

NP&EDC

NANTUCKET PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



NP & EDC – MAY 28, 2026 @ 5:00PM MINUTES

***Hybrid* - Meeting Trailer, Room A, 131 Pleasant Street
and Remote Participation via Webinar**

LINK TO MEETING:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ITICASrWSJamKt84YoWzaw#/registration

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Commissioners: Abby De Molina - Chair, Michael Misurelli (Absent) - Vice Chair, Nat Lowell (Absent), Dave Iverson, Dawn Hill, Brian Borgeson, Liza Hatton, Bert Johnson (Absent), Joseph Topham and Kristina Jelleme

Staff: Leslie Snell - Director of Planning, Megan Trudel - Senior Planner, Mike Burns - Transportation Program Manager (Absent)

PLEASE LIST BELOW THE TOPICS THE CHAIR REASONABLY ANTICIPATES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

I. **Call to Order:**

Chair De Molina called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

II. **Establishment of Quorum:**

A quorum was established.

Roll call vote:

Commissioners present:

Kristina Jelleme – *Aye*

Joseph Topham – *Aye*

Brian Borgeson – *Aye*

Dawn Hill – *Aye*

Dave Iverson – *Aye*

Liza Hatton – *Aye*

Chair Abby De Molina – *Aye*

As all Commissioners were present in person, roll-call votes were not required for agenda items and votes were taken by voice vote.

III. **Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION/VOTE: Mr. Iverson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Topham, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Announcements:

- **Reminder – June meeting date change – from Monday, June 22nd at 5pm to Monday, June 29th at 5pm**
- **At Large appointment process and timeline**
 - The At Large seat previously held by Liza is currently vacant following her appointment with the Planning Board. The At Large appointment is a three-year term.
 - The position will be advertised throughout June. Letters of interest must be submitted by noon on Friday, June 19. The appointment will be considered at the Commission's meeting on Monday, June 29.
 - Unless and until any proposed home-rule petition changes are enacted by the Legislature, the NP&EDC will retain authority to appoint at-large members; this responsibility will not transfer to the County Commissioners.
- **Housing Department Workshop announcement**
 - Hosting a workshop for the Housing Production Plan on June 1st at 4:30pm located in the Nantucket High School cafeteria
 - The workshop is open to all members of the public.
- **Bike path stop signs**
 - Based on extensive work conducted by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), now the Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC), select STOP signs along the bike path are being replaced with caution or yield-style signage in locations where a full stop is not deemed necessary. STOP signs will remain in place at major intersections to maintain safety.
 - The Department of Public Works (DPW) has begun implementing these recommendations and has already replaced signs in areas such as Milestone Road, with additional locations, including Polpis Road, expected to follow.
 - New signage addressing speed limits and rules of the road—including guidance related to the 20-mph speed limit and e-bike operation—is also being installed.
 - The commission will continue to monitor public feedback and user experiences as these changes are implemented.
- **Other**
 - Mrs. Snell and Mrs. Trudel have been meeting with legislators and commissions including the Cape Cod Commission, Martha's Vineyard Commission, and others to advocate for the inclusion of the **Seasonal Communities 2.0** in the economic development bill currently before the Economic Development and Emerging Technologies Committee.
 - Recent and ongoing efforts include:
 - Mrs. Snell and Mrs. Trudel participated in a panel hosted by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce alongside Chair Feingold, Senator Julian Cyr, Senator Dylan Fernandes, and other regional leaders.
 - Mrs. Snell and Mrs. Trudel met with the new Secretary of Housing, Secretary Matias.
 - Mrs. Snell and Mrs. Trudel testified before the Economic Development and Emerging Technologies in support of the proposed transfer fee and submitting written testimony as well.
 - The NP&EDC signed on through MARPA several legislative support letters.
 - Mrs. Snell submitted a letter to state legislators advocating for continued funding of the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) program, which has remained level funded.

- Mrs. Snell and Mrs. Trudel are also scheduled to participate in a panel discussion with Chair Fiola and committee staff the following day to further support the economic development bill, the Seasonal Communities 2.0 initiative and the proposed transfer fee.

No action was taken.

V. Action/Discussion Items:

A. Transportation Program Manager Update

a. FFY 2026-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1

- i. Staff provided an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a fiscally constrained, federally required five-year program of transportation projects that is incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The TIP is developed as part of the broader 3C transportation planning process, which also includes the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), all of which require public engagement. Amendment One proposes flexing approximately \$420,000 in federal highway funding to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to support Nantucket Regional Transit Authority (NRTA) projects, including automatic vehicle location and passenger counting systems, staff housing, bus stop lighting, maintenance equipment, and other transit-related improvements. A 21-day public review period was held from May 1 through May 28, with notices distributed through the Town's communications channels. The online project page received 29 visitors, and one written comment was submitted in support of the amendment. No additional public comments were received at the meeting.

MOTION/VOTE: Mr. Iverson made a motion to approve Amendment #1 to the Transit Program of the FFY 2026-2030 TIP. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Topham, and the motion carried unanimously.

b. Draft FFY 2027-31 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- i. Staff presented the draft Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2027–2031 TIP, noting that it represents the next five-year planning cycle and is separate from the previously discussed 2026–2030 TIP Amendment One. Consistent with current practice, the region's highway target funding for FFY 2027 and 2028 is proposed to be flexed to transit projects. While no regional highway projects are currently programmed for FFY 2029–2031, staff noted that the Milestone Rotary project is expected to be ready for construction by 2031 or earlier and remains a state-prioritized federal-aid modernization project. Additional projects, including Milestone Road improvements and the Wauwinet side path, could be added if they advance to construction readiness. The transit program includes more than \$31 million in NRTA investments over the five-year period, supporting operating expenses, staff housing, a new maintenance facility, and continued expansion of the electric and low-emission bus fleet. A 21-day public review period was held from May 1 through May 28, during which 29 participants visited the online project page and one comment was submitted in support of the TIP. No additional public comments were received at the meeting. During the discussion, MassDOT representative Derek Shooster recommended technical revisions to the highway funding table to reflect the full

federal participating cost, including both federal and state matching funds. He noted that the correct total programmed amounts should be \$783,665 for FFY 2027 and \$795,805 for FFY 2028 and indicated that MassDOT would coordinate with staff to make the necessary updates following the Commission's action.

MOTION/VOTE: Mr. Topham made a motion to approve closing the public review period and the Draft for FFY 2027-2028 TIP. The motion was duly seconded by Mrs. Hill, and the motion carried unanimously.

c. Draft FFY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- i. Staff presented the FFY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), a federally required, fiscally constrained annual work plan that outlines the region's transportation planning activities and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. The UPWP includes administrative, data collection, planning, analysis, and implementation activities funded through federal and state transportation planning programs and must remain consistent with federal and state priorities as well as the Commission's LRTP. The proposed FFY 2027 budget reflects an overall increase of approximately 2% compared to FFY 2026 and details anticipated salary, overhead, and direct costs for each work element. Key priorities for the coming year include applying the regional traffic demand forecasting model to support scenario planning and decision-making, coordinating with the TPAC, advancing recommendations from the Traffic Safety Action Plan, and evaluating transportation projects through a Complete Streets framework to improve safety and accessibility for all users.

MOTION/VOTE: Mr. Iverson made a motion to approve Authorizing a 21-day public review of the draft UPWP from June 1 to June 22, 2026 with a public meeting on June 22 to solicit public comment. . The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Topham, and the motion carried unanimously.

d. Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning and Demonstration Grant

- i. Mrs. Snell reported that a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant application has been submitted. If awarded, the grant would fund pilot safety improvements aimed at reducing high-speed, lane-departure crashes at several key locations, including Milestone Road, Sankaty Road, Polpis Road, and Bart Road. The grant would also support updates to the safety analyses that informed the Traffic Safety Action Plan using an advanced safety data analytics platform, allowing staff to monitor the effectiveness of implemented treatments and track island-wide safety trends. During the discussion, a Commissioner raised ongoing concerns about speeding along Lovers Lane, particularly on the straightaway section despite the installation of a tabletop near Rugged Road and requested that the area continue to be monitored. The item was presented for informational purposes only, and no action was taken

VII. Adjournment:

MOTION/VOTE: Ms. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Iverson, and the motion was carried out unanimously.