

**Cape Cod Bridges Program  
Advisory Group Meeting  
December 9, 2025, 3 PM  
Mass Maritime Academy  
10 Tower Lane, Buzzards Bay, MA, 02532**

## Meeting Summary

The eighth meeting of the Cape Cod Bridges Project Advisory Group took place on December 9, 2025, at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. At this meeting, the Project Team provided a brief presentation regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and other environmental 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 James Barnack (HNTB).
2. Discussion and Comments
  - Peter Meier, Town of Bourne: Question about the government shutdown and funding being pulled away.
    - i. Luisa Paiewonsky: Response that a tweet surfaced during the shutdown speculating that the Army Corps would not receive funding. But this did not happen, and the funding has remained intact. A section of the funding has been moved from USACE to the FHA.
  - US Rep. Bill Keating Office: Question about impacts to Bourne Scenic Park.
    - i. Mark Kolonoski: Response that there are three levels of review under Section 4(f), the impacts and mitigation can be found there.
  - Marc Brunco, Town of Bourne Committee on Disabilities: Question about the SUP grade inclination.
    - i. James Barnack: Response was that all the multimodal paths within the entire program are 4.5% or less to meet ADA.
  - Steve Tupper, Cape Cod Commission: Comment expressing excitement about the addition of four new rail crossings, noting that this is an initiative the Cape Cod Commission has been working toward for many years.
  - Steve Tupper, Cape Cod Commission: Question about how someone should submit a comment on smaller details about art, wall treatments, etc.
    - i. Luisa Paiewonsky: Response recommending commenting on the DEIS because the project team will have access to it.

- Steve Buckley, Community Member: Question about why the new bridges won't increase demand to Cape Cod.
  - i. Luisa Paiewonsky: Response that travel volumes are not expected to increase significantly because capacity is not increasing. The reconstruction of the interchanges is expected to improve traffic flow. Because of multiple factors (population growth, land use, etc.), increased traffic volumes and demand to the Cape are not anticipated.
- Steve Buckley, Community Member: Comment about how the AI used in these analyses can skew results.
  - i. Luisa Paiewonsky: Response that MassDOT does not use AI to write reports and statements.
- John York, Community Member: Question about how this project will deliver on the promises it made for bikers and pedestrians.
  - i. Luisa Paiewonsky: Response that this is a great question to submit on the DEIS.

## **Attendees**

### **Program Team**

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

### **Advisory Group and Members of the Public**

1. James Anglia
2. Steve Buckley, Community Member
3. Amanda Braga-Tipta
4. Marc Brunco, Cape Cod Disabilities Commission
5. David Cleary, Town of Bourne
6. Mark Forest, Barnstable County Commissioner
7. Shaun Handy, MassDOT
8. Mike Jackman, Representing U.S. Rep. Bill Keating
9. Craig Martin, USACE
10. Marlene McCollum, Town of Bourne
11. Peter Meier, Town of Bourne
12. Shanna Nealy
13. Andrew Nelson
14. Paul Niedzwiecki, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce
15. Allen Phillips, Emergency Management (CDA)

16. Kristy Senatori, Cape Cod Commission
17. Anne Marie Siroonian, Town of Bourne
18. Pete Sutton, MassDOT
19. Olivia Teixeira, US Sen. Elizabeth Warren
20. Steven Tupper, Cape Cod Commission
21. John York, Community Member