The meeting was called to order at 1:00PM by Chairman Steve Woelfel after which attendees introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments - Opportunity for the public to address the SMMPO. Chairman Woelfel opened the floor to give an opportunity for the public to address the SMMPO. No public comments were made.

3. Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2020 (Materials Attached). Chairman Woelfel made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting of the SMMPO into record. The motion was seconded and APPROVED with ONE ABSTENTION.
4. **SMMPO Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) Report**
   Mr. Paul Mission introduced Mark Sousa, the GATRA Administrator taking over for Frank Gay. Mr. Sousa had nothing to report. SRTA was not in attendance.

5. **Self-Certifications for Planning Process and Air Quality – Vote to endorse and update for FFY2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program - Proposed Administrative Adjustment #2 and FFY2020 Regional Transportation Plan - Proposed Administrative Adjustment #1 (Materials Attached)**
   Mr. Mission outlined two adjustments. Adjustment #2 addresses the update for the STIPS and RTPS completed in October of 2019. With that comes a requirement to provide corrective action for the self-certification of the 3C planning process as well as the development of the TIP. The second adjustment addresses the Global Warming Solutions Act which does not affect the SMMPO because it is in attainment. Several smaller areas are in non-attainment and this forces the issue to be approved and endorsed across the entire state.

   Chairman Woelfel made a motion to approve the self-certification update amendment. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

   Chairman Woelfel made a motion to approve Adjustment #1 which includes changes to the RTP and Self-Certification language. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

   Chairman Woelfel made a motion to approve Adjustment #2 which includes language to the FFY2020-2024 TIP. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **Barnstable UZA Agreement – Discussion and Vote to Accept (Materials Attached)**
   Mr. Mission presented the updated MOU for the Cape Cod Commission area to include three transit authorities affected by Barnstable County. This UZA Agreement ensures that the RTAs and MPOs continue with the 3C planning process, including the development of the regional transit plan, coordination of transit improvement plans, data exchange, coordination of air quality analysis that would affect any and all transit authorities, as well as cross-boundary coordination. The UZA was approved this morning by OCPC and by the Cape Cod Commission in January.

   Chairman Woelfel made a motion to approve the Barnstable UZA Agreement. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)-**
   a. **Amendment #3: Project #607572 TAUNTON- Corridor Improvements on Broadway (Rte. 138) Leonard St north to Purchase St (Phase 1)- cost increase; & addition of Transit Grants awarded to SRTA & GATRA (Materials Attached, Vote to Endorse)**

   Mr. Lisa Estrela-Pedro discussed Amendment #3 to the FFY2020-2024 TIP which was previously released for a 21-day comment period at the last SMMPO meeting. The amendment addresses the cost increase associated with the Taunton - Corridor Improvements on Broadway (Rte. 138) Leonard St north to Purchase St (Phase 1)-
cost increase, and the addition of Transit Grants awarded to SRTA & GATRA. A public meeting was held on February 5, 2020 at which no public comments were made.

Chairman Woelfel made a motion to endorse the amendment. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Evaluation Criteria
Ms. Estrela-Pedro discussed the Evaluation Criteria, which Ms. Jackie Jones has been responsible for the scoring of projects which are listed in the handout provided. All projects are listed through 2024 and include those in the supplemental project list. If there are any questions, Ms. Estrela-Pedro encouraged reaching out to SRPEDD.

c. Budgets / Targets
Ms. Estrela-Pedro referred to the handouts provided for this information. The total regional funding targets from 2021-2024 are staying the same, from 2022-2025 our targets have increased.

d. Project Programming for FFY2021-2025 TIP
Presently, all costs are up-to-date and all projects are currently programmed in the TIP. The second handout shows the recommendations made during meetings with MassDOT on TIP Day. This reflects the possible or anticipated changes to years in which projects will be programmed in the TIP. Ms. Estrela-Pedro highlighted some significant projections for FFY2021 including the Route 79 Project in Lakeville which is recommended to be removed from the TIP altogether and others that have been recommended to be pushed out to later years. Making these recommendations would leave us with a surplus in FFY 2021 and shortfalls for both FFY2022 and FFY2023. Additionally, she discussed the recommendation in making the Raynham Route 138 Project whole again by the removal of the Lakeville project.

Ms. Pam Haznar commented on the Raynham Route 138 Project which was recommended for removal from the FFY2021 TIP to a later year. She did discuss the issues that right-of-way presented and that MassDOT believed they could eliminate some of the acquisitions to lower the price and facilitate the project to remain in FFY2021.

8. Route 6 Study Presentation – Vote to Release for 21-Day Public Comment Period
Mr. Jed Cornock presented on the findings of the Route 6 study that encompasses a 13-mile, four-lane crossroad that traverses Marion, Mattapoisett, Fairhaven and Wareham. The Route 6 corridor presents distinct concerns, including high speeds, inconsistent sidewalks, drainage and intersection issues. Through public input in Phase 1, SRPEDD offered potential alternatives to the current Route 6 configuration that address a number of these concerns, including bike and pedestrian infrastructure. A majority of individuals who spoke to SRPEDD and attended the public meetings stated an interest in Alternative #2 which is a 4-lane highway with bike and pedestrian accommodations on a raised sidewalk. This would require expanding the right of way by 4 feet and land-taking. Alternative #4 was the next most popular, which uses the existing roadway and reducing travel lanes and expanding bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.
Improvements were also recommended to signalize New Boston Road, Spring Street, and Swifts Beach Road. Additionally, making modifications to allow for protected left turn lanes at these locations.

Ms. Haznar made comments regarding the high volume of participants at the public meeting held in Marion. She questioned the number of abutters that were present and whether they made up the majority of participants, but Mr. Cornock stated that participation seemed equally representative of abutters and non-abutters. Ms. Haznar also stressed that the corridor improvement in Wareham tie into the 2-lane section at the end Route 6. Mr. Paul Foley inquired as to how public comment is integrated into the final study. Mr. Cornock discussed the process that is required by MassDOT and that currently he is presenting the findings to the Town of Marion at their request.

Chairman Woelfel made a motion to release the study for a 21-day comment period. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development
   a. FFY2020 Work Task Updates
      Mr. Paul Mission discussed the Unified Planning Work Program which defines the work that transportation staff and SRPEDD staff generally complete. For community technical requests, we are working toward transitioning to an online form. Anything to be considered through the end of September 2020 please email Mr. Mission or Ms. Estrela-Pedro directly.

      Some projects are on hold due to weather, such as traffic counting and data collection. This will jumpstart again in April and at that time we will also consider any new requests. Though NTD Data collection bus riding is consistent and ongoing.

      Management Systems will wrap up the Route 6 study and release it for public comment. Bus riding continues as scheduled given the NTD requirements for SRTA and GATRA.

      Staff is working on studying pre-timed signals, mainly in the cities of New Bedford and Fall River. The purpose is to look at potential improvements to air quality and efficiency. We hope to have presentations in future meetings.

      Bike and Pedestrian projects are continuing and forthcoming with the Southcoast Bikeway Alliance and Taunton Bikeway Committee. We are also pursuing a feasibility study as part of a separate contract with Southcoast Bikeway. Mr. Mission highlighted the shared-use path pavement management analysis tool. Similar to pavement management, this tool would evaluate the pavement on existing bike paths to determine and prioritize resurfacing and improvements.

      With additional staff, SRPEDD hopes to conduct an as-built analysis comparing conditions prior to and after TIP project improvements.

   b. Studies for Consideration in FFY2021
Mr. Mission requests cities and towns to approach SRPEDD regarding potential studies, though they will need to tie into the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). If they are not, this could be rectified through amendments to the RTP.

c. FFY2021 Schedule for Development, Public Comment & Endorsement
   Mr. Mission mentioned that we are in the process of developing the FFY2021 UPWP. As part of this, SRPEDD received additional federal guidance on data collection methodology, including asset management, resiliency, employment, and economic development. Additionally, federal guidance requests a top 100 list of dangerous intersections which will provide an update to our most recent list. A draft of the UPWP will be ready by April 21, 2020 and then endorsement will follow in May 19, 2020.

d. Proposed Administrative Adjustment for direct costs (Materials Attached, Vote to Endorse)
   Mr. Mission presented an Administrative Adjustment related to travel costs within the Transit section of the SRPEDD UPWP. Due to conferences and meetings, the cost of travel was somewhat higher than expected. The adjustment should cover all associated charges.

   Chairman Woelfell made a motion to endorse the administrative adjustment. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Other Business
   Mr. Mission explained that federal law requires renumbering of exits based on mile-postings. He announced that a public meeting will take place on March 10, 2020 in New Bedford to explain the process. Western Massachusetts will be the first to implement followed by other regions, with the Cape being the last. More information can be found on the flyer and at the public meeting.

   Additionally, Mr. Mission introduced Mr. Gregory Guertin, the latest addition to the SRPEDD Transportation Staff team. He will be leading projects for SRTA. On the topic of staff, Mr. Mission emphasized the search for summer interns.

   Ms. Jones discussed the Dighton Trails meeting that is scheduled for April 16, 2020 at 7PM in the Dighton Old Town Hall. Nancy Durfee, town planner from the town of Somerset, Jeff Carvalho from the Dighton Trails Committee, Phil Duarte from the Taunton Pathways Committee, SRPEDD, and keynote speaker Craig Della Penna will present information and updates at the meeting.

11. Date, Time, Place for Next Meeting. The next meeting will take place on March 17, 2020 at 1:00 PM.

12. Adjourn. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 1:39PM.