

Cape Cod Bridges Program

Advisory Group Meeting

October 22, 2024, 3-5 PM

Mass Maritime Academy

20 Tower Lane, Buzzards Bay, MA, 02532

Meeting Summary

The fourth meeting of the Cape Cod Bridges Project Advisory Group took place on October 22, 2024, at Mass Maritime Academy. At this meeting, the Project Team provided a brief presentation followed by a discussion. Topics include a funding update, NEPA update, overview and assessment of interchange options, and recommendations followed by a discussion and questions. Attendees included the Program Team, elected and appointed officials from the local, state, and federal levels, community organization leaders, and members of the public.

Please note the information contained herein serves as meeting notes and not an exact transcript.

Meeting Notes

1. Program Team Presentation

- Program updates were given by Bryan Cordeiro, MassDOT, Dave Anderson (HNTB), and Mark Kolonoski (HNTB).

2. Discussion and Comments

- Roger Forget, Upper Cape Regional Technical School: Will the evaluation of intersection configurations be considered as it relates to community operations?
 - Bryan Cordeiro, MassDOT: The project team is assessing this.
- Susan Moran, State Senator: Has there been or will there be an analysis of an HOV lane on the Sagamore Bridge?
 - Bryan Cordeiro, MassDOT: A HOV lanes are not being considered .
- Mary Ann Smith, Upper Cape Regional Technical School: What will be the construction period's effects on Upper Tech's driveways?
 - Bryan Cordeiro, MassDOT: The goal is to keep two lanes open during all of construction. There will be no lane closures.
- Mary Ann Smith, Upper Cape Regional Technical School: There are concerns about how long students can be on the bus.
 - James: We understand and appreciate this concern and are continuing to evaluate and work to minimize impacts.
- Allen Phillips, MEMA: Will MassDOT consider creating a Public Safety Sub-Committee?
 - Bryan Cordeiro, MassDOT: MassDOT will discuss this idea.
- Steve Tupper, Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization: Question regarding traffic analysis.
 - Alex Sui, HNTB: Some traffic analysis has been performed.
- Marlene McCollem, Town of Bourne: Have people with potential takings been notified?

- Dave Anderson, HNTB: MassDOT expects to receive early notification approval from FHWA in the coming months.
- John York, Member of the Public: Will there be multimodal routes at Sagamore North?
 - Jill McLaughlin, Stantec: It is being considered in the current design and the team is continuing to refine this topic.
- Steve Buckley, Member of the Public: What is the status of NEPA and scoping report?
 - Mark Kolonoski, HNTB: Provided the timeline of events related to NEPA and scoping.
 - Steven Buckley, Member of the Public: Will this process be documented?
 - Mark Kolonoski, HNTB: This process has been documented.
- Sean Reardon (Massachusetts State Police): How will the police barracks be located with respect to access to the bridge?
 - Bryan Cordeiro, MassDOT: The State Police barracks will retain access to the bridge.
- Marlene McCollem, Town of Bourne: Is there a Plan B for funding the Bourne Bridge.
 - Bryan Cordeiro, MassDOT: It is being discussed with MassDOT leadership to put together another plan which will include seeking federal funding sources.
- Marlene McCollem, Bourne Town Administrator: What is the procurement plan and is the \$350 million included in the budget for the USACE?
 - Bryan Cordeiro, MassDOT: The \$350 million in funding would be utilized by Eastern Federal Lands which means that Eastern Federal Lands would be part of procurement and oversight.
- Marlene McCollem, Bourne Town Administrator: Will there be two contracts for Sagamore?
 - Bryan Cordeiro, MassDOT: MassDOT is looking into this topic. The cost and schedule risk assessment showed that there could potentially be a lack of bidders. One way to reduce that is to break up the program into smaller packages. This is an ongoing analysis.
- Paul Niedzwiecki, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce: Question regarding funding.
 - Dave Anderson, HNTB: The Program cannot request more than 50% BIP funding. MassDOT hasn't been formally notified and thus doesn't know all the feedback of the application.

Attendees

Project Team:

1. Bryan J. Cordeiro, MassDOT
2. Gareth Saunders, MassDOT
3. Shaun Handy, MassDOT
4. Craig Martin, USACE
5. Dave Anderson, HNTB
6. Mark Kolonoski, HNTB
7. John Smith, HNTB
8. Patrick Marvin, HNTB
9. Emily Wood, HNTB

10. Kevin Walsh, Stantec
11. Jill McLaughlin, Stantec

Attendees:

1. Andrew Gottlieb
2. David McPherson
3. Marc Brunco
4. Barry Johnson
5. Peter Meier
6. Anne-Marie Siroonian
7. Marlene McCollem
8. Marie Oliva
9. Paul Niedzwiecki
10. Kristy Senatori
11. Steven Tupper
12. Tom Cahir
13. Walker Armstrong
14. Calli Remillard
15. Sean Reardon
16. John York
17. Kaylea Moore
18. Michael Holcomb
19. Amanda Braga-Tipton
20. Alec Scicchitano
21. Steven Xiarhos
22. Michael Jackman
23. Katherine Morfill
24. Caleb White
25. Michael Holcomb
26. Senator Susan Moran
27. Roger Forget
28. Mark Emmons (Virtual)
29. James Anglin (Virtual)
30. Ken Cheitlin (Virtual)
31. Mark Forest
32. James Anglin
33. Steve Buckley
34. John York