

Martha's Vineyard Joint Transportation Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting held on January 24, 2007 at the offices of the Martha's Vineyard Commission

In Attendance

Voting Members

Steve Berlucchi, County of Dukes County
Richard Combra Jr., Town of Oak Bluffs
Stuart Fuller, Town of Edgartown
Fred Lapiana, Town of Tisbury

Ex-Officio Members

Angela Grant, VTA
Mark London, MVC
David Whitmon, bikes and pedestrians

Other

Bill Venno, MVC
Jim Miller, MVC

Steve Berlucchi, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

1. Minutes

- The minutes of the January 17, 2007 were corrected and adopted.

2. RTP

Regarding the RTP draft of January 16, 2007:

- Stuart Fuller suggested removing the bullet on page 80 regarding excursion-fare ferry tickets undermining Island business be struck. It was agreed.
- Mark London noted a new "Note to Readers" would be needed.
- Steve Berlucchi offered the following edits, to which the JTC agreed:
 - remove any mention of insurance fraud on page 50,
 - add taxi and bicycle to non-personal vehicle modes on page 51,
 - reword Park-and-Ride lot reference on page 53 to list all users, not just employees,
 - mention the 2001 MS Transportation study of a roundabout on page 57,
 - check drawbridge dates, clarify reference to Mill Brook, and soften language regarding proposed road reclassification, all on page 59.
- There was a discussion of projects eligible for the TIP, including a walkway over Mill Pond, and steel-backed wooden barriers to protect bicycle lanes.
- ***Steve Berlucchi moved and it was duly seconded that the JTC approve the draft RTP (subject to changes submitted by MassHighway) for a 30-day public comment period to begin January 26, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.*** An advertisement was placed in the Vineyard Gazette and MV Times to that effect.

3. Other

- Discussion of outreach to the new administration was tabled.
- Per the previous meeting, Steve Berlucchi passed around a draft job description for a junior civil engineer. Stuart Fuller indicated that Edgartown would be interested in a "pay-as-you-go" system, rather than a fixed-fee arrangement. It was agreed that the JTC should send a letter outlining the needs of the Towns with regard to design services to

the County Charter Study Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am.

The next JTC meeting will be held on Wednesday March 7, 2007 at 10:30 am.