

Excerpt from the BY-LAWS of the SRPEDD Commission

PREAMBLE: These by-laws, adopted under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40B, Sections 9 to 19, define the Rules and Procedures for the activities of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission as the governing body of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District.

DEFINITION: The word "Commission" where appearing in these by-laws shall be construed to mean the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission. The word "District" wherever appearing in these by-laws shall mean a public body politic and corporate development known as the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District.

PURPOSE: The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District is a public body politic and corporate whose purpose shall be to foster economic growth and alleviate distress within the geographic boundaries of the District, and in general to perform and execute the powers and duties set forth in General Laws, Chapter 40B, Section 14. The further purpose of this Commission shall be to prepare studies and plans designed to promote, with the greatest efficiency and economy, the coordinated and orderly development and economic growth of the Region and the general welfare and prosperity of its citizens.

10. SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SMMPO):

Procedure for Electing Board of Selectmen Representatives:

- a. The Southeastern Massachusetts MPO consists of thirteen members representing the following:**
 - i. Secretary of the Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works**
 - ii. Commissioner of the Massachusetts Highway Department**
 - iii. Chairman of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) Commission**
 - iv. Administrator of the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA)**
 - v. Administrator of the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)**
 - vi. Mayors of Attleboro, Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton**
 - vii. Members of four Boards of Selectmen in the SRPEDD Region to be elected by the SRPEDD Commission.**

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) relating to the comprehensive, continuing and cooperative

transportation planning process, the SRPEDD Commission is authorized to elect the four representatives of Boards of Selectmen utilizing the procedure described below.

- b. Term of Office: Two representatives shall be elected each year for two-year terms. Elections shall be held annually in the month of May or June.**
- c. Solicitation of Nominees: Annually in the month of April, the SRPEDD Commission shall send notices to the Board of Selectmen and SRPEDD Commissioners of each of its member towns. The purpose and role of the MPO and a description of the election process shall accompany the notice. Each member of every local Board of Selectmen shall be offered an opportunity to nominate themselves as a candidate for election to the MPO. Nominations shall be returned to SRPEDD within four weeks of the date they are distributed.**
- d. Election of Selectmen Representatives: Nominations shall be referred to the SRPEDD Commission for a vote at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission in the month of May or June. All names and towns of the interested selectmen shall be printed on a paper ballot. Nominees will be invited to attend and speak at the meeting of the SRPEDD Commission when the vote is taken.**
- e. Designees: Members of Boards of Selectmen elected to the MPO may send a designee, who is directly responsible and accountable to the Selectmen, to a meeting in their place, but the designee may vote only with written and signed authorization from the elected MPO member.**
- f. Vacancies: Should a selectmen's position fall vacant between annual elections, any member town may nominate, and the SRPEDD Commission may elect, a candidate to fill the vacancy until the following election.**