

**Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway
Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 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: Timothy Lydon; Marlene McCollem; Michael Rausch; Matt Silvia; and John York

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mr. McPherson. Mr. Rausch identified himself as recording the meeting.

Public comment: Both Mr. Silvia and Mr. York indicated an interest in joining the Committee.

Approval of minutes: *A motion to approve the minutes of the Committee's April 12, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Carroll., and seconded by Mr. Emmons. The motion passed 6-0.*

Update and discussion of Phase 1: Mr. Lydon informed the Committee that the deadline for expenditure of the MassTrails funds awarded the town of Bourne for this project (remaining balance of \$308,000) has been extended to June 30, 2024. The town has now made its third submission in connection with the 75% design of Phase 1, and is expecting MassDOT comments within the next couple weeks. 100% design submission is now scheduled for January 2024, with the Plans, Specs and Estimates (PS&E) submitted in August 2024; however, there has been some discussion about advancing those submissions in connection with construction under the TIP in 2024, rather than 2025.

Update and discussion of Phases 2 and 4: Mr. Lydon related that we are still waiting for an access permit for borings for Phase 4. Mr. McPherson reminded the Committee that Phase 4 is not yet funded in the TIP.

Discussion of Rail to Trail approach: Mr. Cheitlin indicated that we were still waiting for a response from the governor's office to the submission of the request for the pivot, and are hoping for a meeting in the next couple weeks. He reported on an opinion in opposition from Mass Coastal Railroad's president and Mr. McPherson and Mr. Cheitlin's article published in response; and positive feedback to the pivot and offers of support from Falmouth residents.

Discussion of Canal Bridges advisory committee: Mr. McPherson and Ms. McCollem attended the first meeting of the advisory committee held on May 16, 2023. It was clear to Mr. McPherson that the existence of the Bourne Rail Trail is a "given" in the planning. The next meeting of the committee will be in September 2023 and the primary focus will be on pedestrian and bicycle

access issues. Mr. York commented on issues that will be coming up in the course of planning for the new bridges.

Discussion of upcoming transportation meetings and hearings: Mr. McPherson reported on relevant meetings; a virtual meeting on the five-year capital improvement plan sponsored by MassDOT and the Cape Cod Commission on June 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.; a Planning Organization (MPO) meeting on June 26, 2023, at which the five-year regional transportation plan will be released; and a public meeting on that plan in Buzzards Bay on July 10, 2023.

Discussion of committee makeup: Both Mr. Silvia and Mr. York indicated an interest in joining the Committee. Mr. Slade commented on the need to get the issue of a designated seat for a school member resolved, so we can accommodate interested parties on the Committee.

their service. If all members are reappointed, there is one opening for a new member.

Future meeting date: June 28, 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. Slade. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0 (Ms. Mastrangelo having left the meeting to attend another meeting commitment), and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cheitlin, Clerk

These Minutes were approved by a 6-0 vote of the members on June 28, 2023.

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