

Martha's Vineyard Joint Transportation Committee

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DRAFT - Minutes of the Meeting of July 24, 2019

Held at the MVC Offices, 33 New York Avenue, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

In Attendance

JTC Voting Members

Adam Turner, MVC Executive Director
Andrew Grant, VTA
Jen Rand, West Tisbury
Kirk Metell, Tisbury
Allan deBettencourt, Edgartown

Ex-officio Members

Simon Shapiro, MV Bike & Ped Committee
Derek Shooster, MassDOT Boston (via telephone)
Pam Haznar, MassDOT District 5 (via telephone)
Tim Kochan, MassDOT District 5 (via telephone)
Bob Wheeler, MassDOT District 5 (via telephone)
Cheryll-Ann Senior, MassDOT District 5 (via telephone)

Others in Attendance

Keith McGuire, Island Climate Action Network
Bill Veno, MVC Senior Planner
Dan Doyle, MVC Special Projects Planner
Alex Elvin, MVC General Planner
Mike Mauro, MVC Transportation
Christine Flynn, MVC Econ. Development & Housing Planner
Richard Townes – Citizen
Vern Harris – Citizen
Richard Harris - Citizen

1 **1. Welcome and Introductions:**

2 Mr. Mauro called the meeting to order at 9:35 am

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4 **2. Approval of June 19th, 2019 Meeting Minutes:**

5 Ms. Rand moved to approve the minutes from the June 19th, 2019 JTC meeting. Mr. Turner seconded
6 the motion. The June 19th minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

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8 **3. Approval of the FFY 2020-2040 Regional Transportation Plan:**

9 Mr. Turner distributed the Final FFY 2020-2040 Martha's Vineyard Regional Transportation Plan
10 (MVRTP) for approval. At the conclusion of the public review period, Mr. Turner mentioned that
11 several comments had been received and that the on-line survey generated an additional 88
12 responses. Mr. Turner addressed the public participation process and meetings held with
13 stakeholders like the MV Airport, and Steamship Authority. The comments received were
14 incorporated into the document and Mr. Turner highlighted that this is the first Regional Transportation
15 Plan of its kind to address concerns regarding ridesharing.

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17 Mr. Elvin addressed the changes that were made to the document as well as outlining specific
18 comments received. He noted that an electric vehicle section had been added in Section 5:
19 Environmental Issues. Updates to the SSA and VTA portions include fare information as well as
20 scheduling. Mr. Elvin reported that a new layout with improved photographs, tables, charts, etc. have
21 been incorporated into the document.

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23 Mr. Elvin reported that results of the outreach showed close to 90% of the respondents as
24 permanent/year-round residents. Most of the comments were in regards to limiting the number of
25 vehicles on the steamship as well as single occupant vehicles. Mr. Elvin gave brief updates on the
26 Bicycle & Pedestrian sections, climate change, intersection improvements, and roadways and
27 corridors.

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29 Mr. Doyle asked how the estimates for the future proposed projects were generated? Mr. Turner
30 responded that the previous RTP was used as a template. Considering that none of the future projects
31 are scoped out yet, allocations have increased, allowing us to add additional projects related to
32 climate change and other mitigations.

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34 Mr. Elvin highlighted additional charts, graphs, and tables in the demographic and employment
35 projections. Mr. Turner commended Mr. Elvin on his hard work in preparing such a large document.
36 Additional discussions took place in regards to ridesharing. Ms. Rand stated that the rideshare
37 companies may very well destroy the taxi business here on Island. Mr. McGuire stressed the
38 importance of creating safe staging areas for the rideshares. Ms. Rand agreed and stated that we
39 need to have conversations to build a more dynamic system but we also need to be very careful when
40 planning for those who want to admire the scenery vs those who use the network as their main mode
41 of transportation.

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43 Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the Final FFY 2020-2040 Martha's Vineyard Regional
44 Transportation Plan (MVRTP). Ms. Rand seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the JTC
45 unanimously approved the Final FFY 2020-2040 MVRTP.

46 47 **4. Draft Air Quality Memorandum of Understanding**

48 Mr. Mauro distributed the draft version of the Air Quality Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for
49 endorsement. The document incorporates all commentary received by our regional partners and
50 MassDEP to date. Mr. Shooster stated that once approved, a final copy will be distributed to the
51 RPA's. Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the draft Air Quality Memorandum of Understanding
52 (MOU). Ms. Rand seconded the motion. The draft MOU was unanimously approved.

53 **5. Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, October 16th, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.**

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55 The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.
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