

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

DRAFT Minutes for the JTPG Meeting

Held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 2:00 PM

Held Hybrid & via Zoom in Accordance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law

The following members and alternates were in attendance:

Victoria Alfaro.....Town of Acushnet
Byron Holmes.....Town of Berkley
John Woods.....Town of Carver
Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth
Ralph Vitacco.....Town of Dighton
Thomas Ferry.....Town of Dighton
Dan Aguiar.....City of Fall River
Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville
Mallory Aronstein.....Town of Mansfield
Josh Reinke.....Town of Mansfield
Janice Robbins.....Town of Mattapoisett
Carleton "Toby" Burr.....Town of Marion
Michael Borg.....North Attleborough
Jared Ferrara.....Town of Norton
Adam Hart.....City of New Bedford
William O'Rourke.....Town of Plainville
Jim Howland.....City of Taunton
Joshua Faherty.....Town of Wareham
Michael Burris.....Town of Westport
Austin Conchinha.....Town of Westport
Chris McDermott.....At-Large, Attleboro
Alan Slavin.....At-Large, New Bedford

The following members/alternates were NOT in attendance:

City of Attleboro
Town of Fairhaven
Town of Freetown
Town of Middleborough
Town of North Attleborough
Town of Raynham

Town of Rehoboth
Town of Rochester
Town of Seekonk
Town of Somerset
Town of of Swansea
City of Taunton
At-Large, Fall River

Also in Attendance:

Michael Patneaude.....Taunton DPW
Debra Botellio.....Taunton City Council
Christina Mendoza.....MassDOT
Shaun Handy.....MassDOT
Julian Ramsey.....
Rhonda Motley.....DOT
Barbara Lachance.....MassDOT
Mary Ellen DeFrias.....GATRA
Nancy Farrell.....
Jean Fox.....Southcoast Rail, MBTA
Kyle Olsen.....MBTA
Sandy Johnston.....MBTA
Logan Casey.....MBTA
Janis Kearney.....MBTA
Phil Viveiros.....Bowman
Tom Brooks.....VHB
Lizzy Duffy.....VHB
Bonnie Roalsen.....AECOM
Lisa Estrela-Pedro.....SRPEDD
Jackie Jones.....SRPEDD
Andrea Duarte-Campos.....SRPEDD
Dan Brogan.....SRPEDD
Jen Chaves.....SRPEDD

Handouts:

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chair Victoria Alfaro called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. Andrea Duarte-Campos 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:

Victoria Alfaro.....Town of Acushnet
Byron Holmes.....Town of Berkley
John Woods.....Town of Carver
Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth
Ralph Vitacco.....Town of Dighton
Dan Aguiar.....City of Fall River
Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville
Mallory Arnstein.....Town of Mansfield
Janice Robbins.....Town of Mattapoisett
Carleton "Toby" Burr.....Town of Marion
Michael Borg.....North Attleborough
Jared Ferrara.....Town of Norton
Michael Burris.....Town of Westport
Jim Howland.....City of Taunton

2. Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2026 (Materials Attached & roll call vote needed)

Chair Victoria Alfaro called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2026 meeting.

The motion was made by Janice Robbins and seconded by Dan Aguiar. Ms. Duarte-Campos then called the roll:

Town of Acushnet.....Yes
Town of Berkley.....Abstain
Town of Carver.....Yes
Town of Dartmouth.....Yes
Town of Dighton.....Yes
City of Fall River.....Yes
Town of Lakeville.....Yes
Town of Mansfield.....Abstain
Town of Mattapoisett.....Yes
Town of MarionAbstain
North Attleborough.....Abstain
Town of Norton.....no answer
City of Taunton.....Yes

Town of Wareham.....Abstain
Town of Westport.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED WITH 5 ABSTENTIONS.

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

No comments were offered.

4. Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) Report - RTA Updates

Neither party from the RTAs was present; however, Dan Brogran (Public Transit Specialist at SRPEDD) provided a few updates on behalf of the RTAs. He stated that GATRA recently started offering Sunday service in Taunton and Attleboro and is looking to expand Sunday service in Wareham and Plymouth by August.

He continued that SRTA partnering with RIPTA to provide service between Fall River, Providence, and Newport by September. This includes expanding service midday and evenings for these connections.

5. Community of Practice Discussion – Opportunity for Members to Share Questions, Project Updates, Challenges, Success Stories, Lessons Learned

No comments were offered.

6. South Coast Rail Noise Mitigation Program Presentation

Jean Fox, Director of Community Engagement with Southcoast Rail, MBTA and Kyle Olsen with the MBTA provided an update on what the South Coast Rail Noise Mitigation Program is, how they are performing outreach on the program to those affected, the process for participating in the program, and commuter rail service use in the Fall River/New Bedford line since its implementation. In 2025, the service carried 2.6 million people.

Ms. Fox described that steps include property owners being sent a notice letter and application, additional application and documents in their preferred language, and then reviewing the application and contacting the homeowner for next steps. Construction of noise treatment options are paid 50% prior to construction and 50% paid on completion and approval. She stated that the environmental team is following up with nonresponses through mail and placing door knockers as a final effort. 78 properties have participated and completed the program, and 40 properties are currently participating.

She described resources and railroad features available to raise awareness about train safety measures (ex. Videos for students, blue signs at railroad crossings, horn usage, etc.), particularly

as trains approach grade crossings. She discussed the possibilities of quiet zones which are up to the community to implement.

7. Focus 2050: Planning for the Future of the MBTA ([Link for additional information](#))

Sandy Johnson, Deputy Director of Regional Transit Planning for the MBTA and Logan Casey, project Manager for Focus 2050, provided an update on Focus 2050: Planning for the Future of the MBTA. Mr. Johnson described how Focus 2050 will prepare for the needs of the future, considering growth, climate impacts, and travel patterns. Mr. Casey provided what has been accomplished in the project thus far, including public engagement, public meetings, and feedback recieved. Mr. Johnson stated MBTA goals, values, Commonwealth priorities, and Regional Engagement Strategy.

Dan Brogan from SRPEDD asked to what extent the MBTA had looked at the secondary line in Middleboro, particularly, the segment between Attleboro and Taunton. He mentioned a potential alternative like phase two or a stronger connection between Providence and the 4 gateway cities in the Southcoast.

Mr. Casey responded that phase two has definitely been on the radar of this next plan. The Regional Rail Modernization Plan will probably touch upon those more specific regional rail projects and what advances might make sense. The Focus 2050 plan is going to focus on larger priorities and goals with general sets of investments for individual modes. Lots of feedback has been given about expansion through public engagement. He referred Dan to use the emails provided to give specific feedback.

8. JTPG Annual Elections for Chair and Vice-Chairs

Lisa Estrela-Pedro from SRPEDD described that an election will be held for Chair and three vice chairs for the JTPG. She provided a list of chair and vice chair responsibilities.

Chair Victoria Alfaro called for a motion to elect Victoria Alfaro as JTPG Chair. The motion was made by John Woods and seconded by Alan Slavin. Ms. Duarte-Campos then called the roll:

Town of Berkley.....Yes
Town of Carver.....Yes
Town of Dartmouth.....Yes
Town of Dighton.....Yes
City of Fall River.....no answer
Town of Lakeville.....no answer
Town of Mansfield.....Yes
Town of Mattapoisett.....Yes

Town of MarionYes
 North Attleborough.....Yes
 Town of Norton.....Yes
 City of Taunton.....Yes
 Town of Plainville.....Yes
 Town of Wareham.....Yes
 Town of Westport.....Yes
 At-Large, Attleboro.....Yes
 At-Large, Greater New Bedford.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED.

Chair Victoria Alfaro called for a motion to elect Gloria Saddler as JTPG Vice-Chair. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by John Woods. Ms. Duarte-Campos then called the roll:

Town of Acushnet.....Yes
 Town of Berkley.....Yes
 Town of Carver.....Yes
 Town of Dartmouth.....Yes
 Town of Dighton.....Yes
 City of Fall River.....no answer
 Town of Mansfield.....Yes
 Town of Mattapoisett.....Yes
 Town of MarionYes
 North Attleborough.....Yes
 Town of Norton.....Yes
 Town of Plainville.....Yes
 City of Taunton.....Yes
 Town of Wareham.....Yes
 Town of Westport.....Yes
 At-Large, Attleboro.....Yes
 At-Large, Greater New Bedford.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED.

Chair Victoria Alfaro called for a motion to elect Josh Reinke as JTPG Vice-Chair. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by John Woods. Ms. Duarte-Campos then called the roll:

Town of Acushnet.....Yes
 Town of Berkley.....Yes

Town of Carver.....Yes
Town of Dartmouth.....Yes
Town of Dighton.....Yes
Town of Mattapoisett.....Yes
Town of MarionYes
North Attleborough.....Yes
Town of Norton.....Yes
Town of Plainville.....Yes
City of Taunton.....Yes
Town of Wareham.....Yes
Town of Westport.....Yes
At-Large, Attleboro.....Yes
At-Large, Greater New Bedford.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED.

Chair Victoria Alfaro called for a motion to elect Alan Slavin as JTPG Vice-Chair. The motion was made by John Woods Second by Tim Barber. Ms. Duarte-Campos then called the roll:

Town of Acushnet.....Yes
Town of Berkley.....Yes
Town of Carver.....Yes
Town of Dartmouth.....Yes
Town of Dighton.....Yes
Town of Mansfield.....Yes
Town of Mattapoisett.....Yes
Town of MarionYes
North Attleborough.....Yes
Town of Norton.....Yes
Town of Plainville.....Yes
City of Taunton.....Yes
Town of Wareham.....Yes
Town of Westport.....Yes
At-Large, Attleboro.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED.

9. FFY2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Proposed Amendment #7 (Materials attached & Roll Call Vote Needed to Recommend to SMMPO for Release to a Public Comment Period)

Jackie Jones from SRPEDD provided a brief overview of the TIP. She described the following amendment to the TIP:

- a. 613642 Raynham-Taunton Bridge Replacement, R-02-003=T-01-004 (3M4), South Street East over the Taunton River – The amendment would add \$2,049,018 in Statewide Earmark Discretionary Surface Transportation Block Grant funding to address a gap in funding for the project from the original earmark funding.**

Chair Victoria Alfaro called for a motion to recommend the Draft FFY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the SMMPO for public comment period. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Josh Reinke. Ms. Duarte-Campos then called the roll:

Town of Acushnet.....Yes
Town of Berkley.....Yes
Town of Carver.....Yes
Town of Dartmouth.....Yes
Town of Dighton.....Yes
Town of Mansfield.....Yes
Town of Mattapoisett.....Yes
Town of MarionYes
North Attleborough.....Yes
Town of Norton.....Yes
Town of Plainville.....Yes
City of Taunton.....Yes
Town of Wareham.....Yes
Town of Westport.....Yes
At-Large, Attleboro.....Yes
At-Large, Greater New Bedford.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED.

10. FFY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) ([Link](#) & Roll Call Vote Needed to Recommend to SMMPO for Endorsement)

Lisa Estrela-Pedro provided an explanation and overview of the UPWP.

Chair Victoria Alfaro called for a motion to recommend the FFY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to the SMMPO for endorsement. The motion was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Tim Barber. Ms. Duarte-Campos then called the roll:

Town of Acushnet.....Yes
 Town of Berkley.....Yes
 Town of Carver.....Yes
 Town of Dartmouth.....Yes
 Town of Dighton.....Yes
 Town of Mansfield.....Yes
 Town of Mattapoisett.....Yes
 Town of MarionYes
 North Attleborough.....Yes
 Town of Norton.....Yes
 Town of Plainville.....Yes
 City of Taunton.....Yes
 Town of Wareham.....Yes
 Town of Westport.....Yes
 At-Large, Attleboro.....Yes
 At-Large, Greater New Bedford.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED.

11. Transportation Funding Priority Poll

Jackie Jones asked the JTPG what they want their federal and state transportation funding to be spent on, and what are the properties in their community. She provided the options in the poll, and JTPG members could vote for three.

Ms. Jones noted that the results aligned with how funding is currently prioritized through the SMMPO's Evaluation Criteria Process and would continue to help staff to prioritize projects and other efforts for the region.

12. Other Business

Ms. Estrela-Pedro provided updates and reminders for the group including:

- **Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Program**
 - Provides funding to Tribes and Federal Land Management Agencies for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of nationally significant projects within, adjacent to, or accessing Federal and Tribal lands
 - Deadline: July 16, 2026
- **National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants (Culverts)**
 - Deadline: July 16, 2026

- **Type 3 Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Competitive Grant Program, also known as the Bridge Improvements Type 3 (BIT3)**
 - Deadline: July 16, 2026
- **MassDOT's Speed Limit Signage Program Extended to June 19th**
 - Static speed limit signage for roadways with statutory speed limits only.
- **Baystate Roads – Work Zone Safety, Basics of a Good Road, Culvert Assessment & Maintenance**
- **Healthy Living Survey is informing the region's Age-friendly Mobility Plan and Food Access and Security in Transportation Plan**
- **MBTA Summer Discounts for June through August**
 - Free commuter rail service on Fridays all times
 - 50% discount on monthly commuter rail passes
 - Monthly commuter rail passes will be valid in any zone on weekends
 - Monthly commuter rail pass holder can travel with a companion for just 1\$ on weekends
- **UMass Transportation Center is hosting a series of listening sessions to gather stakeholder feedback for the Strategic Highway Safety Plan**
 - June 11, 2020, 12PM – 2PM, UMass Springfield, 1500 Main St, Suite 260, Springfield, MA
 - June 18, 2026, 11AM – 12PM, Zoom Webinar

13. Date and Time for Next Meeting

The date and time for the next meeting is July 8, 2026, at 2:00 PM as a hybrid meeting, in which attendees can join via Zoom or in-person at the SRPEDD office.

14. Adjourn

Chair Victoria Alfaro asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by John Woods. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM.