

Also in Attendance:

- Joshua Barber.....FHWA
- Raissah Kouame.....MassDOT
- Barbara Lachance.....MassDOT
- Marie Clarner.....SRPEDD Commission Chair
- Jim Howland.....City of Taunton
- Jay Pateakos.....City of Taunton
- Michael Burris.....Town of Westport
- Lisa Estrela-Pedro.....SRPEDD
- Jackie Jones.....SRPEDD
- Andrea Duarte.....SRPEDD
- Sid Kashi.....GPI
- Dylan Nawn.....UMass Amherst Student

Handouts:

- JTPG Meeting Agenda for June 14, 2023
- DRAFT May 10, 2023 JTPG Meeting Minutes
- JTPG Bylaws

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chair Stephanie Crampton called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Ms. Duarte asked all JTPG members to unmute themselves so she could call the complete roll call of JTPG members, with the following being present at the time of the roll call:

- Stephanie Crampton, Chair.....City of New Bedford
- Dan Aguiar.....City of Fall River
- Victoria Alfaro-Duran.....Town of Freetown
- Josh Reinke.....Town of Mansfield, alternate
- Norman Hills.....Town of Marion
- Jared Ferrara.....Town of Norton
- Dennis Morton.....Town of Plainville
- David Cabral.....Town of Seekonk
- Alan Slavin.....Town of Wareham
- James Hartnett.....Town of Westport
- Gloria Saddler.....At-Large, City of Fall River

2. Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2023 (Materials Attached & roll call vote needed)

Chair Stephanie Crampton called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting. Alan Slavin made the motion and Victoria Alfaro-Duran seconded the motion. Ms. Duarte then called the roll:

- City of New Bedford.....Yes
- City of Fall River.....Yes
- Town of Freetown.....Yes
- Town of Mansfield, alternate.....Yes
- Town of Marion.....Yes
- Town of Norton.....Yes
- Town of Plainville.....Abstain
- Town of Seekonk.....Yes
- Town of Wareham.....Yes
- Town of Westport.....Yes
- At-Large, City of Fall River.....Yes

THE MOTION WAS PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

3. Public Comments – Opportunity for the Public to address the JTPG

There were no comments offered.

4. JTPG Elections for Chair and Vice-Chairs

Ms. Estrela-Pedro stated that it is the time of year for JTPG officer elections. She gave a presentation to the group in which she explained the chair’s responsibilities, vice chairs’ responsibilities, and who the current officers are. She explained that the JTPG must vote on the chair and three vice-chair positions. She displayed a map that showed the areas where each vice-chair must be selected from.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro asked for a nomination for Chair for a one-year term. A nomination was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Victoria Alfaro-Duran to nominate Stephanie Crampton, who stated that she would like to continue as Chair.

- City of New Bedford.....Yes
- City of Fall River.....Yes
- Town of Freetown.....Yes
- Town of Lakeville.....Yes
- Town of Mansfield, alternate.....Yes
- Town of Marion.....Yes
- Town of Norton.....Yes
- Town of Plainville.....Yes
- Town of Seekonk.....Yes
- Town of Wareham.....Yes

Town of Westport.....Yes
At-Large, City of Fall River.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chair stated that the current Vice-Chair for Plymouth County is Alan Slavin. Mr. Slavin stated that he would like to continue for one more year. The motion was made by David Cabral and seconded by Victoria Alfaro-Duran to approve Alan Slavin’s reappointment. The Chair then asked Ms. Duarte to read the roll as follows:

City of New Bedford.....Yes
City of Fall River.....Yes
Town of Freetown.....Yes
Town of Lakeville.....Yes
Town of Mansfield, alternate.....Yes
Town of Marion.....Yes
Town of Norton.....Yes
Town of Plainville.....Yes
Town of Rochester.....Yes
Town of Seekonk.....Yes
Town of Wareham.....Abstain
Town of Westport.....Yes
At-Large, City of Fall River.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

The Chair stated that the current Vice-Chair for Bristol County is David Cabral. Mr. Cabral stated that he would like continue as Vice-Chair for another year. The Chair then asked for a motion or any other nominations to approve Mr. Cabral’s reappointment. Mr. Slavin made the motion and Josh Reinke seconded. The Chair asked Ms. Duarte to read the roll as follows:

City of New Bedford.....Yes
City of Fall River.....Yes
Town of Freetown.....Yes
Town of Lakeville.....Yes
Town of Mansfield, alternate.....Yes
Town of Marion.....Yes
Town of Norton.....Yes
Town of Plainville.....Yes
Town of Rochester.....Yes
Town of Seekonk.....Abstain

Town of Wareham.....Yes
Town of Westport.....Yes
At-Large, City of Fall River.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

The Chair informed the group that there is a vacant position for the third Vice-Chair for Bristol County, which must be selected from the Bristol County SRTA area, and includes Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, New Bedford, Somerset, Swansea and Westport. Chair Crampton nominated Victoria Alfaro-Duran from Freetown for this position. At-Large Commissioner representing Fall River, Gloria Saddler, nominated herself for the position, stating that she has been involved with SRPEDD for several years. The motion to appoint Ms. Saddler was made by Nancy Durfee and seconded by Alan Slavin. The Chair asked Ms. Duarte to read the roll as follows:

City of New Bedford.....Yes
City of Fall River.....Yes
Town of Freetown.....Yes
Town of Lakeville.....Yes
Town of Mansfield, alternate.....Yes
Town of Marion.....Yes
Town of Norton.....Yes
Town of Plainville.....Yes
Town of Rochester.....Yes
Town of Seekonk.....Yes
Town of Wareham.....Yes
Town of Westport.....Yes
At-Large, City of Fall River.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. MassDOT Update on FFY2023-2027 TIP Projects

Barbara Lachance provided brief updates on the current design progress of various FFY2023-2027 TIP projects as follows:

- New Bedford improvements on County Street from Nelson Street to Union Street. This project is currently at 100% design and PSE is anticipated for end of June.
- Swansea improvements on Route 6 at Gardners Neck Road is currently at 100% design and PSE is anticipated for end of June.
- Taunton corridor improvements on 138 from Purchase Street to Jackson Street is in Phase 2. The 75% design was received in May and is currently under review.
- Wareham corridor improvements at Swifts Beach Road is currently at 25% design and 75% design is anticipated in July.

- Dartmouth corridor improvements on Route 6 from Faunce Corner Road to Hathaway Road is currently at 25% design with the 75% anticipated at the end of July.
- Mansfield improvements on Route 106 at Chauncy St and Copeland Drive is currently at 25% design with 75% design anticipated for the beginning of September.
- Lakeville reconstruction and related work on Rhode Island Road Route 79 from Taunton city line to Clear Pond Road is currently at 75% design and 100% is anticipated for end of July.
- Mansfield multimodal accommodations on School Street from Spring Street to West Street is currently at 25% design and 75% design anticipated in mid-July.
- Plainville reconstruction of South Street Route 1A, from Sharlene Lane to Everett Street, is currently at 25% design with the revised 25% plans anticipated in December.
- Mattapoisett corridor improvements on Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road is currently at 25% design. There was an interim 25% plan that was received in May and is currently under review.
- New Bedford intersection improvements at Mount Pleasant Street and Nash Road is waiting for a scoping meeting to be scheduled. The 25% plans are anticipated in January 2024.
- Norton intersection improvements at West Main Street, Route 123, North Worcester Street and South Worcester Street is currently at 25% with 75% plans anticipated at beginning of October.
- Middleborough reconstruction and related work on Wareham Street and Wood Street is currently at the pre 25% design stage. MassDOT is waiting for a 25% design submission.
- Dartmouth corridor improvements on Dartmouth Street and Prospect Street is waiting for a revised 25% submission and needs a new or updated schedule.
- Westport intersection improvements at Route 177 and Roberts Road/Tickle Road had a utility meeting and is waiting on a revised design schedule.
- Mansfield reconstruction on Chauncy Street Route 106 Phase 2 is currently at less than 25% design.

Ms. Lachance reminded the group that Pam Haznar is retiring and leaving MassDOT at the end of June.

6. Other Business

Ms. Estrela-Pedro announced that MassDOT is holding a [virtual public hearing](#) on June 21 at 6:00 PM to present the design for the proposed corridor improvements on Route 6 at Swifts Beach Road in Wareham. Ms. Lachance informed the group the next Project Review Committee (PRC) will be on September 20, 2023. Getting a proposed project reviewed by the PRC is a required step for moving it through the TIP process.

7. Date and Time for Next Meeting

Date and Time for next meeting is July 12, 2023, at 2:00 PM as a hybrid meeting, in which attendees can join at the SRPEDD office in Taunton or via Zoom.

8. Adjourn

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Victoria Alfaro-Duran. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 PM.