

**Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway
Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

(Zoom Remote Public Access Meeting)

Members in Attendance: David McPherson, Chair; John Carroll, Vice Chair; Ken Cheitlin, Clerk; Mark Emmons; Mary Jane Mastrangelo; and George Slade

(Members absent: none)

Others in Attendance: Claudia Geib; Alex Megerle (Bourne Enterprise); Robin Pierson; Christine Sullivan; Stephen Sullivan; John York; and two other members of the public, identified only as Pam and Jeff

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mr. McPherson. No one identified themselves as recording the meeting.

Public comment: None

Approval of minutes: *A motion to approve the minutes of the Committee's February 3, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Emmons, and seconded by Mr. Carroll. The motion passed 3-0, with Mr. Cheitlin abstaining, and Ms. Mastrangelo and Mr. Slade not yet in attendance at the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the Committee's March 7, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Emmons, and seconded by Mr. Carroll. The motion passed 4-0, with Ms. Mastrangelo and Mr. Slade not yet in attendance at the meeting.*

Discussion of resolution approved by the Bourne Select Board (on March 7): Mr. Emmons complimented Mr. McPherson on an outstanding presentation. Mr. Carroll commented on the extensive groundwork done in advance that coalesced into a fine presentation. Ms. Mastrangelo felt the meeting went well and reported that she had forwarded to Mr. McPherson comments from a member of the public opposed to removal of the tracks.

Update and discussion of Phases 1, 2 and 4: This agenda item was postponed due to the absence of Timothy Lydon.

Discussion of upcoming transportation meetings and hearings: Mr. McPherson reported that he had responded positively to an invitation for our committee to participate in the Advisory Group for the Cape Cod Bridges Program, with the person to represent our committee to be determined. He also described other relevant meetings coming up: Cape Cod Regional Transportation Plan meeting on April 13 (Mr. McPherson plans to attend); Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee on April 14, to consider the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that currently includes Phase 1 of the BRT set for construction in 2025 at a projected cost of \$4.2 million, and Phase 4 as "unprogrammed" at a projected cost of \$6.375 million; a virtual public hearing on the TIP on

April 26; and a gathering of Cape Cod Commission transportation staff on the Shining Sea Bikeway at Depot Avenue on May 17 from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Discussion of committee makeup: Members are due to be reappointed in June, with terms otherwise ending June 30. Mr. McPherson asked all committee members to let him know of their interest in continuing or completing their service. If all members are reappointed, there is one opening for a new member.

Future meeting date: May 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bourne Veterans' Memorial Community Center, Room 1.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Emmons. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cheitlin, Clerk

Attachments: Documents referenced at this meeting.

These Minutes were approved by a 6-0 vote of the members on May 24, 2023.

URL for this committee's agendas: <https://www.townofbourne.com/node/88513/agenda>

URL for this committee's meeting minutes:
<https://www.townofbourne.com/node/88513/minutes>



Maura Healey, Governor
Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor
Gina Fiandaca, Secretary & CEO
Jonathan L. Gulliver, Highway Administrator



March 17, 2023

Dear Cape Cod Bridges Program Stakeholder,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the Advisory Group for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MassDOT's) Cape Cod Bridges Program. This Program includes the replacement of the Bourne and Sagamore bridges and will provide new connections to the local roadway network and improve multimodal accommodations within the Cape Cod Canal area.

The purpose of this Advisory Group is to convene a consortium of organizations that represent a wide range of interests, perspectives, and constituencies in the Cape Cod Canal region. This group will meet on a regular basis to discuss Program updates and advise the Program team on community interest, needs and concerns as they relate to this Program. By way of this invitation, you have been identified as your organization's point of contact for this Advisory Group. Each organization will be allotted one active participant spot at every meeting to represent their organization's constituency and interests. Organizational participation is being limited to ensure all members have the opportunity to express their viewpoints and contribute to discussions. Additional representatives may attend each meeting as members of the audience.

Attached is the Advisory Group Charter which outlines the specific goals of the group, identifies membership conditions and expectations, and discusses the Advisory Group meeting guidelines. All organizational members interested and able to participate in this Advisory Group are respectfully asked to review the document, sign the membership form on Page 6, and return to Gareth Saunders, MassDOT Legislative Liaison, gareth.saunders@dot.state.ma.us, by March 31, 2023. The first Advisory Group meeting will take place in the Spring of 2023. Registration instructions and a meeting agenda will be sent closer to the meeting date.

For more information on the Program, to submit a comment or question through the comment form, or to sign up for project updates, please visit the Program website: <https://www.mass.gov/cape-bridges>. Thank you for your organization's interest in this Program. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Attachment A

The following organizations are invited to participate in the Advisory Group for the Cape Cod Bridges Program:

Bourne Recreation Authority	Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
Bourne Selectboard Representatives	Federal Delegation
Bourne Town Administrator	Federal Highway Administration
Bourne Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway	Massachusetts Governor's Office
Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber of Commerce	Massachusetts State Police
Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce	Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
Cape Cod Commission	State Delegation
Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization	US Army Corps of Engineers

**Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway
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(Held as an in-person meeting at Bourne Veterans' Memorial Community Center, Room 1)

Members in Attendance: David McPherson, Chair; John Carroll, Vice Chair; Ken Cheitlin, Clerk; Mark Emmons; Mary Jane Mastrangelo; and George Slade

(Members absent: none)

Others in Attendance: David Vieira; Timothy Lydon; Paul Gately; Robert Hochschild; and three unidentified members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. McPherson.

Public Comment: None

Discussion of committee report and proposed resolution to Bourne Select Board: Mr. McPherson noted that the report presented to the Bourne Select Board summarized our committee's work over the past five years. Mr. McPherson read the proposed resolution, which was then moved by Mr. Cheitlin and seconded by Mr. Emmons. Discussion followed, with Mr. McPherson providing background and noting that due to the work of the Friends of the Bourne Rail Trail, and the efforts of Tom Cahir and the CCRTA, federal funding is now in hand to build a "rail-to-trail" pathway. Mr. Vieira noted that this ARPA funding, in the amount of \$20 million, is available to expedite the construction of the BRT, and advised that this is the time to pivot to rail-to-trail so we can move quickly. Ms. Mastrangelo pointed out that she had seen nothing in writing confirming that the funding is in hand. The motion (below) was then approved by a vote of 5-0, with Ms. Mastrangelo abstaining.

RESOLVED, that the Town Administrator's Advisory Committee for Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway hereby recommends to the Select Board of the town of Bourne that the funding being made available by the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority to create a rail-to-trail pathway for bicycle and pedestrian use in place of the so-called Falmouth Secondary rail line be used as expeditiously as possible, and that the Select Board of the town of Bourne pass its own resolution to this effect.

Updates on Phases 1, 2 and 4: Mr. Lydon reported that Phase 1 design is expected to be at 100% this year but that it looks unlikely that we will be able to advance the construction date from 2025 to 2024; that bridge studies are still needed to advance Phase 2 to 25% design; and that, with respect to Phase 4, a restated contract with VHB is underway that calls for the gathering of information useable for either a rail-to-trail or rail-with-trail design.



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**Final Task 4 Report:
Cost/Benefit Comparison of Options
and Final Recommendations
Municipal Solid Waste Out-Of-State Disposal
Cost/Benefit Analysis**

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Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Advisory Group Charter

Cape Cod Bridges Program

March 2023



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

(TIP) DEVELOPING THE TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PLAN FOR CAPE COD



The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) transportation capital plan, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), lists major transportation projects planned in the next five years.



FUNDING

Funding comes from a combination of state and federal sources, and totals more than \$450 million over the five-year plan.



TYPICAL PROJECTS

Typical projects include reconstruction of existing intersections or roadways, construction of new multi-use paths, and purchase of new buses to support regional bus service. Projects are designed to address safety and congestion concerns for all transportation modes, including vehicle, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian travel.



POTENTIAL PROJECTS

The following page presents a list of potential projects currently considered for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024-2028 TIP.



GET INVOLVED

MPO meetings are being held virtually. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings and voice opinions. Meeting dates listed below are subject to change. Please visit [capecodcommission.org/mpo](https://www.capecodcommission.org/mpo) for up to date meeting information.

ATTEND AN MPO MEETING

Monday, April 24, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Topic: Release draft TIP for public comment

Monday, May 22, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Topic: Review comments and finalize TIP

ATTEND AN OUTREACH EVENT

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 | 11:00 AM | Hyannis Transportation Center

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 | 6:00 PM | Virtual Public Meeting



Scan this QR code to learn more about the transportation planning process and to submit your comments.

Visit www.capecodcommission.org/tip for more information or contact Colleen Medeiros at 508-744-1226 or colleen.medeiros@capecodcommission.org.

Cape Cod Bridges Advisory Group

Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee

Friday, April 14, 8:30 a.m.

- Going online to <https://www.capecodcommission.org/jtc> and clicking on "Join Virtual Meeting."
Calling in to (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting ID 932 6393 2207

Cape Cod Regional Transportation Plan Public Outreach Meeting: Thursday April 13, 2023 at 6:30PM co-hosted with Sandwich Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

The Cape Cod Commission is hosting a series of listening sessions associated with the development of the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including one this week co-sponsored with the Sandwich Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee. Bicycle and pedestrian planning advocates are invited to join us on April 13th at 6:30pm at the Sand Hill School Community Center, 16 Dewey Ave, Sandwich. The RTP is a community-driven and performance-based plan that establishes a cohesive transportation vision and outlines strategic spending priorities to guide roadway and transit investments on Cape Cod for the next 25 years. Please see attached flyer for details or visit the [RTP webpage](#) to learn more. A second round of public meetings will be held in late May/early June 2023 with the draft release of the RTP document for public comment.

Cape Cod Regional Transportation Plan –Online Survey Now Open!

The Cape Cod Commission has released an [online survey](#) and [mapping exercise](#) as part of the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan development. The survey will help guide the vision and investments for the future of transportation in our region over the next 20-25 years and is open until April 19th. Please visit the [RTP webpage](#) to take our survey and learn more. A draft of the RTP is expected to be released at the May 22, 2023 CCMPO meeting for a public comment period.

Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The [Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) (CCMPO) and the [Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee](#) (CCJTC) will be voting to release for public comment a draft of the [TIP](#) regional construction projects in the region for the next five years (2024-2028) at their April virtual meetings. **Many TIP and UPWP projects include bicycle and pedestrian planning elements.** These committees will also be voting on a draft program of [UPWP](#) planning studies to be studied during the next Federal Year 2024 starting in September. Two outreach meetings are planned in the month of April regarding the Draft TIP and UPWP. See attached handouts or click the links above to learn more about upcoming projects in the region and attend a meeting.

- [Wednesday April 26 at 11AM](#): Hyannis Transportation Center, 215 Iyannough Road, Hyannis
- [Wednesday April 26 at 6PM](#): Virtual Meeting

Bay State Bike Month: May 2023

Cape Cod Commission transportation staff are planning for outreach tables along some of the region's bicycle paths during Bay State Bike Month in May and into June. The outreach tables will be highlighting our work with the TIP, UPWP, RTP documents which outline plans for implementing bicycle and pedestrian improvements across Cape Cod. Tentative dates are listed below and we are open to attending/collaborating with other interested local committees/groups.

- Falmouth: May 17 from 7:30am-9:30am - Falmouth Bike Commuter Breakfast on the Shining Sea at Depot Ave. Sponsored by the Town of Falmouth Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee