

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)

Tuesday July 16, 2019

Held at SRPEDD

88 Broadway Taunton, MA 02780

The following SMMPO Members were in attendance:

Bryan Pounds	Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO MassDOT Chair
Leilanni Dalpe	Representing the Town of Middleborough
Fred Cornaglia	Representing Thomas Hoye, Mayor of the City of Taunton
Alan Slavin	Chairman of the SRPEDD Commission and the Town of Wareham
Pamela Haznar	Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Div. Administrator
Jamie Ponte	Representing Jon Mitchell, Mayor of the City of New Bedford
Frank Gay	Administrator GATRA
J.R. Frey	Representing Jaisel F. Correiro II, Mayor of the City of Fall River
Paul Foley	Representing Charles F. Murphy Sr. Selectman Town of Fairhaven

The following were also present:

Nancy Durfee, Town of Somerset	Stephanie Crampton, New Bedford
Tim Kochan, MassDOT D5	Manuel Silva, New Bedford
Ben Muller, MassDOT	Alexander Hugh, MassDOT
Kevin Dumas, Town of Mansfield	Cheryl Ann Senior, MassDOT D5
Mary Ellen DeFrias, MassDevelopment	John Lozada, MassDOT ODCR
Paul Mission, SRPEDD	Lisa Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD
Lilia Cabral-Bernard, SRPEDD	Jeffrey Walker, SRPEDD
Charlie Mills, SRPEDD	Jamie Pisano, VHB
Joe Callahan, Town of Berkley	Lee Azinheira, Town of Mansfield
LeAnn Bradley, Town of Middleborough	Mark Hollowell, Town of N. Attleboro
Paul DiGiuseppe, Town of Norton	Janine Peccini, City of Taunton
Bryan Dudley, MassDOT	

Handouts: None

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM by Chairman Bryan Pounds, after which attendees introduced themselves.
- 2. Public Comments:** Chairman Pounds opened the floor to give an opportunity for the public to address the SMMPO. No public comments were made.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pounds asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from June 18, 2019. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting of the SMMPO into record. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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4. FFY 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) –

- a. Presentation of Air Quality information for inclusion with the RTP; **(Materials Forthcoming)**

Mr. Paul Mission presented the Air Quality Analysis that was provided to SRPEDD by MassDOT. The Air Quality data was set forth by both MassDOT and CTPS. Mr. Mission explained that collectively, all the projects in the 2020 Action scenario provide a statewide reduction of over 190 tons of CO₂ per day compared to the base case. The 2040 Action scenario estimates a reduction of 218 tons per day of CO₂ emissions compared to the base case.

Mr. Bryan Pounds added that this means SRPEDD is in conformance with the Air Quality standards that was set forth by MassDOT and their Federal Partners.

- b. Review of Public Comments Submitted on Draft Document;

Mr. Paul Mission explained the RTP process and explained that SRPEDD received both public comments and comments from MassDOT. Mr. Mission went through the MassDOT comments and clarified that SRPEDD adhered to the comments and noted the changes that SRPEDD staff made by adhering to these comments. Mr. Mission explained that the UMASS Donahue Group provided all of the data on the housing statistics. Additionally, Mr. Mission addressed many of the public comments and provided a response and action taken to address these public comments.

Ms. Leilanni Dalpe raised a question about the Middleborough Rotary and its standing on the RTP. Following the question, a discussion ensued about the Middleborough Rotary.

Mr. John Lozado asked a question about the involvement of the Engage Tool for the public outreach effort. Ms. Cabral-Bernard responded that the tool was not working correctly and MassIT was working on it.

- c. Continued discussion of the DRAFT RTP document **(Consideration for Endorsement by the SMMPO)**

Mr. Bryan Pounds asked the members in attendance if there were any other comments to the Regional Transportation Plan. There were none.

A motion was made to endorse the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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5. Air Quality Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for review by the SMMPO and consideration for Adoption (Materials Attached)

Mr. Bryan Pounds explained the Air Quality Memorandum of Understanding that was up for review and consideration due to the fact that it had not been reviewed in some time by the SMMPO for adoption into the Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Pounds opened the floor to questions, comments and concerns. There were none.

Mr. Mission explained that the Regional Transit Authorities will sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the next MARTA meeting.

A motion was made to adopt the Air Quality Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) into the Regional Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Other Business

Ms. Pam Haznar announced that Tim Kochan the long-time planner and Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator at MassDOT will be retiring at the end of July. Mr. Tim Kochan thanked the group for all the support over the years.

7. Date, Time, Place for Next Meeting: The next SMMPO meeting is scheduled for – September 17, 2019 at 1:00 PM in the SRPEDD Office

8. Adjourn: There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 1:41 PM.