

Cape Cod Bridges Program Advisory Group Meeting October 7, 2025, 3 PM Mass Maritime Academy 10 Tower Ln, Buzzards Bay, MA, 02532

Meeting Summary

The seventh meeting of the Cape Cod Bridges Project Advisory Group took place on October 7, 2025, at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. At this meeting, the Project Team provided a brief presentation regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and general project updates, followed by a discussion. Attendees included the Program Team, elected and appointed officials from local, state, and federal levels and their representatives, 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. Project Team Presentation
 - Project updates were given by Luisa Paiewonsky (MassDOT), Anne Canaday (MassDOT), and Dave Anderson (HNTB).
- 2. Discussion and Comments
 - Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber of Commerce: Question about public utilities and how they will be addressed.
 - Dave Anderson: Response that MassDOT is currently coordinating with utility companies, and progress is going well. There will be a public open house to provide more information.
 - ii. Anne Canaday: Response that additional details can be found in the MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act) documentation.
 - Office of US Representative Keating: Question about the shorter timeline for the new northbound Sagamore Bridge.
 - Dave Anderson: Response that the existing ramps will remain open during construction, which will extend the project timeline for the southbound bridge due to traffic management requirements.
 - Town of Bourne Commission on Disabilities: Question about contingency plans in case of funding cuts.
 - i. Luisa Paiewonsky: Response that MassDOT is confident in the stability of the current funding sources.
 - Steve Buckley: Question about whether this project should be reviewed under the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) process.
 - i. Luisa Paiewonsky: Response that the DRI process does not apply to the Cape Cod Bridges project.



- Steve Buckley: Question about whether wider lanes will result in increased traffic volumes.
 - i. Luisa Paiewonsky: Response that based on analysis, we do not expect that wider lanes will lead to increased travel demand.
- John York: Question about design exceptions and opportunities for public comment on design exceptions.
 - i. Luisa Paiewonsky: Response that this question is noted.
- John York: Question about public access of the Design Justification Workbook.
 - i. Luisa Paiewonsky: Response that individuals can request this document. Once requested, our legal team will review and process the request accordingly.

Attendees

Program Team

- 1. Anne Canaday, MassDOT Project Manager
- 2. Luisa Paiewonsky, MassDOT Executive Director of Megaprojects
- 3. Dave Anderson, HNTB
- 4. James Barnack, HNTB
- 5. Erica Blonde, HNTB
- 6. Mark Kolonoski, HNTB
- 7. Patrick Marvin, HNTB
- 8. Elizabeth McConaghy, HNTB
- 9. Alex Siu, HNTB

Advisory Group and Members of the Public

- 1. Steve Buckley, Community Member
- 2. Marc Brunco, Cape Cod Disabilities Commission
- 3. Andrew Gottlieb, Cape Cod Commission
- 4. Mike Jackman, Representing US Rep. Bill Keating
- 5. Kathleen Jensen, Cape Cod RTA
- 6. Craig Martin, USACE
- 7. Marlene McCollum, Town of Bourne
- 8. David McPherson
- 9. David McPherson (duplicate)
- 10. Peter Meier, Town of Bourne
- 11. Paul Niedzwiecki, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce
- 12. Marie Oliva, Cape Cod Region Chamber of Commerce
- 13. Anne Marie Siroonian, Town of Bourne
- 14. Kristy Senatori, Cape Cod Commission
- 15. Pete Sutton, MassDOT
- 16. Steven Tupper, Cape Cod Commission
- 17. John York, Community Member