

MINUTES FOR THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
**Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)
& the Joint Transportation Planning Group**

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Held at SRPEDD

88 Broadway, Taunton, MA

The following SMMPO Members were in attendance:

Steve Woelfel	Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary & CEO of MassDOT
Robert Wheeler	Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Div. Administrator
Deborah Melino-Wender	Representing, SRPEDD Commission Chair
Jamie Ponte	Representing Jon Mitchell, Mayor of the City of New Bedford
Alan Slavin	Representing The Town of Wareham
Stacy Forte	Representing Frank Gay, GATRA Administrator
Shayne Trimbell	Representing Erik Rousseau, SRTA Administrator
Steve Ouellette	Representing the Town of Westport
Charlie Murphy	Representing the Town of Fairhaven

The following were also present:

Paul Mission, SRPEDD	Timothy Kochan, MassDOT District 5
Lisa Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD	Derek Krevat, MassDOT OTP
Lilia Cabral-Bernard, SRPEDD	Jacqueline Jones, SRPEDD
Jennifer Chaves, SRPEDD	Mary Ellen Defrias, Mass Development
Kevin Ham, SRPEDD	Jim Hartnett, Town of Westport
Vin Furtado, Fairhaven	Manuel Silva, City of New Bedford
Derek Krevat, MassDOT	Stephen Powers, MassDOT
Quinn Malloy, MassDOT	Lloyd Mendes, Member of Public
Phillip Viveiros, McMahan Ass.	Gloria McPherson, Town of Fairhaven
Ed Buckley, Town of Raynham	Lee Azinheria, Town of Mansfield
Tabitha Harkin, Town of Norton	Holly McNamara, Town of Somerset
Jon Henry, Town of Marion	Robert Burgman, Town of Mattapoisett
Dave Hickox, Town of Dartmouth	

Handouts:

1. June 19, 2018 MPO Agenda
2. FFY 2018-2022 Proposed TIP Amendment #4 & Adjustments #4
3. FFY2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Adjustments
4. DRAFT Memorandum of Understanding

- 1) **Call to Order and Introductions** - The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by Chairman Steve Woelfel, after which the attendees introduced themselves.
- 2) **Public Comments** – Chairman Woelfel opened the floor to give an opportunity for the public to address the SMMPO. No public comments were made.
- 3) **Approval of SMMPO May 15, 2018 Minutes** – Chairman Woelfel asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes and if there were any comments or changes. There were none. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the MAY 15, 2018 meeting of the SMMPO into the record. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 4) **Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)**
 - a) **Amendments to the FFY2018-2022 TIP presented at the May 15, 2018 SMMPO meeting:**
Lisa Estrela-Pedro briefly reviewed the proposed GATRA amendments to the FFY2018-2022 TIP which were announced at the previous meeting of the SMMPO and were subsequently released for a 21-day comment period. This amendment was a cost increase from \$75,000 to \$362,000 for support equipment and the remaining 6 items were new projects that were all amended into FFY2018. A public meeting was held on June 5, 2018 and no public comments were received there or during the 21-day comment period. A motion was made to approve these amendments as presented to the SMMPO. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - b) **Administrative Adjustment to the FFY2018-2022 TIP:** At this time, Ms. Estrela-Pedro briefly reviewed this adjustment concerning a cost decrease to the Mattapoissett multi-use path from \$10.1 million down to \$7.9 million with the difference being deducted from CMAQ funds. A motion was made to approve these adjustments as presented to the SMMPO. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 5) **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Adjustment for the FFY2018 UPWP:**
Paul Mission reviewed the adjustments to the current UPWP regarding the reallocation of direct costs to cover travel budgets due to additional costs for the public outreach effort of the RTP, as well as to cover travel for the additional study of Route 6 in Wareham, Marion, Mattapoissett and Fairhaven. These were all presented to the SMMPO at the May 15th meeting. Mr. Mission asked for a vote to approve these adjustments to the FFY2018 UPWP as presented. A motion was made to approve these proposed amendments to the FFY2018 UPWP. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 6) **SMMPO Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** At this time, Mr. Mission began to discuss ongoing and proposed updates to the SMMPO's Memorandum of Understanding, essentially an agreement between SRPEDD, the SRPEDD Commission, GATRA, and SRTA. It has been reviewed and revised by FHWA, FTA and MassDOT. MassDOT had some minor word changes and Mr. Mission briefly listed these changes, as well as text specifying that Chair of the

SMMPO is able to call a meeting of the SMMPO but a quorum would be necessary to make any changes. There were no comments or questions on the changes or the draft document. A motion was made to approve the draft Memorandum of Understanding as a final document. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

A signature page for the endorsement of the MOU was passed around for signatures from the SMMPO members.

- 7) Other Business:** Mr. Mission thanked everyone for coming to the joint meeting and thanked SRPEDD staff for their work.

Tim Kochan of MassDOT took the opportunity to inform the town of Norton that the Route 123 @ South & North Worcester Streets project, and to inform the city of New Bedford that the Acushnet Avenue at Peckham Road project have been reviewed and are being sent to the next PRC (Project Review Committee) meetings for determination.

- 8) Date, Time, Place for Next Meeting:** Mr. Woelfel took a brief moment to remind the group that there was a need to hold an SMMPO meeting in July or August due to the change in Air Quality Conformity resulting from a lawsuit brought against FHWA and FTA. Every MPO in the state has to meet to discuss these changes and to amend these changes into planning documents such as the RTP.

The next meeting of the SMMPO was scheduled to be held on July 17, 2018 @ 1:00 PM at the SRPEDD office in Taunton. Mr. Mission asked if any of the SMMPO members had a conflict to ascertain the likelihood of having a quorum at that meeting. Only one SMMPO member present had a conflict.

- 9) Adjourn:** Chairman Steve Woelfel asked for motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:19 PM. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.