

Joint Transportation Planning Group

Abbreviated Minutes of meeting held on
Wednesday July 20, 2011 at SRPEDD, 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA

In attendance were the following:

Lee Azinheira, Town of Mansfield
William Roth, Town of Fairhaven
Andrew Sousa, Town of Westport
Byron Holmes, City of Fall River
Jack Healey, Town of Freetown
Manuel Siva, City of New Bedford
Roger Stolte, Town of Raynham
Cathal O'Brien, City of Taunton
Jamie Pisano, VHB
Michael Chong, FHWA
Stephen Smith, SRPEDD
Paul Mission, SRPEDD
Lisa Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD
Jacqueline Schmidt, SRPEDD

Charles Cristello, Town of Middleborough
David Cabral, Town of Seekonk
David Hickox, Town of Dartmouth
Christopher Peck, Town of Lakeville
Mark Hollowell, North Attleborough
ZebArruda, City of New Bedford
Sarah Raposa, Town of Westport
Robert Patneaude, GPI
Randall Kunz, SRPEDD Chair
Tim Kochan, MassDOT District 5
James Hadfield, SRPEDD
Linda Lally, SRPEDD
Jennifer Chaves, SRPEDD

Introductions were made.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:09 pm by Chairman Lee Azinheira.
2. **Approval of July 8, 2011 Minutes:** Mr. Cabral suggested that the sentence reading "Mr. Cabral announced that the PS&E for the project is under review." should be changed to "Mr. Cabral announced that the 25% design plans for the project are under review. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the JTPG meeting held on May 11, 2011 with the corrections as suggested. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **Election of Officers:** The following officers were nominated and elected:
 - Chairman, Lee Azinheira was re-elected
 - Vice Chairman Bristol County GATRA Area, David Cabral was nominated and elected.
 - Vice Chairman Bristol County SRTA Area, William Roth, Jr. was re-elected.
 - Vice Chairman Plymouth County, Charles Cristello was re-elected.
4. **FY11 TIP – Possible TIP Amendments/Adjustments:** Mr. Hadfield discussed changes to GATRA Section 5309 of the FFY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He explained that an amendment was necessary to add the "Attleboro Construction, Engineering and Site Improvements at the Attleboro Intermodal Center" project to

FY2011 GATRA Section 5309 Bus & Bus Facilities HPP to facilitate GATRA's use of this funding.

A motion was made to recommend the amendment to the FY2011-2014 TIP to include "Attleboro Construction, Engineering and Site Improvements at the Attleboro Intermodal Center" project to FY2011 GATRA Section 5309 Bus & Bus Facilities HPP to the MPO. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hadfield explained that GATRA requested an adjustment to change the project cost for "S. Att./Att./Mansfield Improvements" in the FY2011 GATRA Section 5309 Fixed Guide Carryover category. He further explained that the cost had decreased slightly for this project. A motion was made to adjust the cost and approved UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **Discussion and approval of the FY2012-2015 TIP:** Mr. Hadfield discussed the FY2012-2015 TIP. He explained that the JTPG would need to vote to approve the TIP for forwarding to the MPO. Discussion ensued regarding placement of projects on the TIP. The following configuration, as suggested by staff was selected for the FY2012-2015 TIP:

FY2012

- Fall River – Plymouth Avenue: Total Cost \$8.1 million (\$7.2 million Surface Transportation Program / \$896,000 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP))
- Westport – Central Village: Total Cost \$625,000 (STP-Enhancements)
- Mansfield – Route 106: Total Cost \$2,650,000 (STP)

FY2013

- Dartmouth – Faunce Corner Road: Total Cost \$8.5 million (\$5.8 million STP / \$896,000 HSIP / \$1.7 million Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ))
- Attleboro – Tiffany Street: Total Cost \$2,970,183 (STP)

FY2014

- Wareham – Routes 6 & 28, Year 1 of 2: Total Cost \$13.5 million (Year 1 \$7.6 million STP)
- New Bedford – Route 140 / Route 6 / Brownell Avenue: Total Cost \$3.3 million (\$661,000 STP / \$896,000 HSIP / \$1.7 million CMAQ)

FY2015 (Option B)

- Wareham – Routes 6 & 28, Year 2 of 2: Total Cost \$13.5 million (Year 2 \$5.8 million STP)
- Raynham – Route 44 @ Orchard Street & Route 24 Northbound Off Ramp: Total Cost \$3 million (\$384,892 STP / \$896,000 HSIP / \$1.7 million CMAQ)
- Seekonk – Route 114A @ Arcade Avenue: Total Cost \$2,812,160

A motion was made to approve the FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program as recommended by staff to be forwarded to the MPO. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **Discussion and Approval of FY12 Unified Planning Work Program:** Mr. Hadfield announced that SRPEDD has developed a draft FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He explained the UPWP describes the scope and cost of the work tasks of the SRPEDD transportation and transit staff, and also serves any use of federal highway, federal transit or MassDOT funding for planning purposes. He discussed various planned work programs and upcoming projects.

A motion was made to approve the FY2012 Unified Planning work program as presented for forwarding to the MPO. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.

7. **Discussion of the FY2012 Regional Transportation Plan – Projects –** Mr. Mission announced that the draft 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is expected to be approved and available next week for a 30 day public comment period. He explained that the draft would be available on the SRPEDD website as well as paper and CD copies at all of the SRPEDD community's libraries and by request. He encouraged the group to review the draft and submit comments by email (tplan@srpedd.org), telephone((508) 824-1367) fax ((508) 823-1802), and by mail (SRPEDD c/o Transportation Planning, 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02780).Mr. Mission gave a presentation on the financial aspect of the RTP, and how this effects the selection of projects.

A motion was made to approve the FY2012 Regional Transportation Plan for forwarding to the MPO. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Other Business – No other business was discussed.
9. Date, Time, Place for Next Meeting – To be determined.
10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:08pm by Chairman Lee Azinheira.