

MEMORANDUM

To: Natick Board of Selectmen
From: Josh Ostroff, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee
Date: October 28, 2019
Re: Transportation Advisory Committee update

cc: Melissa Malone, Town Administrator; Jeremy Marsette, DPW Director; William McDowell, Town Engineer; Transportation Advisory Committee

This is to provide the Board with an update on the Transportation Advisory Committee.

At its meeting of October 15, 2019, the committee reorganized, following the resignation of two members: James Freas, the incoming Director of Community and Economic Development, and Tim Kelly, who has submitted his resignation to the Board. The new officers are Josh Ostroff, Chair; Bala K Thillainathan, Vice Chair; and Alex Walker, Clerk.

Thank you for helping to publicize the opportunity to serve on this committee.

The Board identified the following areas as priorities in the year to come, subject to coordination with Town staff, and direction from the Board as our appointing authority. The committee's work will be within its charge to advise the Town on transportation projects and policies through an integrated approach that reflects all modes of transportation, including transit, cycling, pedestrian and vehicular.

Committee members have expressed a willingness to work on parking policies and initiatives. In addition:

- Identify projects for Complete Streets grant submissions to MassDOT, and pursue updating the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan (a list of candidate projects).
- Town engagement with state projects, including the MBTA Station-CRT connection, a potential MassDOT project to connect the Hartford/Speen area to the CRT, the 9/27 interchange, and other initiatives.
- 5-year roadway plan updates, and other town roadway/sidewalk capital projects.
- Bikeshare program, potentially in collaboration with Framingham and regional employers.
- Default speed limit legislation.
- Transportation initiatives from the Natick 2030 Master Plan.
- MetroWest RTA and other regional transportation providers.
- Other such matters as may be referred by the Board.

On behalf of the committee, we appreciate the opportunity to work with departmental staff in Public Works and Community and Economic Development.