

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RELATING TO THE
COMPREHENSIVE, CONTINUING, COOPERATIVE TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING PROCESS IN THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGION

WHEREAS, the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC), the Massachusetts Department of Public Works (MDPW), the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC), and the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (MVTA) constituting a Committee of Signatories (COS) recognize the inter-relationship between local, regional, and statewide transportation planning, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the COS to coordinate functional and comprehensive planning through cooperative planning procedures to achieve a continuing transportation planning process that is reflective of both Federal and State policies and responsive to local goals and objectives, and

WHEREAS, the COS recognize that transportation planning and programming must be conducted as an integral part of and consistent with the comprehensive planning and development process, and that the process must involve the fullest possible participation by state agencies, local governments, private institutions, and other appropriate groups;

NOW, THEREFORE, the COS jointly agree to:

- I. Continue the 3C transportation planning process.
- II. Maintain a Citizens' Advisory Committee known as the Martha's Vineyard Joint Transportation Committee (MVJTC).
 - A. To advise the COS on matters of policy affecting the conduct of the 3C Transportation Planning Process for the Region.
 - B. To advise the COS on such regional transportation

documents as may from time to time be required by state or federal laws and regulations.

- C. To provide maximum participation in the transportation planning process by providing a forum to bring the COS together with other public agencies, elected and appointed officials of local communities, and citizens concerned with the transportation planning process. In particular, State Senators and Representatives of those districts in which any project is under consideration shall be notified of said project and allowed sufficient opportunity to comment thereon. The COS shall annually determine the membership on the MVJTC in a manner that will provide for a widely representative viewpoint and ensure a balanced consideration of transportation issues. Consistent with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding the MVJTC shall adopt by-laws and other procedures as may be necessary to govern its operation.

III. Functions of the Committee of Signatories

- A. The Committee of Signatories (COS) shall jointly develop, review, and endorse annually a Planning Work Program.
- B. The COS shall be the forum for cooperative decision making by principal elected officials of general purpose local governments in the region.

- C. In the resolution of basic regional transportation policy the COS shall seek and consider the advice of all interested parties. In so doing, the COS shall provide all interested parties with information and analysis in the form of reports, briefings, and discussions concerning their plans, program, and priorities.

IV. Responsibilities of Each Signatory

- A. The EOTC will be responsible for the organization and conduct of the meetings, reporting major state-wide and inter-regional policies and issues as they develop and generally provide leadership for the COS.
- B. The Department, through the BTP&D, will be responsible for making appropriate planning funds available to the RPA by contract to assist in the implementation of the required planning work program as defined in the approved UWP. BTP&D will also provide the necessary data, technical support, and staff support required to assist in fulfilling the transportation planning needs of the Region and state.
- C. The RPA shall be responsible for comprehensive regional planning and shall be the lead transportation planning agency for the Region. The RPA shall maintain qualified transportation planning staff

subject to the availability of funds, and shall be principally responsible for the maintenance of the transportation planning process and for the support and operation of the JTC.

- D. The RTA, in addition to its statutory responsibility of providing mass transportation, will assist in obtaining and ensuring input and participation in multi-modal transportation planning from local elected officials and the public. The RTA will actively participate in the 3C transportation planning and programming process and will represent the region's concern for public transportation needs and solutions to transportation problems.

V. Review

Annually brief the Legislative Committee on Transportation on the Transportation Priority Listing for the region. Said briefings shall take place at a sufficient period of time to allow for Committee comment prior to COS endorsement.

VI. Effect of Memorandum

This Memorandum grows out and supersedes the Memorandum of 11/29/72 and shall become effective upon the date of the signatures of the Secretary of EOTC, the Commissioner of the MDPW, the Chairman of the MVC, and the Chairman of the MVTA. The signatories shall review

the contents of this Memorandum every two years as a minimum,
and make appropriate changes as may be mutually agreeable.

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Date

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