Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Draft Minutes | June 15, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Roll Call/Attendance

Members/Designees	Representing	Attendance
Derek Shooster	MassDOT, *Representing Phil Eng*	Present
Barbara Lachance	MassDOT District 5, *Representing Jonathan Gulliver*	Present
Tom Wilson	Cape Cod Commission	Present
Robert Lawton	Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority	Present
Mark Forest	Barnstable County Commissioners	Present
Brian Weeden	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council	Absent
Daniel Santos	Town of Barnstable	Absent
Doug Brown	Sub-region A: Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee & Sandwich	Present
Elizabeth Argo	Sub-region B: Dennis & Yarmouth	Present
Kevin Galligan	Sub-region C: Brewster, Chatham, Harwich & Orleans	Present
Leslie Sandberg	Sub-region D: Eastham, Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet	Present

Ex-officio Members	
Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee	Absent
NPS/CC National Seashore	Absent
US Army Corps of Engineers/Cape Cod Canal	Absent
Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket Steamship Authority\	Absent
Federal Highway Administration	Absent
Federal Transit Administration	Absent

Also Present	
David Nolan	Cape Cod Commission
Steven Tupper	Cape Cod Commission
Colleen Medeiros	Cape Cod Commission
Evan Costa	Cape Cod Commission
Phillip Mele	Cape Cod Commission
David Still	Cape Cod Commission
Jessica Wielgus	Cape Cod Commission
Christina Mendoza	MassDOT
Caleb Plumber	MassDOT
Leah Pickett	MassDOT
Paul Hilton	CCRTA

Fred Valdivia	CCRTA
Kristen Boyd	CCRTA
Caroline Muldoon	Steamship Authority
Tristen Altime	Federal Highway Administration
Tamara Lord	Fuss and O'Neill
Stephen Buckley	
Ken Cheitlin	
John York	

Call to Order/Introductions

Derek Shooster called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Derek Shooster provided instructions for participation in the virtual meeting and noted that the meeting was being held in virtual format, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, as further amended by Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025. The roll was called to determine which members were participating remotely, as reflected in the roll call vote listed above. Attendees were invited to introduce themselves.

Potential approval of prior meeting minutes

A motion to approve the draft minutes of the May 18, 2026, meeting was made by Elizabeth Argo, second by Doug Brown. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Barbara Lachance	Aye
Tom Wilson	Aye
Robert Lawton	Aye
Mark Forest	Aye
Doug Brown	Aye
Elizabeth Argo	Aye

The motion passed.

Public Comment

Stephen Buckley shared he would like to provide comment during the MPO recertification agenda item. Mr. Buckley also shared there is a scheduled public hearing on one of the two intersections in Chatham that has traffic lights. Mr. Buckley shared at a Chatham Select Board meeting, a Select Board member shared they were informed there would be a pre-recorded video available online prior to the hearing. Mr. Buckley shared the meeting posting in the newspaper and online does not indicate a pre-meeting video being available. Mr. Buckley shared a pre-meeting video would be helpful as a member of the public to gain a better understanding of what is happening and provide a chance to formulate thoughts ahead of time. Mr. Buckley also

shared a concern for the 4:00 PM start time for the MassDOT meeting in Chatham as it may conflict when most residents are just leaving work and also would have liked to seen an online option for the public meeting.

Mr. Buckley also asked who is in charge of MassDOT's Public Participation Plan and how to get in touch with them. Derek Shooster shared to his understanding that the Public Participation Plan is a shared responsibility, and that it is not just one staff person or one office, but several staff and offices. Mr. Shooster shared MassDOT would try to provide a more appropriate response in terms of who Mr. Buckley can email or call and how his emails and voicemails are being handled or forwarded to.

Kevin Galligan arrived at 1:10 PM.

Leslie Sandberg arrived at 1:11 PM.

Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program ("TIP") Amendment #4:

Staff will review, and Committee members will consider public comments on and may consider whether to vote to endorse, Amendment #4 to the 2026-2030 TIP. Amendment #4 programs funding for crosswalk improvements at various state-owned signals near bus stops including the Route 28A at Route 151 intersection in Falmouth.

Ms. Medeiros provided an overview of Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #4. Ms. Medeiros shared TIP Amendment #4 was released for a 21-day public comment period after the last MPO meeting, and no public comments were received. Ms. Medeiros shared the following is included in FFY 2026-2030 TIP Amendment#4:

- Vulnerable Roadway User (VRU) Bus Stop Program State Owned Signals Phase 1 Cape Cod Project
    - Route 28A (North Falmouth Highway) at Route 151 (County Road/Nathan Ellisa Highway)
    - Deign Public Hearing held 04/14/26 (Recording available online)
    - Advertising Summer 2026
    - Amendment 4 would fund the project in FFY 2026 ($1,186,624) using STIP funds

A motion to endorse FFY 2026-2030 TIP Amendment #4 as presented was made by Kevin Galligan, second by Elizabeth Argo. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Barbara Lachance	Aye
Tom Wilson	Aye
Robert Lawton	Aye

Mark Forest	Aye
Doug Brown	Aye
Elizabeth Argo	Aye
Kevin Galligan	Aye
Leslie Sandberg	Aye

The motion passed.

Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program ("TIP") Adjustment #3

Staff will review, and Committee members may consider whether to vote to endorse, Adjustment #3 to the 2026-2030 TIP which would change the funding categories for the Provincetown Corridor Improvement project on Shank Painter Road and the Barnstable Park and Ride Expansion project.

Colleen Medeiros provided an overview of Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2030 TIP adjustment #3, which includes the following:

- Barnstable Park and Ride Expansion
  - Switch State TIP funding category from STGB funding to Carbon Reduction Program
  - Fully Funded in 2026 for $9,252,759

- Provincetown Shank Painter Road
  - Add $6,395,035 in State PROTECT TIP funds in FFY 2026
  - No change in total project funding
  - Will now have $6,395,035 regional target funds available in 2027

A motion to endorse FFY 2026-2030 TIP Adjustment #3 as presented was made by Elizabeth Argo, second by Doug Brown. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Barbara Lachance	Aye
Tom Wilson	Aye
Robert Lawton	Aye
Mark Forest	Aye
Doug Brown	Aye
Elizabeth Argo	Aye
Kevin Galligan	Aye
Leslie Sandberg	Aye

The motion passed.

Federal Certification Review Report: *Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) staff will present a summary of the recently completed 2026 Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization Certification Review Report.*

Derek Shooster asked if partners from the Federal Highway Administration were available to present on the agenda item. Steven Tupper shared he had reached out to FHWA staff and something may have come up that prevented them from attending today's meeting. Mr. Tupper shared a copy of the Federal Certification Review Report is available as part of the meeting materials. Mr. Tupper shared the agenda item would be tabled until FHWA can join at a future MPO meeting.

Sub-regional Representative Election Process: *Staff will describe and Committee members may vote whether to approve a process for the election of sub-regional representatives to the Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization for the term of January 1, 2027 though December 31, 2029.*

Steven Tupper provided a brief overview of the draft 2026 sub-regional representative election process to be held this fall. He stated that one Select Board member is selected to represent each of the four sub-regions of Cape Cod.

Mr. Tupper reviewed the election process. The election process is approved by the CCMPO and administered by Cape Cod Commission staff. The first portion includes a nomination process in which select board members nominate other select board members within their sub-region no later than October 13, 2026. Commission staff will confirm a nominee's ability and willingness to serve and finalize the slate of candidates. The final ballot will be distributed and posted online. The election will be held at the November 16, 2026, MPO meeting. Select Board members that are unable to attend the November MPO meeting, can email absentee ballots no later than November 9, 2026. Mr. Tupper then briefly reviewed the procedure if a vote were to result in a tie.

A motion to approve the process for the election of sub-regional representatives with the tie-breaker process as discussed was made by Elizabeth Argo, second by Kevin Galligan. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Barbara Lachance	Aye
Tom Wilson	Aye
Robert Lawton	Aye
Mark Forest	Aye
Doug Brown	Aye
Elizabeth Argo	Aye

Kevin Gallgan	Aye
Leslie Sandberg	Aye

The motion passed.

Reports

MassDOT staff will discuss the status of the Transportation Improvement Program projects and the Cape Cod Canal Area Transportation Improvement Program. Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority and Cape Cod Commission staff will report on recent and upcoming transportation initiatives across Cape Cod.

MassDOT

Barbara Lachance provided project updates for MassDOT:

FFY 2026

- **Provincetown (608744)** – Shank Painter Road Improvements – Advertisement scheduled for July 25, 2026
- **Barnstable (610800)** – Barnstable Park and Ride Expansion and Improvement to Route 132 – MassDOT reviews complete/advertisement scheduled July 18, 2026
- **Sandwich (613200)** – Chase Road over Route 6 bridge preservation – Bids opened May 2026/Bid awarded to MAS Building and Bridge Inc
- **Harwich (609436)** – Bridge Preservations over Route 6 – Project advertised/bids opened June 9, 2026/bid has not been awarded

FFY 2028

- **Chatham (607405)** – Route 28 at Main St/Queen Anne Rd/Crowell Rd – Design Public Hearing scheduled for June 24, 2026, at 4pm/ Project manager shared the Town of Chatham chose the hearing time
- **Dennis (608196)** – Route 28 Streetscape – awaiting 75% design
- **Truro/Wellfleet (612032)** – Resurfacing and related work on Route 6/public informational meeting held June 12, 2026/75% design due August 2026

FFY 2029

- **Yarmouth (608264)** – Route 28 Corridor Improvements – awaiting site walk for utilities/utility pole redesign configuration is the reason for project delay

Elizabeth Argo asked why Ms. Lachance reviewed a project that was not on the presentation slide. Ms. Lachance shared the updates to the projects not on the slide are to provide updates about the bidding process for the projects. Ms. Lachance shared once the bids are awarded updates on construction are provided. Ms. Argo emphasized the delay to projects due to utility companies and suggested the issue be brought to the region's legislators.

Leslie Sandberg shared the Truro/Wellfleet resurfacing project will have a public information meeting on June 16, 2026, at 6:30pm at the Truro Community Center.

Kevin Galligan shared the public information meeting on the Eastham/Orleans rotary was well done and interactive, and he was pleased a Power Point presentation was not used.

John York shared the High-intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal is broken at the Scenic Highway entrance of the Belmont Rotary. Mr. York shared the button to cross is broken in one direction, but not the other resulting in users having to push the button for over a minute, but at this point that does not work either. Ms. Lachance asked for clarification on the location of the HAWK signal, and Mr. York shared it crosses Scenic Highway and is located about 200 feet from the Rotary and that the button is located as users walk north across Scenic Highway inland. Colleen Medeiros shared Mr. York had brought the HAWK signal issue up previously which Ms. Medeiros shared with MassDOT District 5. Ms. Medeiros shared MassDOT District five shared electricians had been sent to the site to install a firmware update and that all buttons are now working per design as of May 5, 2026. Mr. York shared the button continues to not function and that when the button is pushed it says "Wait", but the lights never change to prompt the vehicles to stop and for the users to cross. MassDOT District 5 shared they would look into the issue further.

CCRTA Updates

Paul Hilton provided an update for the CCRTA. Mr. Hilton shared the CCRTA is continuing to commission the six battery electric buses received as part of the Volkswagen settlement. Mr. Hilton shared the process of commissioning the vehicles is occurring slower than anticipated, but the buses will be placed into service in the next three to four weeks. Mr. Hilton shared the CCRTA was awarded 15 cutaway vehicles to provide mobility assistance programming for the region through the MassDOT Mobility Assistance Program and will be put in service in the Summer and Fall of 2027. Mr. Hilton shared shifts in schedules for routes are ongoing as Summer is starting to get busy.

CCC Updates

Steven Tupper shared an update for the Commission. Mr. Tupper shared the following upcoming MassDOT meetings:

- FFY 2028 Truro/Wellfleet Route 6 Resurfacing and Related Work
    - Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6:30PM: Truro Community Center 7 Standish Way

- Chatham Main Street (Route 28) at Depot Road, Queen Anne Road, and Crowell Intersection Improvements
    - Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 4:00PM: Chatham Town Offices Annex 261 George Ryder Road

Mr. Tupper encouraged members and attendees to reach out to the Chatham DPW if they have questions about the meeting. Mr. Tupper shared it is his understanding that it is standard MassDOT procedure to conduct these types of meetings in person and to then have a recording posted of the meeting in the event someone was unable to attend.

- Cape Cod Bridges Project – Sagamore Bridge Replacement Public Hearing

- Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 6:00PM: Bourne High School 75 Waterhouse Road Bourne, MA 02532
- MassDOT to unveil new bicycle/pedestrian route around Sagamore Bridge construction zone
- Updates for the Sagamore and Bourne Bridges will be discussed

- MassDOT Development of the next State Highway Strategic Safety Plan – Virtual Listening Session
  - Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 11:00AM
  - https://www.mass.gov/info-details/strategic-highway-safety-plan

Mr. Tupper shared the State has initiated a Mass Trails 10 initiative highlighting 10 premier trails across the Commonwealth. The Shining Sea Bikeway was chosen as one of the trails. Ms. Tupper highlighted the Shining Sea Bikeway is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year as the Commonwealth's first rail to trail conversion.

Mr. Tupper briefly reviewed the remaining MPO meeting dates and noted at this time there is no anticipated need for MPO meetings in July and August, but asked members to monitor their emails for meeting updates.

New Business

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair more than 48 hours before the meeting.

No new business was discussed.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Elizabeth Argo, second by Tom Wilson. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Barbara Lachance	Aye
Tom Wilson	Aye
Robert Lawton	Aye
Mark Forest	Aye
Doug Brown	Aye
Elizabeth Argo	Aye
Kevin Galligan	Aye
Leslie Sandberg	Aye

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Documents Used/Received

2026-06-15 CCMPO Meeting PowerPoint Presentation
2026-05-18 CCMPO DRAFT Minutes
2026-06-15 CCMPO Agenda
2026-06-15 CCMPO Revised Agenda
2026-03-26 FWHA FTA MA CCMPO Certification Report Final
Cape Cod Bridges Meeting Flyer 07/23/2026
DOT Highway Design Public Hearing Flyer Chatham 06/24/2026
2026 Draft MPO Election Process
FFY 2026-2030 TIP Adjustment 3 for MPO Endorsement
MassDOT Route 6 Truro Wellfleet Resurfacing Project Inform Meeting 06/16/2026
TIP Amendment 4 for public comment