

Joint Transportation Planning Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday, June 19, 2018 at SRPEDD, Taunton MA

In attendance were the following:

The following SMMPO Members were in attendance:

Steve Woelfel, MassDOT	Vin Furtado, Town of Fairhaven
Lee Azinheria, Town of Mansfield	Derek Krevat, MassDOT OTP
Robert Wheeler, MassDOT District 5	Quinn Malloy, MassDOT
Deborah Melino-Wender, Town of Dartmouth	Phillip Viveiros, McMahan Ass.
Jamie Ponte, City of New Bedford	Ed Buckley, Town of Raynham
Alan Slavin, Town of Wareham	Jon Henry, Town of Marion
Stacy Forte, GATRA	Dave Hickox, Town of Dartmouth
Shayne Trimbell, SRTA	Manuel Silva, City of New Bedford
Steve Ouellette, Town of Westport	Robert Burgman, Town of Mattapoisett
Charlie Murphy, Town of Fairhaven	Holly McNamara, Town of Somerset
Paul Mission, SRPEDD	Tabitha Harkin, Town of Norton
Lisa Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD	Gloria McPherson, Town of Fairhaven
Lilia Cabral-Bernard, SRPEDD	Lloyd Mendes, Member of Public
Jennifer Chaves, SRPEDD	Stephen Powers, MassDOT
Kevin Ham, SRPEDD	Tim Kochan, MassDOT District 5
Jacqueline Jones, SRPEDD	Jim Hartnett, Town of Westport
	Mary Ellen DeFrias, Mass Development

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:18 PM by Chairman Lee Azinheira immediately following a meeting of the SMMPO. Because attendees introduced themselves at the start of the just concluded SMMPO meeting, the chair decided to forego introductions.
- 2. Public Comments:** Chairman Lee Azinheira opened the floor to any members of the public that wish 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 April 11, 2018. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.
- 4. Election of Officers for the JTPG:** Paul Mission led the discussion by identifying the past officers which include Lee Azinheria (JTPG Chair), David Cabral (Vice-Chair representing the Bristol County GATRA region), Alan Slavin (Vice-Chair representing Plymouth County GATRA Region) and Bill Roth (Vice-Chair Representing Bristol County SRTA Region). Mr. Mission stated that at past meetings, the JTPG chose to elect the same officers for these positions, however, for this

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current election, Bill Roth is no longer a JTPG representative for Fairhaven. A question was asked regarding Mr. Roth continuing to fulfil the Vice-Chair role as a JTPG Representative of Fall River. Mr. Mission explained that Mr. Roth has not been appointed as a JTPG representative for Fall River where he currently works and that J.R. Frey already fills that role for Fall River. Mr. Mission explained that in the past, the JTPG elected to vote the slate of current representatives for the officers. He continued with that the JTPG can elect to do the same and vote separately for the vacant Vice-Chair position formally held by Bill Roth. A motion was made to elect the slate of current officers recognizing the vacancy of Bill Roth. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.

As for the vacancy for Vice-Chair Representing Bristol County SRTA Region, a motion was made to nominate Gloria McPherson from Fairhaven for this position. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.

- 5. Road Inventory Update Tool:** Quinn Molloy of MassDOT made a presentation of the Road Inventory Update tool that is currently under development and testing. The purpose of this web based tool is to allow cities and towns to update their road inventory data through the GeoDOT website. Quinn demonstrated various aspects of the tool and reiterated the importance of the Road Inventory File and that subsequent updates to it are a key component in determining Chapter 90 Funding for municipalities.

After Ms. Molloy's presentation, an opportunity was presented to field any questions on the Road Inventory Update Tool by those in attendance.

- 6. The Regional Pedestrian Plan:** Jacqueline Jones of SRPEDD made a presentation on SRPEDD's draft Regional Pedestrian Plan, a document that addresses the state of pedestrian facilities and activities within the SRPEDD region and makes preliminary recommendations for consideration by municipalities. Ms. Jones emphasized that this plan is an overview of the region and provides the base for more specific studies of pedestrian facilities for municipalities in the future.

After Ms. Jones' presentation, an opportunity was presented to field any questions on the Regional Pedestrian Plan by those in attendance.

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- 7. Other Business:** The floor was opened to discuss any other business not listed on the meeting agenda. Mr. Mission announced and acknowledged that Jennifer Chaves and Lilia Cabral-Bernard both achieved the status of Road Scholars through the Baystate Roads Training Program from UMass Amherst. Mr. Mission made JTPG representative aware that SRPEDD staff will begin discussion of a revision to the Transportation Improvement Program's Evaluation Criteria at the next JTPG meeting. Mr. Mission stated that this revision shall include work that was completed by SRPEDD staff through the FHWA SHRP 2 program.
- 8. Date, Time, Place for Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the JTPG will be held on September 12, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the SRPEDD office.
- 9. Adjournment:** After the announcement of the next meeting, a motion to adjourn was made. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lee Azinheira at 2:14 PM.