

**Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD)  
Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) Meeting.**

**DRAFT Minutes for the JTPG Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 2:00 PM**

**Held Hybrid via Zoom and SRPEDD Office in Accordance with Massachusetts Open  
Meeting Law.**

**The following members and alternates were in attendance:**

Alan Slavin, Vice-Chair.....Town of Wareham  
Joe Callahan.....Town of Berkley  
John Woods.....Town of Carver  
Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth  
Joshua Crabb.....Town of Fairhaven  
Daniel Aguiar.....City of Fall River  
Victoria Alfaro-Duran.....Town of Freetown  
Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville  
Josh Reinke.....Town of Mansfield, alternate  
Norman Hills.....Town of Marion  
Robert Burgmann.....Town of Mattapoissett  
Leeann Bradley.....Town of Middleborough  
Jared Ferrara.....Town of Norton  
David Cabral..... Town of Seekonk  
William Anderson.....Town of Swansea  
James Hartnett .....Town of Westport  
Gloria Saddler.....At-Large, City of Fall River

**The following members/alternates were NOT in attendance:**

City of Attleboro                   At-Large, City of New Bedford  
City of Taunton                    At-Large, City of Taunton  
City of New Bedford  
Town of Acushnet  
Town of Dighton  
Town of North Attleborough  
Town of Plainville  
Town of Raynham  
Town of Rehoboth  
Town of Rochester  
Town of Somerset

At-Large, City of Attleboro

**Also in Attendance:**

Shayne Trimbell.....SRTA  
Joshua Barber.....FHWA  
Raissah Kouame.....MassDOT  
Barbara Lachance.....MassDOT  
Liz Williams.....MassDOT  
Michael Melencio.....MBTA  
Marie Clarner.....SRPEDD Commission Chair  
Kathy Holton.....City of Taunton  
Paul Duarte.....Town of Dartmouth  
Ken Buckland.....Town of Wareham  
Michael Burris.....Town of Westport  
Lisa Estrela-Pedro.....SRPEDD  
Jackie Jones.....SRPEDD  
Andrea Duarte.....SRPEDD  
Sean Hilton.....SRPEDD  
Luis de Oliveira.....SRPEDD  
Jon Gray.....SRPEDD  
Lisa Sherman.....CDM Smith  
Phil Viveiros.....McMahon & Associates

**Handouts:**

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**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Vice-Chair Alan Slavin 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:

Joe Callahan..... Town of Berkley  
Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth  
Joshua Crabb.....Town of Fairhaven  
Daniel Aguiar.....City of Fall River  
Victoria Alfaro-Duran.....Town of Freetown

Franklin Moniz..... Town of Lakeville  
 Josh Reinke.....Town of Mansfield, alternate  
 Norman Hills.....Town of Marion  
 Robert Burgmann..... Town of Mattapoisett  
 Leeann Bradley.....Town of Middleborough  
 Jared Ferrara.....Town of Norton  
 David Cabral..... Town of Seekonk  
 William Anderson..... Town of Swansea  
 Michael Burris.....Town of Westport, alternate  
 Gloria Saddler..... At-Large, City of Fall River

**2. Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2023 (Materials Attached & roll call vote needed)**

Vice-Chair Slavin called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2023 meeting. James Harnett made the motion and Daniel Aguiar seconded the motion. Ms. Duarte then called the roll:

Town of Berkley.....Abstain  
 Town of Carver.....Yes  
 Town of Dartmouth..... Abstain  
 Town of Fairhaven..... Abstain  
 City of Fall River.....Yes  
 Town of Freetown.....Yes  
 Town of Lakeville.....Yes  
 Town of Mansfield, alternate.....Yes  
 Town of Marion.....Yes  
 Town of Mattapoisett..... Abstain  
 Town of Middleborough..... Abstain  
 Town of Norton.....Yes  
 Town of Seekonk.....Yes  
 Town of Swansea..... Abstain  
 Town of Westport, alternate.....Yes  
 At-Large, City of Fall River .....Yes

**THE MOTION WAS PASSED WITH SIX ABSTENTIONS.**

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

There were no comments offered.

**4. Massachusetts Vehicle Census Presentation by MassDOT**

Liz Williams of MassDOT introduced Michael Melencio, CEO of the Office of Performance Management and Innovation, and he provided a demonstration to the group about the new Massachusetts Vehicle Census dashboard tool which can be found here <https://geodot-homepage->

[massdot.hub.arcgis.com/pages/massvehiclecensus](https://massdot.hub.arcgis.com/pages/massvehiclecensus) . It is the first in the nation dataset that will help stakeholders answer questions and conduct analysis about vehicles that has not been possible before. Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that regularly collects odometer data at time of inspection and in a way that is verifiable. MassDOT has used this data to build a resource that joins existing data about how much cars are being driven with information about the vehicles themselves. This resource can answer questions like how many vehicles are registered in a city/town, how many of them are electric versus fossil fuel, and how many were added over the course of the last year? This is important data to inform needs assessments, siting of electric vehicle charging stations, and adoption of different sustainable transportation technologies. The dashboard tracks the composition of fleet and supports efforts to transition to more sustainable transportation technologies. The dashboard's key performance metrics and layout are directly responsive to the "Development of the Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2050" bill signed into law in 2021. The data is available for download and for individuals to perform their own analyses to answer additional questions they may think of.

Mr. Melencio showed the group several datasets that make up the dashboard, including vehicle excise data that shows where vehicles have been located, RMV's activity for commence and cease dates for different VINs of vehicles that shows how many days vehicles are active throughout the year, and odometer readings from annual inspections that show how long vehicles have been driven and daily vehicle miles traveled per day. There are three major KPI measures, which includes vehicle count and maps that break down data by municipality, MPO, and statewide counts.

## **5. Regional Transportation Plan Updates Presentation**

Jackie Jones gave a presentation about the topics areas of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. SRPEDD staff have been working on this planning document for the past year. The draft RTP will be presented to the SMMPO to release for a public comment period in August and the JTPG will have the chance to recommend it to the SMMPO at the August JTPG meeting. The RTP thoroughly details and assesses the transportation needs of SRPEDD's 27 communities and identifies areas for improvements including roads, bridges, travel patterns, public transit, airports, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, freight, congestion management, and safety. The RTP will also include a needs assessment of zero emission vehicle infrastructure and alternative transportation needs relating to multifamily housing development. The RTP's purpose is to help identify improvements across these areas of transportation. Ms. Jones discussed the national goals and planning factors that drive the RTP and other transportation planning efforts in addition to the RTP's robust public engagement process. Ms. Jones informed the group that the presentation slides would be sent to the group following the meeting and any questions about the RTP could be emailed to her at [jjones@srpedd.org](mailto:jjones@srpedd.org).

## **6. Other Business**

Ms. Estrela-Pedro announced that this year's [MassDOT Moving Together conference](#) will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. The [Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Meeting](#) will be held on July 26, 1- 3 PM at Mattapoisett Fire Station. She announced that the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program has released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) with up to \$3.16 billion available for planning and construction projects

that reconnect communities that have been cut off from economic development opportunities due to previous transportation infrastructure projects. The deadline for submitting applications is Thursday, September 28, 2023. Ms. Estrela-Pedro also announced that SRPEDD's Regional Bicycle Plan survey is closing on July 15 and encouraged attendees to fill out the survey and share with their networks to provide feedback about bicycle infrastructure improvement locations.

#### **7. Date and Time for Next Meeting**

Date and Time for next meeting is August 9, 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 Vice-Chair asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by John Woods and seconded by James Hartnett. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM.