

**DRAFT** MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE **Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)**  
Wednesday October 9, 2019 at 88 Broadway Taunton, MA 02780

The following JTPG Members were in attendance:

Paul Mission, SRPEDD	Cheryl Ann Senior, MassDOT District 5
Lyle Pirnie, North Attleboro	J.R. Frey, City of Fall River
Robert Burgmann, Town of Mattapoisett	Bill Roth, City of Fall River
Jamie Pisano, VHB	Paul Scott, Town of Plainville
Lee Azinheira, Town of Mansfield	Lisa Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD
John Woods, Town of Carver	Luis De Oliveira, SRPEDD
Manuel Silva, City of New Bedford	Lizeth Gonzalez, SRPEDD
Stephanie Crampton, City of New Bedford	Guogiang Li, SRPEDD
Janine Peccini, City of Taunton	Charlie Mills, SRPEDD
Robert lafrate, Town of Raynham	Lilia Cabral-Bernard, SRPEDD
LeeAnn Bradley, Town of Middleborough	Jed Cornock, SRPEDD
Paul Foley, Town of Fairhaven	Kevin Ham, SRPEDD
David Hickox, Town of Dartmouth	

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 2:07PM by Chairman Lee Azinheira.
- 2. Public Comments:** Chairman Azinheira opened the floor to any member of the public that wished to address the JTPG. No public comments were made.
- 3. Approval of Minutes – September 11,2019:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last JTPG meeting held on September 11,2019. The motion was seconded and APPROVED BY A MAJORITY.
- 4. Drone Technology Presentation - Lakeville Materials Estimates, Kevin Ham, SRPEDD**  
Mr. Kevin Ham of SRPEDD’s Homeland Security Department provided a presentation of assistance provided to the town of Lakeville using drone technology. Discussing the impact and quality of the images and video, Mr. Ham highlighted the importance of this content in local communities to provide local outreach, demonstrate project completion, and technical data. It is critical in gaining public support for projects, while providing accurate and useful information for local technical assistance projects. In particular, Mr. Ham discussed a recent project with the Town of Lakeville. The Town was interested in remediating spoil piles from street sweeping and other activities, but were unable to obtain an accurate cost estimate given the unknown size of the refuse. Mr. Ham demonstrated how SRPEDD was able to accurately measure the rubble piles using drone technology by creating a 3D model in order to better estimate remediation costs. This model in particular is accurate to a foot, but other models can be accurate to the centimeter. Likewise, this technology is useful in measuring depth and sharing that information to the public.

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Discussion ensued regarding the capabilities and limitations of drone technology regarding wind speed, length of time, as well as range.

**5. New Bedford South Coast Rail Technical Assistance Project, Jed Cornock, SRPEDD**

Mr. Jed Cornock introduced SRPEDD's technical assistance to New Bedford regarding the South Coast Rail Project to study Transit Oriented Development surrounding the two proposed stations in the city. Providing a brief overview of the characteristics of TOD, Mr. Cornock highlighted characteristics such as greater density, multi-modal access, reduced parking, and urban design features to promote a vibrant, walkable environment. New Bedford Station and North New Bedford Station and their immediate surrounding areas comprise the study areas for this project. Using drone technology, SRPEDD will assess the station areas and create a 3D mapping model. SRPEDD is looking at how New Bedford can best approach this development. As such, SRPEDD will provide an analysis of existing conditions, looking at land use, existing and future zoning, as well as a comparison analysis and market assessment. SRPEDD will create a buildout analysis without TOD characteristics and an alternate buildout analysis with TOD changes in place. Finally, SRPEDD will develop TOD zoning language as well as design guidelines. The project timeline is 18 months, with the first public meeting to take place at the end of the month. SRPEDD has been working on this project for two months now, and a website and social media presence are upcoming.

Mr. Cornock opened the floor to any questions and discussion ensued regarding the input of local business owners in the North End. With SRPEDD's assistance, New Bedford hopes to gather input from everyone including business owners and residents alike.

**6. Discussion of Development of 2021-2025 TIP:**

Ms. Lisa Estela-Pedro provided an update of the development of the TIP and projects that may be included in FY2025. Based on the information provided at the last update, all projects remain the same, except for a project in the Town of Lakeville programmed in federal fiscal year 2021. Estimated at about \$10 million, there are issues with land taking so that project may need to be postponed or removed altogether. A meeting will be held to make a final determination.

Offering a timeline of the TIP process, Ms. Estela-Pedro suggested a 6-month timeframe to develop the TIP. A draft is anticipated for April 2020, with a final endorsement in May 2020. At the next JTPG meeting, SRPEDD will ask communities and MassDOT with projects in 2021-2022 to present on each project. New Bedford, Lakeville, and Dartmouth will be invited to present while MassDOT will discuss four projects in Raynham, Rehoboth, Attleboro, and Taunton. Lastly, any city or town with a project programmed in the TIP will need to provide a project schedule.

Mr. Manuel Silva from New Bedford inquired about including County Street in the place of the Lakeville project. Ms. Estela-Pedro mentioned that this would be a question for MassDOT, though they are also considering the extension of a project in Raynham.

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**7. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):**

As SRPEDD enters the new UPWP, Mr. Paul Mission highlighted upcoming changes to the UPWP that will be presented at the next MPO meeting on October 15, 2019. Among these amendments to the UPWP is a regional transit study that will reassess the Site Plan Review process, to better integrate transit planning during project approval and development at the state and local level. Additionally, Mr. Mission brought to attention a 20% funding increase through FTA that had been initially overlooked. Lastly, Mr. Mission highlighted the contract reduction with SRTA, resulting from the tri-annual review that showed SRPEDD has been unable to fully spend down the contract. As such, the contract reflects revised tasks as part of the SRTA Technical Planning efforts.

**8. Other Business:**

Regarding MaPIT, Mr. Paul Mission discussed that he is still waiting to hear back on a final date to host a Bay State Roads training. Mr. Mission also highlighted the upcoming Moving Together Conference on October 24, 2019 in Boston, encouraging members of the JTPG to attend.

Mr. Robert Burgmann of Mattapoisett inquired about the Route 6 Study. Mr. Cornock provided an update, stating that stakeholder meetings were in the process of being put together and that staff are working as hard as they can to finalize the report by the end of the year.

**9. Date, Time, Place for Next Meeting:** The next meeting will take place on November 13, 2019.

**10. Adjourn:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:40PM. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.