

**Cape Cod Bridges Program
Advisory Group Meeting**

June 10, 2025, 3-5 PM

Massachusetts Maritime Academy

10 Tower Lane, Buzzards Bay, MA, 02532

Meeting Summary

The sixth meeting of the Cape Cod Bridges Program Advisory Group took place on June 10, 2025, at the Mass Maritime Academy. At this meeting, the Program Team provided a brief presentation followed by a discussion. Topics included a Sagamore crossing update, shared use path improvements, details of the Sagamore north interchange roundabout circulation, and boring and load testing construction updates. 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. Program Team Presentation

- Program updates were given by Luisa Paiewonsky (MassDOT), Dave Anderson (HNTB), Fred Moseley (Stantec), and Jill McLaughlin (Stantec).

2. Discussion and Comments

- Tom Corriveau (Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School): Comment about the need for a traffic light at the entrance to the school, citing multiple incidents that have occurred. He is frustrated and eager to see how the state will respond.
 - Luisa Paiewonsky (MassDOT): Response summarizing planned improvements, which include installation of a temporary signal while the permanent one is being developed. Pedestrian improvements, including sidewalks and crossings, were addressed later in the presentation.
- David Sampson (Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School): Comment expressing frustration and additional support for improvements at the entrance to the school.
 - Luisa Paiewonsky, MassDOT: Response that MassDOT fully recognizes the frustration.
- Lauren DiGiorgio (Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School): (Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School): Comment expressing additional frustration and support for improvements at the entrance to the school.
- Marlene McCollem (Town of Bourne): Question about state road on the north side leading to Route 3 Northbound.
 - Dave Anderson (HNTB): Response that the design is like the existing and will be signalized. Drivers will have multiple options at that intersection.
- Paul Niedzwiecki (Cape Cod Canal Regional Chamber of Commerce): Question of how roundabouts differ from large rotaries.

- Dave Anderson (HNTB): Response that roundabouts have a smaller radius, which creates sharper curves and naturally slows traffic.
 - Jill McLaughlin (Stantec): Response that roundabouts will be 175–200 feet in diameter, with one-lane designs to help control speed.
- Representative Xiarhos: Question whether the roundabouts can handle high traffic volumes and large vehicles like tractor-trailers, and whether they will be single or dual lane.
 - Fred Moseley (Stantec): Response that both roundabouts were analyzed for traffic volumes. They will function efficiently and better than signalized intersections. The west roundabout will have two lanes to handle higher volumes, while the east will have one. Both are designed to accommodate large trailer trucks, with central striped islands to assist with turning radii.
- Steve Buckley (Member of the Public): Question about average annual daily traffic and whether climate change could increase peak volumes. Asked that traffic data be made public.
 - Alex Siu, HNTB: Response that summer Saturdays show the highest traffic peaks. Data will be available later this summer with the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report.
- Tom Corriveau (Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School): Comment reiterating his concerns about safety and opposing roundabouts and expressed concern about improving traffic flow.
- Mike Chatman (Office of Congressman Bill Keating): Question if conservative estimates were used to account for potential traffic increases.
 - Alex Siu (HNTB): Response that two studies were conducted – a base case and a sensitivity case. The sensitivity case was used, and additional traffic counts were taken to assess historical growth. Visitor trip data from the Cape Cod Commission showed higher volume increases than socioeconomic projections.
- David McPherson (Town of Bourne Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathways): Question about benefit in timeline of having the crossing on the west side compared to the east side.
 - Jill McLaughlin, Stantec: Response that the benefit is years.
- David McPherson (Town of Bourne Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway): Question if cyclists using the west side would be able to cross back to Cranberry Highway.
 - Jill McLaughlin, Stantec: Response that there are bike accommodations along Cranberry Highway.
- John York (Member of the Public): Comment that while demand modeling was thorough, there was little information on pedestrian origins and destinations. Pointed out that the east side of the Sagamore Bridge has historically had more foot traffic and questioned the lack of pedestrian trip distance data.
 - Jill McLaughlin, Stantec: Response that her presentation focused on questions from the last meeting, but all feedback is being considered. The west side was chosen for accessibility due to its gentler grade, which benefits users with disabilities.

- John York (Member of the Public): Comment about the historical reasoning for placing the walkway on the east side of the bridge.
- Marc Brunco (Town of Bourne Commission on Disabilities): Question about the grade percentage.
 - Jill McLaughlin (Stantec): Response that the grade will be 4% to match the mainline. The steepest section, from the parking lot back to the park-and-ride, will be 4.5%. The current Mid-Cape Connector is at 5%.
- Peter Meier (Town of Bourne Selectboard): Comment about a need for a maintenance plan for the shared-use paths.

Program Team Attendees

1. Luisa Paiewonsky, MassDOT
2. John DeLeire, MassDOT
3. Shaun Handy, MassDOT
4. Anne Canaday, MassDOT
5. Jacque Goddard, MassDOT
6. Jill McLaughlin, Stantec
7. Fred Moseley, Stantec
8. Craig Martin, USACE
9. Mark Kolonoski, HNTB
10. Dave Anderson, HNTB
11. Alex Siu, HNTB
12. Erica Blonde, HNTB
13. Billy Parent, HNTB
14. Rachel Gies, HNTB

Attendees

1. MA State Representative Steven Xiarhos, 5th Barnstable District
2. Mike Chatman, Office of Congressman Bill Keating
3. Office of US Governor Maura Healey
4. Marlene McCollem, Town of Bourne, Town Administrator
5. Peter Meier, Town of Bourne Selectboard
6. Mark Forest, Barnstable County Commissioner
7. Anne-Marie Siroonian, Town of Bourne Selectboard
8. Carol Oldham, Foss Offshore Wind
9. Joel Whitman, Foss Offshore Wind
10. Olivia Teixeira, Office of US Representative Elizabeth Warren
11. Marc Brunco, Town of Bourne Commission on Disabilities
12. Nolan Leroy, Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School
13. Thomas Corriveau, Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School
14. Brandon Esip, Bourne Police Chief
15. Daniel Cox, Bourne Police

16. Andrew Gottlieb, Cape Cod Commission
17. Ken Miller, Cape Cod Commission
18. Kristy Senatori, Cape Cod Commission
19. Amanda Braga-Tipton, Veterans Reintegration Advisory Committee
20. David Sampson, Former Superintendent of Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School
21. David McPherson, Town of Bourne Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway
22. Steve Tupper, Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization
23. Paul Niedzwiecki, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce
24. Lauren DiGiorgio, Parent of a Student at Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School
25. John York, Member of the Public
26. Steve Buckley, Member of the Public