin funding some of these improvements. Some examples of projects MassDOT is thinking of implementing in the top 17 communities include improvements to pedestrian crossings and crossing signals, making signs easier to understand for all populations, installing rectangular rapid flashing beacons at mid-block crossings, and installing traffic calming treatments. MassDOT is also helping municipalities procure equipment. 119 communities have signed up for the four-foot passing for VRU signs, and MassDOT will be opening another round for municipalities to request these signs for those who missed previous rounds. Communities can also request other materials like speed feedback boards and other types of signage.

Ms. Polin provided an opportunity for members to ask questions. Alan Slavin asked how the VRU Assessment is responding to VRU crashes in communities with higher foreign born and Limited English Proficient populations, to which Ms. Polin responded that these populations are most “vulnerable” and overrepresented in VRU crashes, and because pedestrian accommodations are very different in their origin countries, significant education and awareness will be necessary to help reduce risk and fatalities in these communities. Marie Clarner similarly asked what the state is doing to address vulnerable road user safety among recently arrived migrants. Many migrants have been walking on the shoulder of Route 1 alongside high-speed vehicles and without crosswalks, and they are used to crossing everywhere. Ms. Clarner asked if the state was working on initiatives to facilitate migrants using buses. Ms. Polin responded that she would follow up with MassDOT leadership about this. Mike Tyler asked whether the state had conducted a study about the cost effectiveness of solar crosswalk lights and solar speed feedback boards to which Ms. Polin responded that they found that the average speed has come down 4-5 MPH and the highest speed reduction has been with the highest end speeders after installation of speed feedback boards. MassDOT will now be assessing the effectiveness of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, particularly those connected to streetlights.

## **5. Direct Vision Study Presentation by MassDOT**

Jaclyn Youngblood, Chief of Possibility at MassDOT, introduced herself and presented findings from the Direct Vision Study to increase awareness on the importance of direct vision. She defined direct vision using images from the perspective of a truck operator. Research has shown that drivers can have up to a 50% faster reaction time when they're seeing something through direct vision as opposed to indirect vision. Having better direct vision places drivers closer to other road users. While trucks represent a relatively small percentage of vehicles on the road, they have a disproportionate impact on some vulnerable road users and cause more severe injuries in crashes. Ms. Youngblood discussed the components of vehicle design as defined in the state's new Vulnerable Road Users law, including side guards required on state owned trucks. Under the law, MassDOT is now required to measure a sample of its own fleet and that of its contractors for direct division performance. MassDOT will invite municipalities who have had a large number of truck-involved crashes or serious injuries with a vulnerable road user in the last five years to measure their fleets and participate in a one-day measurement session, so that they can understand the performance of their fleet and as the fleet starts to turn over brainstorm strategies to purchase trucks with better vision. MassDOT may produce a prototype scorecard for vehicles and determine the minimum direct vision it will require for its own fleet. Ms. Youngblood asked if there were questions and responded to Mr. Slavin's question about improvements to grill heights.

## **6. JTPG Chair Election**

Vice-Chair Slavin announced that the JTPG will need to vote for a new Chair as Stephanie Crampton is no

longer with the City of New Bedford. He announced that Victoria Alfaro-Duran of Freetown submitted her name but was not present at today's meeting, and asked if anyone else would like to nominate themselves. Hearing no further comments, the Vice-Chair asked for a motion and second to nominate Ms. Alfaro-Duran as new Chair. The motion was made by Dennis Morton and seconded by Norman Hills. The Chair asked Ms. Duarte to call the roll as follows:

City of Attleboro.....Yes	Town of Mansfield.....Yes
Town of Carver.....Yes	Town of Middleborough..... Yes
Town of Dartmouth..... Yes	City of New Bedford.....Yes
Town of Fairhaven..... Yes	Town of Plainville..... Abstain
City of Fall River.....Yes	Town of Seekonk.....Yes
Town of Lakeville.....Yes	Town of Wareham.....Yes
Town of Marion.....Yes	Town of Westport.....Yes

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

#### **7. FFY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Timeline**

Jackie Jones announced that TIP development season is underway. This time of year, SRPEDD staff begins to collect project information and design schedules. Staff will also be meeting with MassDOT to determine the status of each project. In December through February, SRPEDD staff will evaluate the projects using the SMMPO's evaluation criteria process. There will be presentations later on for any new projects under consideration and funding scenarios will be discussed. In March, the JTPG will select a final project list for programming and recommend it to the SMMPO who will endorse it. The TIP will be released to a public comment period in April and endorsed in May. SRPEDD and MassDOT staff will hold an informational workshop in December to help guide local officials in what goes into projects and the requirements for getting projects funded through the TIP process.

#### **8. Urbanized Area Boundary Update**

Lisa Estrela-Pedro announced that since the latest Census was released, there has been discussion about expanding urbanized areas that are used to determine function class of roads. MassDOT has been working on proposed changes for 2020 data and will send them to the FHWA. Ms. Estrela-Pedro stated that the only changes in the SMMPO region are in Dartmouth and Marion and pointed to these sections on a regional map. Local rural minor collectors in these areas will become urbanized and it will make these roadways eligible for federal funding. She informed Marion and Dartmouth representatives that SRPEDD staff would follow up with them and send them the map.

#### **9. Other Business**

Andrea Duarte provided updates on grant funding and technical assistance opportunities. Ms. Duarte informed the group that the Healy-Driscoll administration recently created the Office of Federal Funds and Infrastructure which has formed a state matching funds pool that will make \$800 million in additional state funding available over the next three years to help the state pursue federal grants. There will be \$50 million dedicated to municipal matching grants and a local infrastructure bank and \$12 million for local government technical assistance in applying for federal grants. This Office also created the MA Federal Funds Partnership which is a working group that is going to be meeting monthly to provide targeted updates on relevant federal funding opportunities and connect municipal officials across the state with resources for technical assistance and state matching funds. Ms. Duarte encouraged JTPG members to stay connected to updates from the Massachusetts Municipal Association as it also is a channel for technical assistance announcements. Ms. Duarte informed the group about the Accelerating Clean Transportation grant through the MA Clean Energy Center, including its Advisory Services Program and School Bus Fleet Deployment program (which has a January 11 deadline) that will support electrification of school buses. She

stated that slides and grant information will be sent to the group following the meeting.

**10. Date and Time for Next Meeting**

Date and Time for next meeting is December 13, 2023, at 2:00 PM as a hybrid meeting, in which attendees can join at the SRPEDD office in Taunton or via Zoom.

**11. Adjourn**

The Vice-Chair asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Marie Clarner and seconded by Mike Tyler. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 PM.

**Draft Minutes of the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) Meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 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**  
Sandra Serpa-----Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Div. Administrator  
Daniel Aguiar-----Representing Paul Coogan, Mayor of Fall River  
Jay Pateakos-----Representing Shauna O’Connell, Mayor of Taunton  
Alan Slavin-----Town of Wareham  
MaryEllen DeFrias-----GATRA Administrator  
Shayne Trimbell-----Representing SRTA Administrator Erik Rousseau

**The following were also in attendance:**

Jenna Massoud-----Ofc of Cong Auchincloss	Sandra Medeiros-----SCBA
Joshua Barber-----FHWA	Will Gardner-----SCBA
Raissah Kouame-----MassDOT	Tricia Wurts-----Wareham Select Board
Barbara Lachance-----MassDOT	Lisa Estrela-Pedro-----SRPEDD
Andrew Wang-----MassDOT	Jackie Jones-----SRPEDD
Colleen Pekrul-----MassDOT/Safe Routes	Andrea Duarte-----SRPEDD
John-----LakeCAM TV	Sean Hilton-----SRPEDD

**Handouts:**

SMMPO Agenda November 21, 2023  
SMMPO Draft Meeting Minutes October 17, 2023  
FFY2024 UPWP Proposed Amendment 1a  
FFY24-28 TIP Proposed Adjustment 1a  
FFY24-28 TIP Proposed Amendment 1a

**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 Wareham-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes	GATRA-----Yes
City of Fall River-----Yes	SRTA-----Yes
City of Taunton-----Yes	

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

Chairman Woelfel requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2023 SMMPO meeting. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Daniel Aguiar. Ms. Duarte then called the roll:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes	Town of Wareham-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Abstain	GATRA-----Yes
City of Fall River-----Yes	SRTA-----Yes
City of Taunton-----Yes	

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**



### 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

MaryEllen DeFrias announced that GATRA will be running its free service for six weeks starting Black Friday running through New Year's Eve, aiming to encourage more transit users. This is a program GATRA ran last year with a lot of success. GATRA has also been adding Sunday service to routes as it can add drivers. Its goal is to have full Sunday service that mirrors its Saturday service by January. GATRA is pleased to see increased ridership across the region.

Shayne Trimbell announced that SRTA will be providing free service across all its fixed routes and demand response services starting January 1 through the end of June. SRTA's Sunday service will be starting by the end of January.

### 5. FFY24-28 TIP Proposed Amendment #1 – Inclusion of New Bedford Raise Grant, Blue Lane Working Waterfront Connector, Total Cost \$2,186,700 - (Roll Call Vote Needed to Endorse, Materials Attached)

Lisa Estrela-Pedro informed the group that this Amendment was presented at the October SMMPO meeting. FFY24-28 TIP Proposed Amendment #1 is for inclusion of the \$1.7 million RAISE grant that the City of New Bedford received for the New Bedford Blue Lane Working Waterfront Connector. The total amount is approximately \$2.1 million with the grant providing approximately \$1.750 million and the city providing a 20% match. There was a public meeting held on November 13th for the Amendment. At that time, there were no comments received and no additional comments were received otherwise. Ms. Estrela-Pedro asked the body to endorse this amendment into the FFY 24-28 TIP.

The Chair asked if there were any questions on the Amendment and seeing none asked for a motion and second to endorse the Amendment. The motion was made by Daniel Aguiar and seconded by Alan Slavin. 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

Town of Wareham-----Yes  
GATRA-----Yes  
SRTA-----Yes

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

### 6. FFY24-28 TIP Proposed Adjustment #1 – Community Transit Grant Match for GATRA (Roll Call Vote Needed to Endorse, Materials Attached)

Ms. Estrela-Pedro stated that GATRA recently received a Community Transit grant and the federal portion was programmed in the FFY23-27 TIP. This is the match to execute that grant, which adds \$177,600. Ms. Estrela-Pedro asked the body to adjust this amount into the existing FFY24-28 TIP as the project was already programmed in the previous TIP.

The Chair asked if there were any questions on the Adjustment and seeing none asked for a motion and second to endorse the Adjustment. The motion was made by Daniel Aguiar and seconded by Alan Slavin. 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  
Town of Wareham-----Yes  
GATRA-----Yes

SRTA-----Yes

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. FFY24 UPWP Proposed Amendment #1 - Inclusion of GATRA FFY2023 Contract Extension/Scope of Services (Roll Call Vote Needed to Endorse, Materials Attached)**

Ms. Estrela-Pedro announced that FFY24 UPWP Proposed Amendment #1 was also discussed and released to comment period at the October SMMPO meeting. SRPEDD’s FFY23 contract with GATRA had a remaining balance of \$21,000 and GATRA is requesting SRPEDD extend the contract through May 2024. The scope of the contract was shown to the group and released to comment period. Ms. Estrela-Pedro asked the body to amend this into the FFY2024 UPWP so that SRPEDD staff can proceed with these tasks.

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

MassDOT Chair-----Yes	Town of Wareham-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes	GATRA-----Yes
City of Fall River-----Yes	SRTA-----Yes
City of Taunton-----Yes	

**8. Proposed 2020 MassDOT Urbanized Areas Discussion**

Raissah Kouame informed the group that data was recently published for urbanized area boundaries, which have been updated as part of the 2020 Census update. The Federal Highway Administration in coordination with MassDOT and regional planning partners are asking for comments before the end of calendar year 2023. MassDOT set an internal deadline of mid-November to hear from regional and municipal partners to ensure sufficient time to meet the federal deadline. Ms. Kouame emphasized that the process of determination to adjust an urban area boundary and submit to FHWA for approval is a state and local decision that should be made cooperatively between state and local officials and MPOs if the boundary is located within an MPO’s metropolitan planning area. The MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning’s GIS services group is mapping urbanized areas and looking for feedback from municipalities and RPAs on whether the census urbanized area geographies are consistent with what stakeholders are seeing on the ground, considering future needs and potential population growth due to activities such as redevelopment. Urbanized area information is used for activities like grant eligibility, roadway classification, and may impact federal funding formulas.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro stated that SRPEDD also presented this at the JTPG meeting this month. The SMMPO region has two communities that are impacted by this process, known as “smoothing.” Ms. Estrela-Pedro showed the group the proposed urbanized area changes in red on a map for the towns of Dartmouth and Marion. SRPEDD staff have been in contact with the affected communities, and they have not voiced opposition to the changes.

**9. Other Business**

Ms. Estrela-Pedro announced that SRPEDD will be hosting a TIP workshop on December 14 from 9AM-12 PM at the MassDOT District 5 Office. SRPEDD staff will send out details about the workshop. Representatives from the MassDOT District 5 and Boston offices will be present to discuss various TIP topics, including how to get a project on the TIP, the design process, and right of way process. She encouraged all SMMPO members to attend. Ms. Estrela-Pedro announced that there will be a design public hearing for the replacement of the Fairhaven-New Bedford bridge on January 9 at the Hayden McFadden Elementary School in New Bedford at 6pm.

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

The Chair announced that the next SMMPO meeting will be on December 19, 2023, at 1:00 pm, held virtually as of right now.

#### **11. Adjourn**

The Chair asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Alan Slavin made the motion and Daniel Aguiar seconded. The Chair asked that all in favor say aye. All ayes were heard. The Chair thanked everyone, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 PM.

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

**Environmental Program Update Brief****December Departmental Priorities**

- EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant – Regional GHG Inventory and launch of Municipal Leadership Team
- Brownfields Community Assessment Grant site selection and site access agreements
- Rochester Master Plan public engagement
- Open space plans – current status
  - Marion: addressing State comments for final approval
  - Taunton: addressing State comments for final approval
  - Middleborough: obtaining approval letters
  - Carver: plan writing
  - Swansea: submitted to the state for review
  - Fall River: project launch
  - Mansfield: public survey and public meeting
- DLTA-A: MVP EOIs
- APC: Starting Upper Nemasket River Channel Restoration d/e, starting culvert alternatives analysis, Snipatuit monitoring well drilling and stream flow gauge installation
- OSRD: reporting out from regional analysis and research, starting bylaw work with Dighton and Middleborough (grant case study communities)
- CZM Grant Launch
- MVP 2.0 – Westport steps 1 and 2, notifications to other towns that must take part in MVP 2.0 this coming year

**Of Note and Interest***Trainings and Events**Project Community Meetings*

- Rochester Master Plan Second Public Meeting – January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00

**MEPA ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR – PROJECTS IN REGION**

Project	Type	Community	Comments Due	RPA Review Components	Site Visit Details (Indicate if Remote Meeting)
Pope Island	DEIR	New Bedford	12/22/23		
Park Drive Solar Array	EENF	Acushnet	12/12/23		11/28/23
Lake Nip PFAS Water Treatment Plant	ENF under review	Raynham	12/12/23		

SouthCoast Wind 1 Project (fka Mayflower Wind SouthCoast Project)	SFEIR under review	Somerset	12/8/23		
Plymouth Muni Airport Runway Extension	DEIR under review	Carver, Plymouth	1/8/24		
Lake Rico Dam	ENF Cert Issued – Requires an EIR	Taunton	11/13/23		
251 Broadway Crossing	FEIR Cert – Complies with MEPA	Raynham			
NOI for Application for a 401 Water Quality Certificate	Public Notice	Freetown			

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

Acushnet	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DOER
Carver	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	local
Carver	Green Communities Comp Grant TA	Ongoing	Environmental	Lauren Carpenter	DOER
Carver	Pre-Application Business Park Development	Pending	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Dartmouth, Wareham	Coastal Resilience Project Support	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	MassAudubon/NOA A
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	EOHLC, DLTA
Freetown	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	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
Mattapoisett	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)	Ongoing	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
North Attleborough	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	DOER
Norton	Woodward Street - Heavy Vehicle Exclusion and South Worcester Street-Entrance Relocation Evaluation	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
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
Plainville	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Plainville	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Phillip Hu, Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA, local
Plympton	Section 3A Technical Assistance	New	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Raynham	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Raynham	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
<b>Regional</b>	<b>Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Workshop</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Jackie Jones</b>	<b>MassDOT</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>FFY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Jackie Jones, Lisa Estrela-Pedro</b>	<b>MassDOT</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>Regional Evacuation Route Study</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Kevin Ham, Sean Hilton</b>	<b>MassDOT</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>Title VI Program Report</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Andrea Duarte</b>	<b>MassDOT</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>Southcoast Bikeway Technical Assistance</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Jon Gray</b>	<b>MassDOT</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>Regional Pedestrian Plan</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Jon Gray</b>	<b>MassDOT</b>

Regional	Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) Asset Mapping and Digital Equity Planning Enrollment	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Maria Jones, Amber Davis	MassTech/MBI
Regional	MassTech Municipal Digital Equity Planning	New	Comprehensive	Maria Jones, Amber Davis	MassTech/MBI
Regional	Rural Community Section 3A Compliance Efforts	New	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Taylor Perez	EOHLC
Regional	Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	On Hold	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)	On Hold	Transportation	Joe Osborne, Karen Porter	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, MassDOT
Regional	MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Support	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Taylor Perez	DLTA, EOHLC
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 - 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 - 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 Management	EOEEA
Regional - Providence-Warwick MSA	Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage	EPA
Regional - SNEP Network	SNEP Network Provider	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	USM/EPA
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	Austin Horowitz, Jackie Jones	SS4A Grant/MassDOT
Regional - State Planning Assistance Grant	Open Space Residential Design Regional Study	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	EOEEA
Regional - Ten Mile Watershed to	Brownfield Community Wide Assessment Grant	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage, Lizeth Gonzalez	EPA

Mount Hope Bay					
Rochester	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Rochester	Master Plan	Ongoing	Environmental	Helen Zincavage (temporary)	EOHLC, DLTA, local
Seekonk	Newman Avenue at Arcade Avenue Signal Warrant Analysis	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Seekonk	Housing Production Plan (Tier 2, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
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 103 Corridor Plan	New	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral	EOHLC
Swansea	Route 6 Economic and Community Development Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez and Grant King	EOHLC, DLTA
Taunton	Winthrop St at Burt St Signal Warrants Analysis Community Tech	New	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Taunton	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	EOHLC, 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, 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	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

## SRPEDD Meeting Schedule for remaining 2023

### December 2023 Meetings

Community Events	Meetings
	<b>SRAC Full Council Meeting</b> 11:00 AM – 12:00PM Thursday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> <a href="#">Click here for more details.</a> Virtual
<b>Slade's Ferry Neighborhood Plan Open House</b> 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Thursday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> Somerset Public Library 1464 County St., Somerset In-person	<b>RESC Networking Meeting*</b> <small>*open to the public</small> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Friday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> TBD In-person
<b>Freetown Master Plan Traveling Workshop</b> 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, December 12 <sup>th</sup> Freetown Council on Aging 227 Chace Road, Freetown In-person	<b>SRPEDD Commission Meeting</b> 6:30 – 8:00 PM Wednesday, December 13, 2023 SRPEDD Office, 88 Broadway, Taunton <a href="#">Click here for more details.</a> Hybrid
	<b>JTPG Meeting</b> 2:00 PM Wednesday, December 13, 2023 SRPEDD Office, 88 Broadway, Taunton <a href="#">Click here for more details.</a> Hybrid
	<b>Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Workshop</b> Thursday, December 14, 2023 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM MassDOT District 5 Training Room 1000 County St., Taunton <a href="#">Register here</a>
	<b>SMMPO Meeting</b> Tuesday, December 19, 2023 1:00 PM Remote
	<b>Finance Committee Meeting</b> Wednesday, December 20, 2023 (Annual Year-End Reception) 12:00 PM Location <i>t.b.d.</i>

Meeting details are emailed in advance to members with Zoom information and locations.

Please visit <https://srpedd.org/events/month/> for meeting details.

**Future meeting dates:**

SRPEDD Commission Meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. No August or November meetings; December meeting held on the second Wednesday of the month.

Jan. 24, 2024  
Feb. 28, 2024  
Mar. 27, 2024  
April 24, 2024  
May 22, 2024  
June 28, 2024

Finance Committee Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 8:30 AM

Jan. 17, 2024  
Feb. 21, 2024  
Mar. 20, 2024  
Apr. 17, 2024  
May 15, 2024  
June 19, 2024

JTPG Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM

Jan. 10, 2024  
Feb. 14, 2024  
Mar. 13, 2024  
April 10, 2024  
May 8, 2024  
June 12, 2024

SMMPO Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM

Jan. 16, 2024  
Feb. 20, 2024  
Mar. 19, 2024  
April 16, 2024  
May 21, 2024  
June 18, 2024