

# SRPEDD COMMISSION MEETING

**January 24, 2018**

6:30 PM Regular Meeting

SRPEDD, 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02780

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Commissioners
2. *Presentation:* Josh Ostroff, Partnerships Director, Transportation for MA (T4MA) on subject of SRPEDD's requested participation on T4MA Regional Stakeholder's Council and SCR Fact Sheet
3. Approval of Minutes –December 6, 2017\* (*Vote requested*)
4. Reports
  - a. Chair
  - b. Executive Director
5. Consent Agenda
  - a. Regional Reviews\* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
  - b. Contracts\* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Finance Committee \* (*Vote to receive report and place on file*)
    - FY'18 Quarterly Budget Update, FY'19 Assessment rate recommendation
  - b. Personnel Committee \* (*Vote to receive report and place on file*)
  - c. RESC Committee – no report this month
  - d. Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO
7. Funding Availability Notifications/Grant-Writing/Letter of Support Request Authorizations
  - a. 2018 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Project Request Solicitation
  - b. Tribal Gaming Technical Assistance Grant program
  - c. Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance (CRMA) Grant program
  - d. Southeast New England Watershed (SNEP) Grant program
8. Old Business
  - a. Technical Assistance update\* (*Vote to receive and place on file*)
  - b. 501(c)3 update
  - c. Rural Policy Advisory Commission update
9. New Business
10. Roundtable- Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest
11. Adjourn

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23 (Annual Meeting, *t.b.a.*); Jun 27

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

\*Attached

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AGENDA ITEM: Minutes, # 3

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Minutes -Draft

Commission Meeting – December 6, 2017

**Present:**

Commissioners

S. Jones, Attleboro	J. Callahan, Berkley	S. Leary, Berkley	D. Wender, Dartmouth
W. Roth, Jr., Fairhaven	R. Fleurent, Jr. Fairhaven	L. Moreau, Freetown	A. Horowitz, Mansfield
E. Marum, Marion	J. Henry, Marion	R. Burgmann, Mattap	J. Robbins, Mattap.
S. McKinnon, Middle.	T. Marzelli, Middleboro	J. Marchitto, No. Attle.	C. Yarworth, Plainville
J. Teixeira, Raynham	S. D’Amico, Seekonk	J. Roach, Seekonk	L. Mendes, Somerset
J. Toulan, Somerset	G. Hovorka, Swansea	A. Slavin, Wareham	
J. Whitin, Westport			

Guests/Staff:

A. Azevedo, SRPEDD	S. Conaty, SRPEDD	G. Li, SRPEDD	L. Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD
P. Mission, SRPEDD	S. Royer, SRPEDD	J. Walker, SRPEDD	

**Absent:**

H Young, Acushnet	G. Ayrassian, Attleboro	M. McCollem, Carver	B. Maki, Carver
L. Miller, Dartmouth	D. Kulpa, Dighton	W. Kenney, Fall River	C. Viveiros, Fall River
D. DeManche, Freetown	R. Garbitt, Lakeville	J. Swanson, Lakeville	J. Clarke, N.B.
R. Stefanelli, Norton	J. Boyce, No. Attle.	S. Hornsby, Norton	C. Sullivan, Raynham
W. Costa, Rehoboth	F. Vadnais, Jr., Rehub.	S. Szyndlar, Rochester	S. Antinelli, Swansea
K. Shea, Taunton	B. Carr, Taunton	G. Barrett, Wareham	S. Ouellette, Westport
K. Richards, Attleboro A/L	C. Williams, NB A/L	M. Ferreira, Taunton A/L	

**1. Call to Order and Introduction of Commissioners.**

**2. Approval of Minutes- October 25, 2017**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 25, 2017. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**3. Reports-**

- a. **Chairwoman-** Chairwoman Melino-Wender mentioned that she came across an interesting Housing study on LinkedIn (with residential demographic multipliers for MA) and would forward to Ms. Conaty. She mentioned it was a good resource.
- b. **Executive Director-** Mr. Walker reported that he and Ms. Conaty, along with a handful of other MARPA representatives, had recently had opportunity to meet with Rep. Steven Kulik, shortly to be leading the House response to the recently passed Senate version of the zoning reform bill. He referred Commissioners to a Draft matrix of MARPA stances with regard to H2420 Great Neighborhoods legislation distributed as handouts prior to the meeting. He mentioned that a number of concerns had been expressed following passage of the Senate version, but that he and Ms. Conaty had come away encouraged from the meeting with Rep. Kulik that there would be opportunity for

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SRPEDD, member municipalities, and others across the Commonwealth to weigh in with their views before the House version was finalized. Mr. Whitin inquired as to how Commissioners and their respective communities might best engage on the subject. Mr. Walker indicated that things appeared to be on hold at the moment with Rep Kulik and other members preparing to craft the House bill, but that staff would continue to monitor the situation and to see about scheduling a standalone meeting, if need be, for a legislative briefing/input session, as Ms. Conaty shared had been provided in the past so that folks could register their views.

## 4. Consent Agenda

- a. **Regional Reviews-** Chairwoman Melino-Wender referred the members to the ENF/EIR section of the packet.

The following were noted and voted to be received by Commissioners and placed on file. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

### FEIR SUBMITTED:

1. **Project Title/Location:** The Village at Lincoln Park  
**Address:** State Road, Route 6, Dartmouth, MA  
**Proponent:** Midway Realty, LLC  
**Description:** The proposed Village at Lincoln Park project is a mixed-use commercial and residential development consistent with the principles of Smart Growth in a village style design. It involves construction of 243 residential units, approximately 67,800 sf of retail/commercial space and a 7,200 sf restaurant along with the associated infrastructure including parking and roadways, storm water management facilities and sewerage collection system.

Received by SRPEDD: November 1, 2017  
Comments due: December 8, 2017

### UPDATES ON PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MEPA PROJECT REVIEWS:

#### ENF:

1. **Project Title/Location:** Middle Pond Beach Maintenance Project  
**Address:** Massasoit Park Road, Taunton, MA  
**Project Proponent:** MassDCR Lakes and Ponds Program  
**Project Description:** DCR has recently secured funding to rehabilitate and re-open the Massasoit State Park Campgroup and maintain the Middle Pond beach for public use. The goal of this project is to return the Middle Pond beach area to a condition similar to that which existed prior to the drawdown of the pond in 2009. To achieve this goal, DCR proposes to remove existing woody and emergent vegetation and associated root and rhizome systems in the upper two feet of soil to create a safe environment for swimming.

**Received by SRPEDD:** October 17, 2017  
**Comments due:** November 13, 2017

**WITHDRAWN**

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## DEIR:

**1. Project Title:** Riverfront Business Park

**Address:** South Main Street, Freetown, MA

**Project Proponent:** Riverfront Business Park, LLC., 10 Greene Street, Providence, RI 02093

**Description:** This project site consists of approximately 406 acres of land located west of South Main Street and east of the of the Taunton River in Freetown, just north of the Fall River City line. The project will revitalize a former industrial area overlooking the Taunton River through the phased Construction of a new mixed-use development. The project involves redevelopment of an existing site, including demolition of the site's few remaining buildings. The project will feature 280,100 sf of office space, 61,600 sf supermarket, 82,300 sf of retail space, 23,635 sf of restaurant space, an 83,200 sf 120 key hotel, 75 residential apartments, 400,400 sf of greenhouse space and 1,732,700 sf of warehouse/ industrial space, for a total of approximately 2.75 million sf of development.

Received by SRPEDD: September 6, 2017

**SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE Action 11/16/2017: Adequately and Properly Complies with MEPA**

**b. Contracts-** Chairwoman Melino-Wender mentioned that there was one new contract to be approved. Mr. Walker briefed the Commission on the following:

- a. With the town of Freetown for assistance with the development of an Open Space and Recreation Plan for an amount not to be in excess of \$25,000.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the town of Freetown for assistance with the development of an Open Space and Recreation Plan for an amount not to be in excess of \$25,000. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**5. Committee Reports-**

- a. **Finance Committee-** The Finance Committee did not meet on November 15, 2017 due to the delay of the audit report. The next meeting will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> for a detailed briefing on the FY'17 audit by Sheryl Burke of accounting firm Melanson Heath.

**Personnel Committee-** The Personnel Committee also did not meet on November 15, 2017, in order to make possible the attendance by UMass Boston Collins Center HR Consultant Mary Aicardi on December 11<sup>th</sup> and review of proposed agency personnel policy update scope of work.

- b. **RESC Committee-** No report.

- c. **Joint Transportation Planning Group/SMMPO-** Mr. Mission mentioned that the next JTPG meeting will be held on January 10, 2018 at 2 PM and the next SMMPO meeting will be held on January 16, 2018 at 1 PM both located at SRPEDD. Mr. Mission reported that Mr. Trimbell had recently been offered a position with SRTA and his last day will be on December 21, 2017.

- **Route 140 Tri-Town Corridor Study-** Mr. Estrela-Pedro presented on the Route 140 Tri-Town

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Corridor Study to the Commission. Ms. Estrela-Pedro highlighted the issues, scope of work and recommendations for the Route 140 Tri-Town Corridor.

**d. South Coast Rail Update-** Mr. Walker reported that MassDOT was in the process of holding individual meetings across the region with one recently held in the Town of Middleborough. Mr. McKinnon who was in attendance expressed frustration that SCR representatives were continuing to press forward with plans regarding a new Middleborough station without benefit of ridership data (supposedly still pending) or any other supporting documentation, and that they don't have any answers to anything. Mr. Slavin mentioned that the Green line extension has been announced in the Capital Plan budget. Mr. Mendes mentioned that while there may not have been much progress made on SCR over the years, the upside is that numerous improvements have been made to the region's freight rail infrastructure, in preparation for SCR.

**6. Grant-Writing/Letter of Support Request Authorizations-** Mr. Walker referenced an upcoming grant round by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund), with awards up to \$100,000, at one to one match, and additional information available on the MHC website. Chairwoman Melino-Wender added that the grant recipient has to spend all the money in order to receive reimbursement.

Chairwoman Melino-Wender asked when the next round of DLTA funding will be available. Mr. Walker mentioned that the contracts had been delayed, but expected shortly. Chairwoman Melino-Wender stated that a lot of grant announcements are coming out late. He added that Community Compact participation has been expanding across the region with an additional five communities since signed on, and only four of 27 remaining; that staff, on receipt of the 2018 contracts, would shortly be reaching out to each of them.

## **7. Old Business-**

### **a. Technical Assistance Update-**

Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to receive and place the Technical Assistance report on file. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**b. 501(c)3 Update-** Mr. Slavin mentioned that there is no update on this and will have an update at the next Commission meeting.

**c. Rural Policy Advisory Commission-** As requested by the Commission following discussion on the topic at a previous meeting, Mr. Walker, shared that he had reached out to Town Administrators regarding the current vacancy on the RPAC, and that he had received a couple of inquiries in response (however, only one expression of interest (on behalf of the incoming new Carver planner). Given the new planner's lack of familiarity with the region, Chairwoman Melino-Wender requested that a staff member be put forward for consideration, in keeping with the Commission's earlier resolution.

**d. Comprehensive Planner Position Update-** Mr. Walker indicated that a number of promising applications had been received in response to the advertised opening (updated, as discussed, immediately following the last meeting to reflect a potential starting salary range of \$45,000, and that the top candidates were presently being called in for interviews. He also shared that SRPEDD would

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shortly be going out with an advertisement regarding the Director of Transit position, as Mr. Mission had mentioned, being vacated by Mr. Trimbell, following acceptance of his new position with SRTA .

**8. New Business-** None.

**9. Roundtable-** There was extensive discussion on the topic of local responses to marijuana legalization, with Mr. Mendes, of Somerset, announcing that the Town had recently voted down a proposed zoning expansion for medical marijuana. Ms. Marchitto mentioned that North Attleborough had recently done the same. She asked if anyone has reached out to local businesses to see if they want this. Mr. Slavin mentioned they don't want it because they feel it will hurt their businesses. Ms. Marchitto mentioned that a lot of employers have no drug policy. Mr. Whitin asked if other communities were seeking to prohibit it. Mr. Slavin mentioned that if commissioners have questions and concerns about medical marijuana for their communities should contact the Attorney General's office for assistance; that they might be open to hosting an information meeting in this area as was done in the past. Ms. Moreau mentioned that Freetown has been working with Mark Rich from KP Law (same firm as Barbara St. Andre who presented at the SRPEDD workshop), likewise a specialist on the subject.

On another note, Mr. McKinnon mentioned that the town of Middleboro had recently been approached by an individual looking to dispose of contaminated soil. He indicated that the town had denied the request, and that the Town Administrator was in the process of contacting other communities to see if any had provisions prohibiting such disposal in their bylaws. Mr. McKinnon mentioned he would like to see about getting such an ordinance adopted in Middleborough. Once the proposed draft ordinance is ready, he would like to send it to SRPEDD for review.

**9. Adjourn-** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 24 , 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joan Marchitto, Secretary

Date: 1/24/18

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AGENDA ITEM: Regional Reviews, # 5.a.

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MEPA PROJECT REVIEWS: For your information, the following Environmental Notification Forms (ENF) and Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) have been received for review under the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act (MEPA). Staff, when appropriate, makes comments, and the status of the projects is monitored. For more information on individual projects, please see the Environmental Monitor: <http://mass.gov/eea/agencies/mepa>

## ENF:

- 1. Project Title/Location:** Middle Pond Beach Maintenance Project  
**Address:** Massasoit Park Road, Taunton, MA  
**Project Proponent:** MassDCR Lakes and Ponds Program  
**Project Description:** The proposed project is to rehabilitate and maintain the public swimming area at Middle Pond, thereby restoring the recreational value of Middle Pond, the Massasoit State Park campground and the park as a whole, and manage the process of eutrophication in Middle Pond in order to maintain the system as an ecologically valuable open water resource.

**Received by SRPEDD:** January 8, 2018

- 2. Project Title/Location:** Fairhaven Development  
**Address:** Intersection of Route 240 at Bridge Street  
**Project Proponent:** Carri Corp. Industries, LTD  
**Project Description:** The project proposes to construct a 4,600 square-foot convenience store with a coffee/donut shop drive-thru and six gasoline pumps (twelve fueling positions). A total of 20 parking spaces will be provided. Access to the development is proposed to be provided by one full access driveway located on Bridge Street approximately 270 feet east of Route 240.

**Received by SRPEDD:** December 27, 2017

## EIR:

- 3. Project Title/Location:** Environmental Impact Report and Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan  
**Address:** 90 Ingell Street, Taunton, MA  
**Project Proponent:** City of Taunton DPW  
**Project Description:** The project change includes the advancement of sewer extensions in multiple locations within the City of Taunton prior to the completion of MEPA review for the CWMP. The project is comprised of a sewer extension along Winthrop Street between Joseph Warner Blvd. and Range Ave, in order to eliminate failed septic systems in the area; a sewer extension on Williams Street and the associated neighborhoods of Duffy Drive and Donna Terrace. This extension was requested by the resident sat the ENF scoping session held on Nov. 16, 2006; a sewer extension along Davenport Terrace and replacement of three failed community septic systems serving 26 homes with new septic tanks and pressure-dosed infiltration systems servicing Matthews Drive.

**Received by SRPEDD:** January 2, 2018

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AGENDA ITEM: Grant/Contract Approvals, # 5.b.

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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 town of Norton, amending an existing contract by extending the ending date to January 31, 2018 and increasing the total contract amount to \$20,000.
2. With Kevin Ham as Homeland Security & Planning Analyst for a salary of \$40,000 per year.
3. With Sara Brown as Comprehensive Planner for a salary of \$45,000 per year.
4. With the MA Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) funding of \$231,946.



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AGENDA ITEM: Finance Committee Report # 6.a.

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The Finance Committee met on Dec. 11, 2017. The Oct. 18, 2017 Finance and Personnel meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report for the month of Nov. 2017 was approved as presented and placed on file for audit. The report included:

Cash & Funds: Nov. 1, 2017	\$ 602,221.55
Cash Receipts: Nov. 1 – 30, 2017	<u>\$ 155,435.84</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	<b>\$ 757,657.39</b>
Disbursements: Nov.1 – 30, 2017	\$ 141,173.22
Cash & Funds: Nov. 30, 2017	<u>\$ 616,484.17</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	<b>\$ 757,657.39</b>

The Committee also reviewed and approved a warrant for expenses in the amount of \$76,509.51.

## **FY'17 Audit Report**

Ms. Sheryl Burke, CPA, Partner with Melanson Heath, presented the FY'17 audit report. She stated that it was a clean audit, with no adjustments, no audit finding, and no management letter; in her words, that the "audit report is as clean as it gets."

She highlighted some important changes within the report presentation owing to GASB Statement Numbers 68, 74, and 75; pertaining to Mass. Retirement Pension and Post Employment Benefit Plans other than pensions. As a result, net pension liability is now reflected as \$3,734,017 on the balance sheet. The increase is due to the full amount disclosure requirement. Accordingly, the net position statement is now negative at \$2,554,881, again the result of full amount pension accrual disclosure. Another change in the report, she pointed out, is the inclusion of an indirect cost schedule, previously provided as a separate report last year, with the indirect/overhead cost rate for FY'17 coming in at 115.04%

The Committee VOTED unanimously to accept the draft audit report and recommended the final report be forwarded for approval at the next Commission meeting. The Committee also VOTED unanimously to authorize the transfer of FY'17 OPEB accrual of \$84,023 from the SRPEDD savings account to the SRPEDD OPEB Trust Fund account.

## **FY'19 Assessment**

Mr. Walker presented the Committee with spreadsheet detail of current FY'18 assessment amount for each cities and towns and with 2.5% for FY'19. The total 2.5% increase is \$2,748.65. Ms. Melino-Wender stated that each member city and town gets 40 hours of free SRPEDD staff time that is a lot, which is in many cases worth more than many members' assessment dues. Mr. Slavin concurred, reminding that the assessment monies are utilized for the critical purpose of federal and state grant cash matches. Therefore, they recommended that the per capita assessment rate for FY'19 be increased by 2.5%. Upon further discussion, the Committee VOTED unanimously to recommend to the Commission at its upcoming meeting that the FY'19 assessment be increased by 2.5% to 0.18275 per capita.

The next Finance Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 @8:30 am at SRPEDD.

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AGENDA ITEM: Personnel Committee Report # 6.b.

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The Finance Committee also met on Dec. 11, 2017.

## **HR Consultant- UMass Boston Collins Center**

Mr. Walker introduced Ms. Mary Aicardi, HR consultant with the Collins Center at UMass Boston, who provided a background on the personnel policy update process that was employed most recently with sister regional planning agencies FRCOG and CMRPC, soliciting feedback on a prospective schedule for SRPEDD (draft policy to be provided by end of January for circulation to Committee members in advance of the 2/14/17 meeting, whereupon members would review and share their comments; ideally, with a finalized draft to be made available in sufficient time for forwarding to and adoption by the full Commission, in order to be implemented with a July 1, 2019 effective date.

The balance of the meeting was spent sharing thoughts on the current policy (Basic Information Folder, provided earlier to Ms. Aicardi), with narrative and matrix edits to be provided shortly as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

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AGENDA ITEM: Joint Transportation Planning Group Report # 5.d.

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## In attendance were the following:

Lee Azinheira, Mansfield

Tabitha Harkin, Norton

Derek Krevat, MassDOT

Tim Kochan, MassDOT District 5

Mary Ellen DeFrias, Mass Development

Tim Barber, Dartmouth

John Woods, Carver

Mark Hollowell, North Attleboro

Brian Martin, Somerset

Shayne Trimbell, SRTA

Steven Findlen, McMahan Associates

Alan Slavin, Wareham

Stephanie Crampton, New Bedford

Manuel Silva, New Bedford

Jamie Pisano, VHB

Paul Mission, SRPEDD

Jeff Walker, SRPEDD

Lilia Cabral-Bernard, SRPEDD

Luis DeOliveira, SRPEDD

Kyle Richard, SRPEDD

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by Chairman Lee Azinheira, after which meeting attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Public Comments:** Chairman Lee Azinheira opened the floor to public comment for those wishing to address the JTPG, after which no such comments or addresses were made.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last JTPG meeting held on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.
4. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
  - a. Project Readiness in FFY2018-2019 (MassDOT District 5): Tim Kochan provided a status update for TIP projects programmed in FFY2018-2019 and they are as follows.

### 2018

- Dartmouth – Chase Road and Old Westport Road Intersection Improvements: project is currently at 100% design and PS&E are due by the end of March, 2018.
- Norton – East Main Street (Route 123) from Pine Street to I-495 Corridor Improvements: 75% design was received in October of 2017 and those submissions are currently under review.
- Wareham – Reconstruction of Route 6 & 28 from 500 ft. east of Tyler Avenue to east of Red Brook Road: PS&E in January of 2018 and is currently under review.

### 2019

- Middleborough - Intersection improvements & related work at Everett Square: Project is currently at 25% design and those submissions are under review.

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- Seekonk – Intersection improvements and related work at Fall River Avenue (Route 114A) and County Street: 25% design has been submitted and 75% design is due in February, 2018. A new schedule is required from GPI to reflect the delivery date for the 75% submissions.
- New Bedford – Corridor improvements and related works on King’s Highway from Church Street to the King’s Highway Bridge over Route 140: 75% design is due in late February.

b. Review of Projects in FFY2020-2022: Paul Mission reviewed TIP projects that are programmed for FFY2020-2022. He also requested that if any representative from communities where those projects are taking place were present to discuss any information that they might have on those projects in addition to the information that Mr. Mission presented at the meeting.

## 2020

- Attleboro – Intersection improvements at Route 1 (Washington Street) / Route 1A (Newport Avenue) and Route 123 (Highland Avenue): The project manager has set a department public hearing to take place in February.
- Taunton – Corridor improvements & related works on Broadway (Route 138) from Leonard Street northerly to Purchase Street (Phase I): A cost increase for the project has been anticipated.
- New Bedford – intersection improvements at Hathaway Road, Mount Pleasant Street and Nauset Street: 25% design was submitted on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and comments from MassDOT on that submission have been received by the city. A comment resolution meeting is to be scheduled in March of this year. A utility meeting is also to be scheduled for the project.
- Lakeville – Reconstruction and related work on Rhode Island Road (Route 79) from the Taunton city line to Clear Pond Road: The project is currently at 25% design and a cost increase for the project is highly possible given the scope of utility work needed for the project.

## 2021

- Taunton – Reconstruction of Route 44 (Dean Street) from Arlington Street to Route 104 (South Main Street): 25% design submissions are due in late March of 2018.
- Mattapoisett – Corridor improvements and related work on Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road: a meeting between the town and the design engineer was held and a projected project cost has been established.
- New Bedford – Intersection improvements and related work at Rockdale Avenue and Allen Street: A pre-25% design memorandum is being prepared and should be submitted by the end of January.
- Raynham – Resurfacing and related work on Route 138: 25% design submissions are being prepared and are due in July.
- Dartmouth – Corridor improvements on Dartmouth Street and Prospect Street: project is currently at 10% and the town is coordinating with MassDOT.

## 2022

- New Bedford – Corridor improvements and related work on County Street from Nelson Street to Union Street: Pre-25% design memorandum was submitted in September of 2017 and comments from MassDOT are being received and reviewed.

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- Wareham – Construction of bike lanes along Narrows Road and a shared use path adjacent to Minot Avenue including related work: The town administrator is currently working to establish an RFP for the project and is expected to progress as planned.
- Rehoboth – Intersection improvements & related work at Winthrop Street (Route 44) and Anawan Street (Route 118): A project designer has been established and a kickoff meeting has been held.
- Dartmouth – Realignment of Tucker Road to Route 6 and Hathaway Road including intersection signalization: The project is moving forward, however, there are some issues with securing right-of-way finding.

After these projects were reviewed, Mr. Mission listed projects programmed for FFY2021-2023, that are preliminary at this point in time and can be flexed out into FFY 2019/2020 or potentially into the future element depending on the status of the design and implementation process for those projects.

c. Projects for Consideration for FFY2023: Mr. Mission announced projects to be considered for programming into the FFY2023 TIP year and are as follows and statuses for those projects were announced where available. They are as follows.

- Dartmouth – Reconstruction & related work on Faunce Corner Road from Old Fall River Road southerly to MassDOT owned Railroad Crossing: Project is currently in the early design stage.
- Plainville – Reconstruction of South Street (Route 1A) from Sharlene Lane to Everett Street and related work: the project is town sponsored and expected to be a full depth reconstruction.
- Taunton – Corridor improvements and related work on Broadway (Route 138) from Purchase Street to Jackson Street (Phase II).
- Plainville: Intersection improvements at Washington Street (Route 1) and George Street: MassDOT has been implementing interim safety improvements at the intersection.
- Mansfield – Reconstruction of Chauncy Street (Route 106).

Questions were raised regarding two projects and why they were not included on the TIP project lists provided for the meeting. These projects are the intersection improvement project at Route 140 and Route 106 in Mansfield and the Norton to Mansfield rail trail project. It was speculated that these projects were not included on the list provided because they were being funded through statewide CMAQ funds and not target funds.

After Mr. Mission announced these projects for consideration, he also mentioned two potential projects to be considered for the next TIP. One project is an intersection improvement project in Norton at the intersection of Route 123 and North / South Worcester Streets and the PNF and PIF forms have been submitted for the project. The other project is a complete streets project along Route 6 in Seekonk.

Mr. Mission also reminded the group that due to the TIP in FFY2023 being over programmed in its targeted funding, it is possible that some projects might get pushed further out to the future element. He also mentioned that there is still a need for lower cost and smaller scope projects to be brought forward

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in an effort to spend down remaining funds in any given TIP year. Tabitha Harkin of Norton inquired as to what amount of funding constitutes a smaller project, to which Mr. Mission replied, a smaller project might cost between one and four million dollars. Mr. Mission also stated that any inquiries about might smaller projects can be made to SRPEDD, particularly to Lisa Estrela-Pedro who manages the TIP.

Alan Slavin of Wareham inquired as to the funding status of the Middleborough Rotary, after which discussion ensued regarding what monies have been spent in an effort to initiate the project as well as what factors must be taken into account when putting a dollar amount on the total project.

Mr. Slavin also commented on traffic congestion issues being observed in the town of Wareham given the amount of commercial development that has been taking place recently, and subsequently, he will most likely be contacting SRPEDD for assistance in mitigating these issues.

Mr. Mission mentioned that SRPEDD will be undertaking its update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) over the next year and could potentially take time away from conducting other studies. With this being the case, it will be hard for SRPEDD to commit to any other major studies until the revision of the Regional Transportation Plan is complete, however in the meantime, if there are any other major issues that come to light that might require assistance from SRPEDD, then they should still be brought forward so that they can be documented in the plan as needing to be addressed in the future.

- 5. Discussion of the MaPIT program:** Mr. Mission opened the floor to discussion regarding the MaPIT project intake tool and whether or not municipalities are experiencing difficulty using the tool to submit projects. No issues were discussed aside from one in Norton regarding difficulties logging into the tool itself. Tabitha Harkin of Norton had previously contacted SRPEDD for assistance on this matter and with their assistance, was able to resolve the issue. If any municipality is having difficulty using this tool, they may contact SRPEDD for assistance.
- 6. MassDOT Maintenance:** Mr. Mission opened the floor for discussion to any maintenance issues being observed along MassDOT owned and maintained roads by the attendees throughout the region that MassDOT has not addressed or might not be aware of. No issues or concerns were raised during the meeting. A form was prepared for submission to MassDOT that may be filled out by whoever may be observing these issues so that it can be brought to MassDOT's attention. This form was sent in the JTPG mailing and was made available at the meeting as well.
- 7. Other Business:** Chairman Lee Azinheira opened the floor for the discussion of any other business not listed on the meeting agenda. Mr. Mission took the opportunity to reiterate the point that SRPEDD will be undertaking its revision of its Regional Transportation Plan which will commence in the spring beginning with initial data collection and public outreach. He also mentioned that performance based planning measures will be incorporated as part of the update to the plan which could either be established by SRPEDD staff or adopted from the statewide performance measure goals.

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Mr. Mission also mentioned that MassDOT will be updating its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) concurrently with SRPEDD's TIP, and subsequently, MassDOT will be seeking input from the metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and regional planning agencies (RPAs) as well as municipalities and the general public over the next few months. The completed CIP is due in the summer of 2018. Derek Krevat of MassDOT's Office of Transportation Planning (OTP) also noted that there will be public outreach meetings held in May, however, there will be other opportunities before then to submit comments to MassDOT and if one so chooses, they may contact Nikki Tishler who is the Title VI and public outreach coordinator for MassDOT OTP to submit their input.

Aside from these topics, no other business was discussed.

- 8. Date, Time and Place for Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the JTPG is tentatively planned for February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM and will be held at the SRPEDD office.
- 9. Vote to Adjourn:** After the announcement of the next meeting, a motion to adjourn was made. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY. The motion was made by Chairman Lee Azinheira at 3:06 PM.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

DATE: 1/24/18

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

SRPEDD Technical Assistance Report		Dec-17		
District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA)				
Community	Project	Staff	Status	Funding
Acushnet	MP Data Analysis & Mapping	KG/SC	Underway	DLTA
Carver	PDA/PPA mapping and TDR bylaw amendment	GK/KG/EA	Draft completd	DLTA
Dighton	Assistance with adopting and implementing CCC Best Pratices; educational materials (1 of 3 BPs)	GK/SC	Signed Compact	DLTA
Freetown	Assistance with adopting and implementing CCC Best Pratices; HPP update (1 of 3 BPs)	SC/GK	Signed Compact, HPP underway	DLTA
Lakeville	HPP	SC/EA	Completed	DLTA
Norton	Complete Streets App and Policy	JC	Completed	DLTA
Regional	Working with Non-Compact Communities Support for Future CCC Adoption	GK	Marion signed. Swansea applied.	DLTA
Regional	Taunton River Stewardship Plan Update	BN	Underway	DLTA
Rehoboth	OSRP Sections 3,4,5&6		Underway	DLTA
Seekonk	Business / Permitting Guide		Underway	DLTA
Wareham	Chapter 43D Participation in Support of Rte 28 Corridor Study	DS/GK	Draft completed	DLTA
Westport	Assistance with adopting and implementing CCC Best Pratices; educational material to support BPs	SC/GK	Signed Compact	DLTA
Economic Development Technical Assistance				
Community	Project	Staff	Status	Funding
Carver	Preliminary app business Park dev	DS	Pending	EDA
Norton	Full app norton business park	DS	Completed	EDA
New Bedford	South Terminal Project	DS	Ongoing	EDA
New Bedford	Quest Center/Armory District	DS	Ongoing	EDA
Somerset	Full app somerset planning	DS/BN	Awarded	EDA
Somerset	Planning IWRMP,	DS/BN	Underway	EDA
Taunton	MSIP V- Business Park	DS	Ongoing	EDA



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<b>Environmental Technical Assistance</b>				
<b>Community</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Lakeville	Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan	BN/KP	Underway	MEMA
Regional	Mill River Restoration	BN	Phase 3 Underway	NOAA/Fndn
<b>Municipal Assistance (MA)</b>				
<b>Community</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Berkley	Review Residential By-Law	SC	Underway	MA
Dighton	Establish Agricultural Commission	BN/GK	Underway	MA
Fall River	Open Space & Recreation Plan	BN	Underway	MA
Lakeville	Zoning map revisions	KP	Underway	MA
Mansfield	Site Plan Review	SC/EA	Underway	MA
Marion	Zoning map revisions	GK	Underway	MA
Norton	Zoning map revisions	KP	Underway	MA
Rehoboth	Public water supply mapping additional	KP/BN	Underway	MA
Somerset	EDA applications sewer district	DS/BN	Awarded	MA
Taunton	HDIP application	TC/KH	Underway	MA
<b>Transportation Planning Assistance</b>				
<b>Community</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Attleboro	Downtown TOD Study	GK/JC/ST	Completed	GATRA/MaDOT
Attleboro/N. Attleboro	Rte 1 Corridor Study	LEP/PM	Underway	MaDOT
Fall River	Middle at Broadway Safety Study	LEP/LD/GL	Delayed	MaDOT
Fairhaven/Wareham/Fall River/Dartmouth	Bike Path (Regional Plan) Assistance	T-Staff	Ongoing	MaDOT
Mansfield	Bicycle Planning Technical Assistance	JJ/BN	Ongoing	MaDOT
Man/Norton/Foxboro	Route 140 Corridor Study	LEP/PM	Underway	MaDOT
Marion/Rochester/Wareham	County Road Reclassification	PM/LEP/GI	Ongoing	MaDOT
Marion	Transit Study	ST/JC/AA	Underway	FTA
Middleborough	MassDOT Rotary Improvements-Tech Support	PM/LED	Ongoing	MaDOT
New Bedford	Acushnet Ave at Peckham Rd signal warrant	LD/LEP	Completed	MaDOT
New Bedford	County St. and Hawthorn St signal warrant	LD/LEP	Completed	MaDOT

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Norton	Bicycle Committee Technical Assistance	JJ/BN	Ongoing	MaDOT
Plainville	Rte 1 @ George St signal warrant analysis	LD/LEP	Completed	MaDOT
Regional	Taunton River Trail	BN/JJ	Ongoing	MaDOT
Regional	South Coast Bikeway Planning	JJ	Ongoing	MaDOT
Regional	Traffic counting and turning movement counts	LD/JJ	Ongoing	MaDOT
Regional	Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program	LEP/JJ	Completed	MaDOT
Regional	Pavement Management - Fed Aid Rd Network	JJ/LD	Ongoing	MaDOT
Regional	Pedestrian Plan	JJ	Underway	MaDOT
Regional	Bus Stop Inventory	JC/SL/ST	Completed	MaDOT
Regional	Bus Stop Capital Invst. Plan	JC/SL/ST	Ongoing	MaDOT
Wareham	Bicycle Committee Technical Assistance	JS/BN	Ongoing	MaDOT
Wareham	Traffic Count/Signal Warrants Rte 6	LD/KR	Completed	MaDOT
Westport	Rte 177 Safety Evaluation	LEP/JC	Completed	MaDOT
Westport	Head of Westport Traffic Calming	LEP/JC	Completed	MaDOT
	MADOT = Mass Dept of Transportation			