

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)**  
Wednesday December 11, 2019 at 88 Broadway Taunton, MA 02780

The following JTPG Members were in attendance:

Dave Mohler, MassDOT	Robert Burgmann, Town of Mattapoissett
Alan Slavin, Town of Wareham	Bill Roth, City of Fall River
Pamela Haznar, MassDOT	Manuel Silva, City of New Bedford
J.R. Frey, City of Fall River	Joe Wanat, VHB
Frank Gay, GATRA	Janine Peccini, City of Taunton
Shayne Trimbell, SRTA	Jack Hamm, City of Taunton
Jaime Ponte, City of New Bedford	Mary Ellen DeFrias, MassDevelopment
Lee Azinheira, Chairman, JTPG	Ed Buckley, Town of Raynham
Holly McNamara, Town of Somerset	Ben Muller, MassDOT
Fred Cornaglia, City of Taunton	David Hickox, Town of Dartmouth
Norman Hill, Town of Marion	Kayla Sousa, Howard Stein Hudson
Paul Nelson, Howard Stein Hudson	Jose Simo, MassDOT
Bonnie Polin, MassDOT	Lilia Cabral-Bernard, SRPEDD
Cheryl-Ann Senior, MassDOT	Jeffrey Walker, SRPED
Ben Muller, MassDOT	Lisa Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD
Charles Mills, SRPEDD	Lizeth Gonzalez, SRPEDD
Luis De Oliveira, SRPEDD	Jennifer Chaves, SRPEDD
Paul Mission, SRPEDD	Guogiang Li, SRPEDD

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:09PM by Lee Azinheira, Chairman.
- 2. Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2019 (Materials Attached):** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last JTPG meeting held on November 13, 2019. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 3. IMPACT (Interactive Mapping Portal for Analysis and Crash Tracking) -**  
Bonnie Polin, Manager Highway Safety Programs, MassDOT

Mr. Paul Mission introduced Ms. Bonnie Polin to demonstrate and discuss the IMPACT tool.

Ms. Polin provided a brief overview of the crash data portal and its capabilities. The IMPACT tool can be queried in number of ways, including by crash level, vehicle level and person level. Using the dashboard searches can be done by community, by location, by age of driver, etc. and offer a preview of pre-built reports and they are there to help make sense of the wealth of data available. The IMPACT tool has also resulted in better quality data because it highlights errors and gaps in police data collection and methods.

Mr. Mission followed up on Ms. Polin's presentation stating that the Transportation Manager's Group will be drafting and submitting a letter of support for the DOT grant that

would allow the IMPACT tools further development. Mr. Mission also highlighted the segments to be featured on WBZ Channel 4 in Boston and WJAR channel 10 in Providence which features the crash portal and Route 24.

#### **4. GeoDOT Portal Data Presentation –**

Jose Simo, GIS Outreach Coordinator, MassDOT

Mr. Mission introduced Mr. Jose Simo of the MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning to discuss the GeoDOT portal which offers a variety of tools to assist in data analysis and project development.

Mr. Simo discussed the role of GIS data in assisting MassDOT and local communities maintain the road network in good shape. GeoDOT is the platform used by MassDOT to build apps and collect data. MaPIT is the state's project intake tool to facilitate the application of projects to the TIP. This tool invites municipalities to take initiative in project planning but provides a link between the project and the GIS resources. RISA allows municipalities to update the road networks. The Municipal Transportation Dashboard, which has yet to launch, will act as a communication tool between municipalities and MassDOT. It provides a snapshot of a community and invites cities and towns to let MassDOT know whether it is an accurate representation of their networks and community.

#### **5. MS2 Transportation Data Management Site –**

Luis de Oliveira, Transportation Planner, SRPEDD

Mr. Mission introduced Mr. Luis de Oliveira to discuss the MassDOT MS2 website where all RPA's upload their traffic count data. Data for both tube counts and Turning Movement Counts (TMCs).

Mr. Oliveira explained that no login is required to use the website and step by step directions can be found on MS2 business cards found at the front of the SRPEDD office. You can find a count location by searching on the map or by entering a street location and the data includes volume, speed and class counts for all locations. Mr. Oliveira then ran through a traffic count and Turning Movement Count to illustrate the tool and its capabilities.

Discussion ensued regarding the type of Automatic Traffic Recorders that SRPEDD uses, including 7-year battery powered, charged, as well as solar powered counters. Additionally, Mr. Oliveira discussed when and why counts are conducted. For example, MassDOT might request certain counts, but SRPEDD would also conduct their own for a study or by request or to keep existing counts up to date.

#### **6. Other Business-**

Mr. Mission mentioned that the tools introduced in the meeting would be featured in the upcoming Mass Innovation Conference taking place in Worcester this spring. Baystate Roads should be sending out notices shortly of the conference.

**7. Date, Time, Place for Next Meeting**

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**8. Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2PM. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.