

**Cape Cod Bridges Program
Advisory Group Meeting
March 10, 2026, 3 PM
Mass Maritime Academy
101 Academy Dr, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532**

Meeting Summary

The ninth meeting of the Cape Cod Bridges Project Advisory Group took place on March 10, 2026, at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. At this meeting, the Project Team provided a brief presentation regarding environmental updates, public involvement, risk mitigation and other 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 Anne Canaday (MassDOT) and Dave Anderson (HNTB).
2. Discussion and Comments
 - Question about whether the load tests will impact traffic.
 - i. Dave Anderson: Response that trucks will be bringing materials to the site and there may be some noise, but significant disruptions to traffic are not anticipated.
 - Question about whether the short list will be made public.
 - i. Anne Canaday: Response that MassDOT will look into it.
 - Question about the bid process and how the technical score factors into contractor selection.
 - i. Dave Anderson: Response that proposals are evaluated by dividing the dollar amount by the technical score to determine a “dollar per point” value, with the lowest dollar-per-point representing the best value.
 - John York: Question about maintaining continuity of service for pedestrians and bicyclists.
 - i. Anne Canaday: Response that continuity of service is a priority, but safety is an even greater priority
 - Steve Buckley: Question about whether anything was overlooked in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
 - i. Anne Canaday: Response that nothing was overlooked and that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determined that an EIS was required for the project.
 - Steve Tupper: Question about public notice for the foundation load testing.

- i. Anne Canaday: Response that regular screening will occur, the MassDOT District 5 Office is managing the load tests, and the project team can coordinate with them to improve communication.
- Question about noise mitigation during boring and survey work.
 - i. Anne Canaday: Response that MassDOT will keep potential noise impacts in mind as work proceeds.
- Steve Buckley: Question about the Cape Cod Commission permitting process report.
 - i. Steve Tupper: Response that the Cape Cod Bridges Program is not subject to Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) review due to federal and state legal preemption.
- John York: Question about unresolved properties within the Critical Right-of-Way.
 - i. Dave Anderson: Response that the project team prioritized early acquisition of properties with the longest lead times, and those acquisitions are currently underway and on schedule. Several smaller property takings along the roadway edges are still needed, but the most time-sensitive acquisitions were addressed early in the process.
- Bourne Police Department: Question about providing more information about upcoming survey work to the police department.
 - i. Anne Canaday: Response that MassDOT will follow up with additional information.
- John York: Question about the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and ownership of the new bridges.
 - i. Dave Anderson: Response that MassDOT will ultimately own both bridges.
- Ken Cheitlin: Comment about mitigation for Bourne residents, including a new bike path and a Cape Cod Canal rail line.
 - i. Anne Canaday: Response thanking the commenter for the suggestion.
- Steve Buckley: Question about whether the meeting was being recorded and posted online.
 - i. Erica Blonde: Response that Advisory Group meetings are not recorded, but meeting notes will be published.

Attendees

Program Team

1. Anne Canaday, MassDOT Project Manager
2. Craig Cashman, MassDOT
3. Jacquelyn Goddard, MassDOT
4. Dave Anderson, HNTB
5. James Barnack, HNTB
6. Erica Blonde, HNTB
7. Mark Kolonoski, HNTB
8. Elizabeth McConaghy, HNTB

Advisory Group and Members of the Public

1. Amanda Braga-Tipta, Office of State Representative of David Vieira
2. Steve Buckley, Community Member
3. Ken Cheitlin, Friends of the Bourne Rail Trail
4. Daniel Cox, Bourne Police
5. Pheobe Flynn, Plymouth District Director
6. Roger Forget, Superintendent of Upper Cape Tech
7. Violet Gehr, MMA
8. Mike Jackman, Representing U.S. Rep. Bill Keating
9. Kathleen Jensen, Cape Cod RTA
10. Grigsby Lovaas, Rep. Kip Diggs
11. Joeseeph Manning, Fulcrum East, Inc
12. Craig Martin, USACE
13. Marlene McCollum, Town of Bourne
14. Peter Meier, Town of Bourne
15. Carol Oldham, Foss Offshore Wind
16. Allen Phillips, Emergency Management (CDA)
17. Kristy Senatori, Cape Cod Commission
18. Anne Marie Siroonian, Town of Bourne
19. Pete Sutton, MassDOT
20. Olivia Teixeira, US Sen. Elizabeth Warren
21. Steven Tupper, Cape Cod Commission
22. Susan Vaughn, Cape Cod Times
23. John York, Community Member