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PARK AND RIDE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS
AT THE ROUTE 132 PARK AND RIDE PROJECT

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you. Good
3 evening. Good evening. My name is Herrio
4 Lamothe. I am the project manager for the
5 proposed Park and Ride Expansion and
6 improvement at Route 132 in Barnstable, which
7 will be presented today. I am in the project
8 management section at the Massachusetts
9 Department of Transportation Highway Division
10 headquarters in Boston. Welcome to our
11 in-person design public hearing. During this
12 presentation, we'll explain the purpose of the
13 hearing, provide an overview of the
14 right-of-way procedures, and explain the
15 design. Finally, we will explain how you can
16 submit your comments and questions about the
17 project, many of which can be included in the
18 official hearing transcript. Miranda?

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10 welcome and appreciated at the end of the
11 presentation. However, we do request that you
12 refrain from any disrespectful comments. And I
13 believe we began without asking if anyone
14 needed interpretation services today. I'm
15 going to go with me no. Back to Herrio.

16 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you, Miranda.
17 Thank you. Let me welcome our panelists from
18 MassDOT who have joined us this evening. As
19 mentioned previously, I am Herrio Lamothe, the
20 MassDOT project manager. We have Rich Bilski.
21 He is a District 5 project development
22 engineer. Rich? We have also Lisa Szamreta,
23 the ROW representative. We have Gareth
24 Saunders, legislative affairs. We have Miranda

1 Briseno, our producer. And from our
2 consultant, BSC group, MassDOT consultant for
3 this project, we have Wayne Keefner, P.E. So,
4 he is a highway engineer.

5 And we have a Cape Cod Commission.
6 We have Steve Tupper is the deputy director.
7 Steve? And also we have Colleen Mederos. No,
8 the transportation program manager can't be
9 with us tonight. So -- but we appreciate what
10 they did for us last night. And we are having
11 municipal liaison, Griffin Beaudoin, P.E., the
12 town engineer. And there should be other
13 people but -- that may be on his way, but we
14 have received his help last night, too. We
15 have also from the HNTB Patrick Marvin. He's
16 the community and public engagement. So we
17 also have with us for translation, Portuguese
18 we have Sara. Thank you for being here with
19 us. And for Spanish, we have Saul with us. So
20 -- and here tonight to provide the complete
21 verbatim transcript is our stenographers from
22 Advanced Court Reporters, LLC. So we have two
23 with -- present with us.

24 How did we get here? The project

1 started in 2020, with the approval of the
2 project need and initiation forms, and then the
3 approval of the project review committee.
4 Various options are investigated and presented
5 at the 25 percent design stage. The selected
6 concept is presented at a design public hearing
7 before proceeding into the final design phase.
8 I would like to invite Steven to provide the
9 overview about the story of this project,
10 Steve, please. Thank you.

11 MR. TUPPER: Thank you, Herrio. So,
12 again, Steven Tupper, deputy director with the
13 Cape Cod Commission. So first, I want to thank
14 MassDOT for inviting us to provide some
15 comments about the context of this project.
16 And I also I want to thank everyone for joining
17 tonight. On the next slide here, I wanted to
18 highlight some data collection activities.
19 Understanding the regional importance of this
20 facility to residents and also a gateway to
21 visitors into our region. We've been
22 collecting data at this facility for 30 years.

23 And that's been over 300 different
24 comps where we've been out there, counting the

1 number of parked vehicles, number of empty
2 spaces, number of illegally parked vehicles
3 primarily. We've also done other data
4 collection activities, for example, looking at
5 the license plate to understand where the
6 vehicles are coming from. We certainly saw
7 that this -- this facility draws vehicles from
8 Barnstable all the way out to Provincetown
9 using this facility. Also I want to
10 acknowledge that the town of Barnstable Parking
11 Management Department is out here regularly
12 monitoring it. So they have data as well in
13 terms of the, like, illegally parked vehicles
14 in this facility.

15 On the next slide, I'd like to
16 highlight a summary of some of the findings
17 over those 30 years of data collection. So on
18 the slide here from left to right is the
19 average occupancy. That would be the percent
20 full. We've seen the lot in each of the years
21 from 1995 up through today. And then I'll add
22 on top here, the maximum occupancy in each
23 year. So with another click there, you can see
24 this is the most full we saw as a lot each year

1 that we observed it. And then on top of that,
2 I'll add a line at 100 percent. So this shows
3 each time when the lot was full.

4 So in -- in many instances, they're
5 actually over 100 percent, so illegally parked
6 vehicles as well. Also important to highlight
7 85 percent full when the lot is nearly full.
8 So there's only some spots left in the back of
9 the parking lot. A couple of things to note.
10 On the left-hand side, in the late 90s there
11 are approximately 220 vehicles in the lot. And
12 as you can see, it was regularly overcapacity
13 at 220 vehicles. The park and ride was then
14 expanded to 300 vehicles. And then today, we
15 have 365 spaces in the parking lot.

16 All the way on the right, you can
17 also see a little bit of a dip related to the
18 pandemic. You can see that in the 2021 year.
19 We have been seeing the trend upward since the
20 pandemic starting to go back towards a full
21 parking lot at this facility. On the next
22 slide, I wanted to give a snapshot of a -- a
23 full day when we were out there doing
24 observations. This was the last day that we

1 did it before the pandemic -- pandemic related
2 shutdowns. So across the screen here is the
3 percent full from early morning until later in
4 the day. And as you can see here, the lot is
5 effectively full from 6:00 in the morning -- or
6 full, completely full from 6:00 in the morning
7 until 4:00 p.m. that day. It didn't start to
8 empty out until late into the evening.

9 Keep going? Sorry, there's a little
10 bit of an echo here. We're trying to fix that.
11 I'll keep going since we're all here. So that
12 was when it was completely full, and then on
13 the next click here, you can see that it was
14 effectively full well into the evening.

15 (Technical Interruption.)

16 MR. TUPPER: Okay. The show is
17 really for you anyway, so we'll keep on going
18 anyway. So with that, I'll keep going onto the
19 final slide in terms of data collection. There
20 we go. Let me just go back one. Wait for the
21 host. There we go, thank you. Okay. So with
22 much ado, here is the final slide on data
23 collection. So I wanted to provide a summary
24 of the data collection in the current

1 configuration before the pandemic. So from
2 2003 to 2020. So over the counts we did in
3 that period of time, we saw an average
4 occupancy, so average percent full, 91 percent
5 full. And the lot was nearly full 90 percent
6 of the time that we were doing the
7 observations. And the lot was completely full
8 or over full 10 percent of the time. So one
9 out of the ten times that we went there, there
10 was actually no place to park. So that's what
11 we've been seeing at this lot.

12 And I also want to highlight that the
13 high occupancy that we're seeing here is not
14 tied to seasonality. Unlike much of our
15 transportation system, where we have the
16 biggest issues in the summer, this was seen
17 consistently -- consistently across the entire
18 year in terms of those occupancy numbers. So
19 hopefully that helps with the context. And
20 with that, I'll turn it back -- turn it over to
21 Wayne.

22 MR. KEEFNER: Are these working?

23 MR. TUPPER: They're good. You can
24 just go up and talk.

1 MR. KEEFNER: Okay. Can you hear me?

2 MR. TUPPER: Yes.

3 MR. KEEFNER: Okay. If I'm too
4 quiet, let me know. So this is what -- showing
5 some of the current issues. There's not enough
6 parking spaces to service the -- those using
7 the various bus services that utilize the lot.
8 There's a lack of separated dedicated drop off
9 areas. The current layout mixes bus and
10 automobile traffic, and there's a lack of ADA
11 connectivity throughout the site. So we --
12 what do we want to accomplish? This -- this
13 slide shows a list of project goals. We want
14 to provide additional parking spaces to service
15 those utilizing the lot, provide dedicated
16 separated drop off areas, separate bus and
17 automobile traffic to improve safety and
18 functioning of the lot, and improve ADA
19 accommodations throughout the site.

20 So what alternatives were considered?
21 As part of the 2020 Cape Cod park and ride lot
22 study, five concepts were developed for the
23 lot. Option A expanded the south parking area
24 to the west and added 110 spaces. Option B

1 expanded the north parking area to the west and
2 added 101 spaces. Option C expanded the south
3 parking lot to the north and west, and expanded
4 the north parking area to the west and added
5 221 spaces. Option D expanded the south
6 parking lot to the north and west and expanded
7 the north parking area to the west and added
8 300 spaces. In Option E, expanded the south
9 parking lot to the north and west and expanded
10 the north parking area to the west and added
11 365 spaces.

12 This next slide is just a summary
13 table of the various alternatives, comparing
14 the additional parking spaces, total spaces,
15 additional land area needed, environmental
16 impacts, and criteria impact. So what's the
17 preferred alternative? Option D is a preferred
18 alternative. Option D creates 271 net new
19 spaces for a total future space count of 639.
20 ADA accommodation is improved throughout the
21 site. New bus shelters with expanded capacity
22 are added. Separate bus and vehicular drop off
23 areas are created, and separate bus and vehicle
24 aisles are also created.

1 How has our design progress since we
2 began? Sidewalks are now located within all
3 islands. There are dedicated separate bus and
4 vehicular drop off and pick up areas. We're
5 relocating the existing EV charging stations
6 that are recently installed. There's better
7 signage indicating the on ramp to Route 6 and
8 -- and a new turning area before entering Route
9 6. There's better directional parking and
10 circulation, and we are expanding the lighting.
11 I'll now hand this over to Lisa to go over the
12 right of way.

13 MS. SZAMRETA: Hi, everyone. I'm
14 Lisa Szamreta from the Right-of-Way Bureau, and
15 we're responsible for acquiring all the
16 necessary rights in private and public lands
17 for the design, construction, and
18 implementation of this project. Affected
19 property owners will be contacted by personnel
20 from the Right-of-Way Bureau or consultants
21 representing the Massachusetts Department of
22 Transportation Highway Division. The
23 procedures used must comply with state and
24 federal regulations governing the acquisition

1 process. Affected property owner's rights are
2 protected under the Massachusetts General
3 Preliminary Chapter 79. If a project is
4 receiving federal funds, the property owner's
5 rights are further defined under Title 3 of the
6 real Property Act of 1970 as amended.

7 The current design plan indicates
8 that fee takings, permanent easements, and
9 temporary construction easements will be
10 acquired. The drawings are located at Town
11 Hall, and if you have any questions later on in
12 the forum, I would be happy to answer them.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. TUPPER: Thank you, Lisa. So
15 what are the environmental, cultural resource,
16 and community impacts? I know what you're
17 talking about. There are no environmental
18 resources near the limits of work. Storm water
19 runoff will be managed on-site, and all
20 applicable storm water standards will be met.
21 What is the construction approach? It's
22 anticipated the construction will be performed
23 in five distinct stages.

24 There's a construction moratorium

1 from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Stage one
2 maintains the existing bus pick up area, drop
3 off area, and parking area in the north lot.
4 Stage two completes the improvements to the
5 north parking area. Stage three constructs --
6 constructs the expanded parking areas to the
7 south lot. Stage four improves the north half
8 of the existing south parking area, and stage
9 five completes the improvements to the south
10 parking area.

11 So how will users be affected?

12 Pedestrian circulation throughout the parking
13 area will be improved with dedicated walkways
14 between all aisles. New pedestrian curb ramps
15 and new accessible parking spaces will also be
16 created. Separating bus and automobile
17 circulation increases safety by not mixing
18 traffic types. A new bicycle storage area will
19 also be provided. What are the user impacts?
20 During construction, some of the areas of the
21 site will be fenced off for construction. The
22 dedicated bus drop off pick up area will remain
23 functional throughout construction, and a
24 minimum of 300 parking spaces will be available

1 at all times. I will now hand this back to
2 Herrio.

3 MR. LAMOTHE: The project is expected
4 to be ready for advertisement in the summer of
5 2025. So I will keep you informed. Again, you
6 may access the project website by using mobile
7 device camera and focusing on the QR code on
8 the slide. You may also access the project
9 website by using the web address provided. The
10 last sheet of the handout would -- is the mail
11 in sheet. It is also available on MassDOT's
12 website. If you have any questions or comments
13 which you would like to submit in writing, you
14 may use this sheet for that purpose. You may
15 e-mail or mail it to the department within ten
16 days of the date, and it will become part of
17 the official record.

18 For mail-in correspondence, address
19 to Carrie Lavalee, P.E., deputy administrator
20 and chief engineer at MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza,
21 Boston, Massachusetts, 02166. Attention,
22 project management, project file is 610800. To
23 e-mail question, comments, concern, please
24 e-mail to

1 MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us and
2 include a subject line of attention, design
3 public hearing. So in person, project file
4 number 610800. We will appreciate that.

5 Before we move into public comment,
6 we would like to invite a state, city, and
7 local official to speak at the time -- at this
8 time. So I would like to invite a -- to see if
9 there is some public official that would like
10 to be acknowledged.

11 MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Herrio.
12 Good evening, everyone. I'm Gareth Saunders,
13 and I'm from MassDOT Legislative Affairs
14 Office. So do we have any elected officials
15 here or their staff members that would like to
16 ask some questions? Please just identify your
17 name and ask your question. Before we start, I
18 just want to note that at our virtual meeting
19 last night, we did have the Barnstable town
20 council president and several of the council
21 members in attendance. Yes, sir.

22 MR. HOLCOMB: Up to the microphone?

23 MR. SAUNDERS: Oh.

24 MR. HOLCOMB: If it's -- it's reading

1 a statement on behalf of my boss, is that okay
2 now?

3 MR. SAUNDERS: Sure. And who -- who
4 are you representing tonight?

5 MR. HOLCOMB: Michael Holcomb,
6 district director from Senator Cyr.

7 MR. SAUNDERS: Oh, yes. Michael.
8 I'm sorry.

9 MR. HOLCOMB: Up to the microphone?

10 MR. SAUNDERS: Oh, yeah. Please.
11 And we have Michael Holcomb from Senator Cyr's
12 office.

13 MR. HOLCOMB: And I hope you'll all
14 forgive me from reading from my phone. I had
15 an uncooperative printer at the house. I'm
16 pleased to join you tonight for the public
17 comment on the planned expansion of the Route
18 132 Exit 6 Park and Ride on behalf of Senator
19 Cyr. Senator Cyr is pleased to see the robust
20 community engagement on this planned expansion.
21 As commuters and travelers who use this lot
22 know, there has been a growing gap between
23 demand and availability of park and ride
24 capacity proximate to Route 6. This has made

1 life for Cape Codders commuting daily or taking
2 trips to Boston or Logan Airport unnecessarily
3 stressful. I often meet Senator Cyr at this
4 park and ride to carpool to Boston, and as an
5 anxious traveler like me knows, finding a spot
6 can be nerve wracking.

7 Senator Cyr is proud to have secured
8 the 7.5 million for park and ride expansions
9 along Route 6, and is particularly proud of the
10 planned work in Barnstable. The creation of
11 271 additional parking spaces at the Exit 6
12 Park and Ride will expand capacity at the
13 juncture of Route 6, where it is most needed.
14 Paired with increased accessible parking and
15 the EV charging stations, revitalized and
16 improved access to this lot with new pickup and
17 drop off areas, improvements to pedestrian
18 facilities and accessibility, expanded bus
19 passenger shelters, and improved lighting, this
20 lot will be fit for purpose again. The need
21 for expanded park and ride capacity on Route 6
22 has been an issue of concern to Cape Codders,
23 from across the region for years, and Senator
24 Cyr is pleased to have played his part in

1 working towards solutions for this issue.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Michael,
4 and Senator Cyr's office. Are there any --
5 yes, sir.

6 MR. TAMASH: Hi. Excuse me. Good
7 evening. My name is Craig Tamash. I'm vice
8 president of the Barnstable Town Council, and
9 also here -- this is the rest of the council, I
10 guess. Also here is Gordon Starr and Kris
11 Clark, two -- two other councilors. I use this
12 lot semi-frequently for when we go away. We
13 park there and take the bus to Boston. It's
14 very handy. And I believe you had talked about
15 seasonality. I was just curious as to why you
16 would not be doing construction during the
17 summer, for the simple reason that there's no
18 seasonality. Which -- I'm very familiar with
19 the lot, and there really isn't. I mean, it
20 can be more crowded in February than it is in
21 July. So it -- it seems to me to be a waste of
22 part of the construction season by not doing it
23 during the summer season.

24 As -- as someone who was involved

1 with a lot of traffic control, whatever, it
2 certainly makes sense on some of the larger
3 roads not to be doing construction during the
4 Memorial Day to Labor Day period. But I don't
5 think this will be one of them. So I -- I
6 certainly do support this having driven a lot
7 around that lot looking for a space several
8 times, that it's very much needed. And thank
9 you for going forward with it.

10 MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you.

11 MR. BILSKI: Oh, yes. My name is
12 Rich Bilski. I'm the project development
13 engineer for District 5. That's something that
14 we could definitely investigate. And
15 typically, MassDOT would not do work on the
16 Cape during the moratorium. However, if the
17 town was in agreement that they would support
18 that and we could get a letter from the town,
19 we would definitely consider that.

20 MR. TAMASH: Okay. If I could,
21 Griffin, do you have any views on that? Not to
22 put you on the spot.

23 MR. BEAUDOIN: That's what I'm here
24 for, Councilor. No, I actually agree with you.

1 The fact that we've seen that it's not a
2 seasonal parking lot, I think it makes a
3 tremendous amount of sense to try to get the
4 project done as quickly as possible. So I
5 would be supportive of that as well. So we can
6 certainly talk.

7 MR. TAMASH: Yeah.

8 MR. SAUNDERS: Thank -- thank you.
9 Go right ahead.

10 MS. CLARK: Thank you very much.
11 Kris Clark, I'm a councilor from Precinct 11 in
12 West Barnstable, and we will be missing the
13 trees that we have become accustomed to in West
14 Barnstable for those that will be cut down to
15 expand this parking lot. I was wondering, not
16 to be disruptive is -- has there been a more
17 holistic look at this area? Because not only
18 are there businesses right there with the
19 Burger King, and the gas station, and the YMCA,
20 and the housing units with Kimber Woods, but
21 there's a walking trail in the area and a
22 future bike trail that's proposed in that area.
23 So I was just wondering is -- has there been a
24 holistic look at how to move people? It's not

1 quite an intersection with the college, but the
2 traffic coming from the college happens at the
3 time when classes come out.

4 And there's also under-utilized
5 parking at the college. And -- and for those
6 that -- I was told that when it comes to public
7 transportation, they have to go around the
8 circle that wraps around the college facility.
9 And that maybe if there was a pull out or a
10 turn out so that somebody could be dropped off
11 without going around the horn for the college,
12 that that might be something worth considering.
13 But anyways, I'm glad that the Town of
14 Barnstable does enforcement over there. I know
15 that there have been times when I've seen cars
16 covered with snow when we hadn't had snow for
17 two or three weeks, and some people park there
18 much longer than they should. And because the
19 place is so overcrowded, oftentimes when
20 they're running late for a bus to go on
21 vacation, it's worth paying the ticket because
22 there's no other option. So thank you very
23 much for letting me speak.

24 MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you. I don't

1 know if anyone from the design team or District
2 5 would like to address the holistic look
3 question.

4 MR. TUPPER: So thank you, Councilor.
5 Certainly, there are bigger issues in terms of
6 transportation connectivity in the area. I'm
7 aware of some of those concepts, looking at
8 connectivity to the -- to Four Cs across the
9 street. And I agree there's potentially a need
10 to look at improvements on 132. My
11 understanding of the scope of this project is
12 it's fairly limited to the park and ride
13 facility itself, but that doesn't mean we can't
14 take a look at the adjacent roadways as well.
15 Commission staff are actually looking at some
16 of the safety issues at the ramps, at all of
17 the ramps on the Cape right now, so we are
18 actually looking at that location. So we'll
19 take that into consideration as well and think
20 about potential future projects where we can
21 make those connections as well. Thank you.

22 MR. LAMOTHE: And also, I am aware of
23 trails going behind. So we are thinking that
24 budget, but we could be advocate for that to

1 have the share use park to connect the parking
2 to the trails going. And that will be really
3 helpful and just put your power on that and we
4 would like to have this, okay?

5 MR. SAUNDERS: Yes. Thank you. Are
6 there any -- oh, yes, sir.

7 MR. STARR: My name is Gordon Starr.
8 I'm a town councilor for Barnstable Village and
9 Cummaquid. So my -- my question is -- and I
10 asked Griffin this earlier: Wasn't this project
11 pulled back a couple of months ago? We -- we
12 got messages that it wasn't going to happen for
13 a long time. Do you remember that? Mr. -- Mr.
14 Tupper does?

15 MR. TUPPER: Yeah.

16 MR. STARR: Was -- oh, let's get him
17 on camera.

18 MR. TUPPER: So thank you for the
19 question, Councilmember. So you're indeed
20 correct that the funding related to this
21 project was originally on the transportation
22 improvement program, and it was pulled off.
23 And the MassDOT is currently looking at ways to
24 fund the project. So at the same time, they

1 are advancing the design of the project. So
2 that's what you're seeing tonight, continuing
3 to work forward on the design, but there will
4 be a need to identify the specific funding
5 source to move it forward. So you are correct.
6 There's a need for the funding on the project.

7 MR. STARR: So -- so the -- the TIP,
8 the transportation improvement plan is a five
9 year county -- county-wide plan using DOT money
10 for projects. Like repaving Route 6 is on the
11 list. Is the bike trail on the list?

12 MR. TUPPER: There are a number of
13 bike trail projects.

14 MR. STARR: Yes.

15 MR. TUPPER: So specifically, the --
16 the Cape Cod Transportation Improvement Program
17 includes all projects that have federal highway
18 or federal transit funding associated with it.
19 Many of which include matching funds from the
20 State. So that includes a number of bike path
21 projects, Yes, the repaving to Route 6. And
22 potentially this project, although there's
23 currently no funding associated with it.

24 MR. STARR: Okay. But there's enough

1 money to design?

2 MR. TUPPER: Do you want to speak to
3 the design funding?

4 MR. LAMOTHE: Absolutely. This is
5 why we try to put this project to the
6 advertising, to get default advertising. So
7 the way the system works, for instance, this
8 project could be ready in summer 2025 --

9 MR. STARR: Right.

10 MR. LAMOTHE: -- to be advertised.
11 So at the end of September, September. So
12 we're looking. There are some project -- there
13 always are project for some reason, they're
14 behind. They will not be ready for
15 advertising, automatically --

16 MR. STARR: Okay.

17 MR. LAMOTHE: -- this project just --
18 okay.

19 MR. STARR: So you want -- just so I
20 -- I'd say you want it shovel ready as they --
21 as they say?

22 MR. LAMOTHE: No. So you -- not --
23 basically, we're working on funding this
24 project as soon as possible. But the way the

1 system is working now, we have this project as
2 a priority, and we always have project that
3 behind. And this project is first on line,
4 okay, to get to the -- to get advertised as
5 soon as possible.

6 MR. STARR: Okay. So basically, you
7 know, I -- I think it's a good project. I
8 think we need the spaces. I wish there was
9 room for trees, but we found out last night,
10 there's no room for trees. And the enforcement
11 is a question that has to be looked at. The
12 charging stations. I wish there was a way you
13 could have the level two chargers and have --
14 be able to unplug somebody's car and plug in
15 somebody else's car. But probably -- you
16 probably can't legally touch somebody else's
17 car. Because then you could have instead of
18 two spaces, you could have four spaces, and --
19 with -- with, you know, two spaces per charger.

20 MR. LAMOTHE: But that you can
21 address.

22 MR. KEEFNER: Okay. So the level
23 twos do have two chargers per --

24 MR. STARR: Right.

1 MR. KEEFNER: -- actual things. And
2 the -- the spaces are set up, staggering it,
3 right? So each car would have its own charger
4 from the single level two. So there's five
5 chargers, but it'll charge ten cars.

6 MR. STARR: Yeah. But I'm saying
7 each -- each -- it's too bad that each charger
8 can't charge two cars, you know, that if I get
9 there and the -- the car is already charged
10 that's plugged in, I could unplug it and plug
11 my car in.

12 MR. KEEFNER: Oh, I see what you're
13 saying. Like if they are four cars --

14 MR. STARR: Yeah, but -- it's
15 probably not legal to -- for me to touch
16 somebody else's car, you know, and pull it out.
17 But I wish you could do that. Because I don't
18 know what the limits if at level two, they
19 could be parked all day, would make sense. But
20 to be there longer than 12 hours doesn't make
21 any sense. And I'm -- but I'm glad they're
22 there. So I support the project. Thank you.

23 MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you. Any --
24 anyone else, any other elected officials or --

1 okay. So I'll turn it over to Colleen, yes, or
2 --

3 MR. LAMOTHE: Before -- before that
4 last night we experienced it as something I
5 didn't do was talk about the -- sorry. Last
6 night, at which point I would -- something very
7 important. It's not about the parking. It's
8 about improvement in the bus shelter. So we're
9 going to two, two, four. I don't know if you
10 -- if you want to go deeper on that. So what
11 this project is about, improvement for a buses
12 for the PeterPan or this. Do you want to take
13 about or --

14 MR. KEEFNER: Sure. So I mentioned
15 this earlier, but I can maybe just put some
16 numbers to it to make it a little more clear.
17 So there's -- it's one of the previous slides.
18 I mentioned that we are putting in new bus
19 shelters that are expanding the capacity of the
20 shelters. There's currently two bus shelters.
21 When we're done there will be four. We reached
22 out to all the bus companies that use this lot,
23 and I think PeterPan was the -- was the most
24 forthcoming with information of what -- what

1 they thought would be the best count for this.
2 And I want to say the number is 75, but don't
3 quote me on that. But that's what I think it
4 is.

5 So that's the amount of and because
6 of that, we need four shelters. And we have
7 space for four. I think we only really three,
8 but we're putting in four, so -- expanding
9 capacity for the bus shelters. They'll all be
10 brand new. They'll all be very clear like they
11 are today, right, safety. But yeah, expanding
12 the bus shelter capacity.

13 MR. LAMOTHE: And also, we have the
14 accessibility. So we have the ADA compliance.
15 And we have also the sidewalk. And that added
16 -- so once you just park your car and you go to
17 the sidewalk and to go to the -- if you to get
18 the bus. We have the bus and accessibility.
19 And for everybody, everyone, so you have the
20 issue, you could park close. There is -- in
21 front where you have the bus shelters, there's
22 some parking really reserved for people with
23 disabilities. You want to ask something more?
24 We can. On that, no? Okay. That was quick.

1 Okay. So -- and we thank you.

2 We'd like to thank the following
3 organization for the support for this project.
4 First of all, the Town of Barnstable. I was so
5 happy to see all of you there for this project.
6 We have the Barnstable Disability Commission.
7 We have Barnstable Council on Aging, and also
8 the Barnstable Veteran's Services. We have a
9 Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization.
10 We have the South Yarmouth RMV Service Center.
11 We have the Greater Hyannis Chamber of
12 Commerce. And I think that's all. So I will
13 to -- Miranda to say something so -- before
14 closing the -- we can ask any actual questions.

15 MS. BRISENO: Yep. So we'll move to
16 the question and answers for tonight. A very
17 small room, and I believe we're all adults
18 here. We can, like, raise our hand and get in
19 line. Use the microphone, if there are any
20 other questions or comments? Sure. Yeah.

21 MS. CLARK: If people were -- who
22 have not been able to participate in either
23 last night's or today's event or this present
24 public hearing, will they be able to access

1 this PowerPoint, or how can we -- how can
2 someone -- how can I direct someone to find
3 this information? Thank you.

4 MS. BRISENO: Do you believe we post
5 the PowerPoint online?

6 MR. BILSKI: We do.

7 MS. BRISENO: Yes.

8 MR. BILSKI: PowerPoint will be
9 posted and this edited recording will be posted
10 very close to --

11 MS. CLARK: On DOT's website?

12 MR. BILSKI: Yes, on the event page.

13 MS. CLARK: Okay. Will it be on the
14 Cape Cod Commission's site or not there?

15 MR. TUPPER: Well, we will provide a
16 link to it as well, yes.

17 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

18 MS. BRISENO: Any other questions or
19 comments? Sure. Okay.

20 MR. WIRTANEN: Mark Wirtanen in West
21 Barnstable. Can I have a paper copy of
22 tonight's presentation, please? I agree with a
23 previous councilor that said that we should
24 have construction during the summer because as

1 a local, we know we have to share some of that
2 construction hell with the tourists that are
3 here during the summer. Because in the summer
4 we have traffic tourist hell. And in the
5 off-season, we have construction traffic hell.
6 So we figured, we'll just share with the --
7 with the tourists for a change. So let's have
8 construction during the summer. The RTA and
9 the B bus, are they going to stop here? So
10 that we can have transportation elsewhere from
11 this location instead of only going to Boston
12 or to Hyannis?

13 There's also a -- an issue with the
14 DOT, the state DOT. If you leave here tonight
15 and you drive west down Route 6A to Route 132,
16 you'll notice the sidewalks. They're
17 completely covered with sand and grass because
18 they haven't been maintained in about 30 years.
19 We've been asking and asking and asking the
20 DOT, which controls them, to do some work on
21 them, but they don't. They do major
22 construction projects, and they're supposedly
23 going to be coming in and -- and redoing the
24 whole sidewalk, making it ADA compliant. But

1 we've been begging for 30 years, and -- the --
2 the -- so the -- the concern is that once they
3 build something, they don't maintain it. So
4 those are my comments. Thank you.

5 MR. BILSKI: Yeah, as far as the
6 other bus carriers, that's why we're doing the
7 additional bus shelters. So specifically, so
8 RTA can have their own stop two and the B bus,
9 and we coordinated with all -- I think there's
10 four different carriers. And the main concern
11 was, too, that, you know, somebody who is going
12 to -- let's say you're going to bicycle to your
13 local RTA stop. You could put a bicycle on the
14 rack. You could take an RTA bus to -- to the
15 park and ride. There's going to be -- bicycle
16 racks there, so you could store your bike. And
17 then you could take the bus out to Boston if
18 you wanted to, or New York City, or wherever,
19 any point you wanted to, and just provide that
20 connectivity between the whole system.

21 Also, as part of adding the
22 additional shelters, we're increasing the whole
23 length of the island to encourage more
24 carpooling drop offs. So if people are going

1 on trips it makes it more convenient because
2 right now, it's -- if you've been there, it's
3 very congested. It's hard when people are
4 picking up or dropping off people. So we would
5 encourage that activity also. And then also my
6 understanding it is RTA also runs at certain
7 times, certain medical buses that go up to some
8 of the hospital facilities. So that's why
9 we're increasing also the number of handicapped
10 spots over there, too, to address that.

11 As far as 6A, I know we're looking at
12 various projects there. However, 6A has always
13 been very complicated because of the historic
14 nature of it and Old Kings Highway, and
15 necessary to do a lot of projects would
16 potentially impact trees and other situations.
17 So it's always been a very touchy subject. But
18 we have been coordinating with the commission
19 and the town looking at advancing projects.

20 MR. LAMOTHE: Also we'll improve
21 lighting, so -- for security. So at night,
22 even in the far of the parking lot will --
23 people have the light. So they were in the
24 dark, for safety. So that will be, you know,

1 the help there.

2 MS. BRISENO: Any other comments or
3 questions?

4 MR. PHALAN: Good evening, everybody.
5 Paul Phalan. I live in Barnstable. And I have
6 to first thank my councilors. I turn my TV on,
7 my government channel, and I see there every
8 single night they're out at a meeting. I can't
9 thank them enough. And I sit here as the loan
10 dissenter, apparently. And this is a done
11 deal. I'm very sad and upset to hear that.
12 And -- and I can't leave out Senator Cyr. I
13 have tremendous respect for him. I'm sorry to
14 hear that he's -- this money has been
15 appropriated I heard the gentleman state. Some
16 of the money has been appropriated.
17 I -- I live ten minutes from this
18 park and ride, and I went by there at 5:00
19 tonight. I stopped counting at 40 empty
20 spaces. You can -- I think the state needs to
21 do a better study. With all due respect to the
22 Cape Cod Commission, I think their study is
23 flawed. We need professional people with
24 degrees to look at this. They could -- they --

1 I think the State should, at least, look at
2 limiting it from 21 days down to 10 days. I
3 don't understand that all -- at all. If that's
4 a state policy, that needs to be looked at. We
5 could save \$10 or \$15 million. I didn't know
6 the state was that flush with money. Honest to
7 good.

8 My wife and I do frequently use it.
9 We -- we never have a problem. Sometimes I
10 Uber up there. It's a -- it's a \$5 or \$10 Uber
11 ride, depending on the time of day. I thought
12 we were supposed to encourage people to have
13 less carbon footprint. Now we're increasing
14 this parking lot. Does that make sense? I
15 thought we were trying to get people out of
16 their cars. To Griffin are they -- is the
17 State looking -- is the state observing our
18 brand new storm water management rules,
19 regulations in Barnstable?

20 MR. BEAUDOIN: There we go. They
21 haven't filed an application yet, but they --
22 they will need to.

23 MR. PHALAN: Well --

24 MR. BEAUDOIN: Yeah.

1 MR. PHALAN: -- at Barnstable?

2 MR. BEAUDOIN: -- we actually, me and
3 Wayne, we're --

4 MR. PHALAN: Okay.

5 MR. BEAUDOIN: -- talking via e-mail
6 about it, just recently as last night.

7 MR. PHALAN: Thank you, Wayne. Will
8 I have to go before the town's planning board
9 and ZBA as well, or just -- with -- with your
10 section?

11 MR. BEAUDOIN: I'm not sure about the
12 planning board and ZBA.

13 MR. PHALAN: All right.

14 MR. BEAUDOIN: I don't believe so.

15 MR. PHALAN: It's unfortunate,
16 incidentally. We have an empty room here
17 tonight. I'm glad to see there are some --
18 some elected officials here. There's also a
19 very important meeting 15 minutes from here
20 regarding the Marstons Mills Elementary School.
21 So I knew some people could not attend both.
22 It seems to be a scheduling conflict. I'll
23 wrap this up and be very brief, and I
24 appreciate everyone's patience.

1 I was hoping that -- that we could
2 use the RTA a lot more as -- in addition to an
3 Uber and a Lyft. It seems like we -- we need a
4 feeder system instead of people driving to this
5 location. People could take the RTA or a Lyft
6 and be dropped off. It doesn't make sense to
7 -- at this point to -- to drop this much money
8 on -- on a project like this. And totally
9 separate from this, the Cape Cod Gateway
10 Airport looks to spend \$25 million of federal
11 money to expand their park, their -- their
12 runways, and they don't need to either.

13 It's -- I thought we were -- most
14 towns I've lived in in Massachusetts, am I
15 wrong that we've tried to reduce our --
16 impervious pavement? And here we are doubling
17 it. So I hope that you take into consideration
18 looking at reducing the 21 days, having a -- a
19 professional company come in here and -- and
20 take a look at the -- at the actual parking
21 numbers. Thank you all very much. I
22 appreciate every -- every single one of you.
23 And I guess I just -- at close, I have nothing
24 but accolades for our rank and file Department

1 of Transportation employees. I see them out
2 there daily. I think they're overworked and
3 just like our parking people, I don't know how.
4 I don't -- I think we -- we don't have the
5 resources to maintain this lot. Thank you.

6 MR. LAMOTHE: So thank you so much.
7 Thank you for your comments. I would like to
8 tell you it's not only providing parking spots.
9 We tried to improve this area. So you know, we
10 have two shelters, bus shelters. Now, we
11 provide four. There are also safety -- safety
12 issue. People trying to get to the buses, and
13 basically there's no way for them to go. If
14 you drop someone to go to the -- to take a --
15 to the bus. So there's no way to go and to
16 wait and someone with a accessibility issues,
17 they could not -- there's no way to park and to
18 wait for buses to come.

19 So we're doing a lot of improvement.
20 In my understanding, there's a lot of people
21 around the world coming to Cape Cod, visiting,
22 something like that. By providing this parking
23 lot increase that, that would attract more
24 people visiting. They will get money, more

1 money to the town, to Cape Cod because then
2 there's a place for them to come for their
3 vacation or to do different things. So I think
4 it's the -- which are our best, but for the
5 agreement to issue, just talking about. So
6 there's some regulation with MassDOT. We don't
7 do things like that. At every single phase, 25
8 percent, 75 percent, 100 percent, when they
9 desire, they submit the design.

10 There is a bunch of subject matter
11 expert from the -- from District 5, from the --
12 or the 10 Park Plaza. So they even went to --
13 they reviewed that. They make comments for
14 trees, they will leave you many trees. They
15 will say, okay, there's some maples, there's a
16 maple regulation. This is why we don't -- we
17 didn't extend the parking lot more because
18 there's regulation. Over on just -- we have a
19 maple tree stored. We could not go over 200.
20 For trees there's a -- also, there's a
21 regulation. So at -- when we're going to a
22 review, the 75 percent we'll take in
23 consideration the environmental issue, and
24 we'll maybe invite the town. We will work

1 together to make sure there's no environmental
2 impact. By the way, all the storm water will
3 be managed on-site. We're not going to go to
4 the general system. It's going to manage
5 on-site. So -- and we'll have to continue
6 telling us what to take. We have received your
7 comments, and we to take them in consideration.
8 Thank you so much.

9 MS. BRISENO: Any last questions or
10 comments? We do have the -- I'll put the e
11 mail information up somewhere. But yeah, the
12 Cape Cod Commission and the website will be
13 updated with the slides and recording and other
14 information to submit more comments. I want to
15 thank everyone for their comments. This is the
16 public process. So I appreciate your
17 participation, and thank you for coming
18 tonight.

19 MR. LAMOTHE: Okay. So thank you
20 again. So the meeting is closed now at 7:57.
21 And again, I would like to tell you there is a
22 handout also that contains a form you can
23 complete and send if you have any additional
24 questions or comments. So use this opportunity

1 to send us the -- your question and we got ten
2 days it will be part of the official records.
3 Thank you so much. Have a good night.
4 (Whereupon, the hearing in the above-entitled
5 matter was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.)

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