

Regional Economic Strategy Committee  
(RESC)  
Minutes of the Meeting  
June 19, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Dick Shafer at 11:40AM (See attendance sheet).  
Minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting approved as written

Presentation: Jean Fox, MassDOT, South Coast Rail Project Manager: Update on SCR Phase I: Middleboro Route to Fall River and New Bedford. Jean provided an overview of the project current schedule for completion September 2023 at a cost of over \$1.0 billion. Ongoing planning, final design comments, initial construction contracts for culvert work and bridges, procurement of track work underway as well as other program activities. Jean also highlighted some of the economic development benefits of the project – catalyst for future regional development, reduce vehicle dependence, short-long term job creation, new housing potential, community revitalization and adding tax revenue to mention a few.

New Business: Update on 2019 DLTA Awards and Projects  
2019 DLTA project include 12 community project including Berkley, Carver, Dartmouth, Dighton, Middleborough, New Bedford, Norton, Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea and Wareham, there are also 3 regional projects covering agricultural workshops, a regional housing services feasibility study and Rural Policy Advisory Council. Community projects range from master plans, housing production plans to zoning and economic development assistance. Projects generally completed by June 2020.

Other: UMass Dartmouth Symposium on Blue Economy Corridor project- project partially funded by EEDA with the assistance of SRPEDD. Event scheduled for Friday, June 28, 2019, 9:00AM to 12.00PM UMass Carney Library. Both Congressman Keating and Congressman Kennedy will be speaking on the blue Economy. A highlight of the event will include the CDC Brayton Point Commerce Center Redevelopment project with Anbaric Development Partners.

Member Updates: Updates provided by representatives from the communities of Fairhaven, Middleborough, North Attleborough, Norton, Somerset, Taunton and Wareham.

Time place of next meeting: Fall 2019. Actual date to TBD. SRPEDD or member community to host. Members will be contacted via email. Enjoy the summer.

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