

TRANSPORTATION

(Not in order of priority)

OBJECTIVE 1. Multimodal Transportation System

To foster and maintain a sustainable, multimodal transportation system for present and future year-round and seasonal needs which is safe, convenient, accessible, efficient, economical, and consistent with the Town's historic, scenic, and natural resources, and land use development and growth management policy.

STRATEGY A. Work with the Cape Cod Commission to develop a revenue basis for transportation improvements that is consistent with the goals of the Regional Policy Plan and this Local Comprehensive Plan. Such fees could be used to encourage trip reduction and to add to the resources to create and enhance bicycle paths and connections and other alternative transportation such as ferry and express bus services to other transportation hubs.

Task 1. Gather existing data on parking and other transportation revenue sources.

Task 2. Have the Parking Coordinator, Town Engineer, and Town Planner meet with Cape Cod Commission to obtain advice and input.

Task 3. Develop and implement a plan that directs transportation revenue toward projects that enhance bicycle paths and connections, and other alternative transportation such as expanded bus services.

STRATEGY B. Complete the Provincetown link of the Rail Trail bicycle way and improve access from Town streets to bicycle paths in the National Seashore.

Task 1. Contact the stakeholders that include: National Seashore, MassDOT, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Select Board, and Conservation Commission to present the Old Colony Multi-Use Nature Trail Plan.

Task 2. Investigate potential street improvements to Bradford Street and Bradford Street Extension for improved bicycle lanes.

Task 3. Plan for connected bicycle lanes on Conwell Street and Harry Kemp Way, including re-routing motor vehicle traffic from Route 6 and seasonal one-way use to better accommodate cyclists and pedestrians.

Task 4. Integrate plans with proposed bicycle lanes for Shank Painter Road and potential extension of Route 6 bicycle path.

Task 5. Raise the sustainability awareness to promote bicycles as a more sustainable alternative to internal combustion engine motor vehicles.

- Task 6. Promote safety awareness for the compatibility of bicycles and motor vehicles sharing the streetscape and abiding by the rules of the road.

STRATEGY C. Support improvements which provide safe year-round commuter air service to the Outer Cape.

- Task 1. Coordinate with Cape Cod Commission and other Cape and Island Airports to assess commuter air service and develop a comprehensive plan.
- Task 2. Advocate for additional air connections to other convenient airports, like Providence, that would improve regional access.
- Task 3. Discourage MassPort efforts to limit commuter air service to Logan Airport.

STRATEGY D. Promote and support programs to increase use of ferry services.

- Task 1. Coordinate with Cape Cod Commission and other Cape and Island ports to explore adding additional ferry routes.
- Task 2. Advocate for increasing ferry service frequency to improve convenience and maximize ridership for commuting.
- Task 3. Promote tourism media and advertising for planned vacations and weekend trips that use ferry services.

STRATEGY E. Participate in MassDOT's Complete Streets Funding Program.

- Task 1. Have municipal staff attend the complete streets training.
- Task 2. Develop a Complete Streets Policy that is adopted by the Town and submit to the MassDOT program.
- Task 3. Create and upload a letter of intent to become a Complete Streets Eligible Municipality.
- Task 4. Develop and submit a Complete Streets Prioritization Plan to MassDOT program.
- Task 5. Enter into contract with MassDOT and State Aid process.

OBJECTIVE 2. Promote Alternatives to Internal Combustion Engine Automobiles

To decrease dependence on private automobiles, address demonstrated public needs for convenient, accessible, economical alternatives to private automobiles, and promote energy efficiency and reduced pollution. Develop and integrate alternate modes (e.g., rail, bus, ferry, air, bicycle, and pedestrian) into the transportation system and promote telecommunications and other substitutes for transportation.

STRATEGY A. Decrease the total number of private automobiles using the roads.

- Task 1. Encourage ride-sharing, car-sharing, carpooling and vanpooling, using social media or other ridesharing programs/applications that is coordinated with the Outer Cape and neighboring towns.
- Task 2. Promote more convenient and frequent CCRTA bus service throughout Cape Cod (Consider calling it the “Sea Creachah”).
- Task 3. Promote the convenience of using the fast ferry.

STRATEGY B. Create infrastructure supporting sustainable, zero or low emissions motor vehicles.

- Task 1. Develop green, renewable sources of power supply for electric service.
- Task 2. Increase the number of public electric charging stations in Town.
- Task 3. Revise Zoning Bylaws to require the installation of electric power stations on private commercial or large residential developments as part of the Site Plan review process.

STRATEGY C. Encourage walking and cycling as healthy alternatives to automobiles.

- Task 1. Develop a comprehensive pedestrian walkway plan, incorporating appropriate public access to the water and throughout Town, considering appropriate signage and individual rights to privacy.
- Task 2. Assess the adequacy of existing bicycle facilities including the number and locations of bicycle racks, facilities for bicycle storage and the capacity of the existing bicycle paths and connections to paths from Town.
- Task 3. Make bicycles, scooters, and other personal transportation available for renting/sharing at transportation hubs such as MacMillan Pier, Air Port, and other important destinations and nodes.
- Task 4. Develop better communication/applications for existing bicycle suppliers that deliver rental bicycles and other personal transportation to connect with customers that is quick and convenient.
- Task 5. Explore possibilities for waterfront exclusive walking/cycle route and Commercial Street pedestrian mall with limited vehicular traffic periods and scheduling (from Johnson Street to Court Street as an example).

STRATEGY D. Expand water transportation opportunities.

- Task 1. Develop regular commuter schedules for water transportation.
- Task 2. Explore creating park-and-ride ferry services from Barnstable, Wellfleet, Orleans, Sandwich, and other Cape Communities.
- Task 3. Encourage entrepreneurial cruise/ferry hybrid service to regional ports such as Providence, Gloucester, Portland, Portsmouth, New York, New Haven, New Bedford, and other coastal communities.

OBJECTIVE 3. Transportation Solutions Adapted Specifically for Provincetown

To support transportation solutions that preserve and enhance Cape Cod's character by considering the interrelationship between land use and transportation.

STRATEGY A. Consistent with community character and historic preservation, establish the development of parking facilities and optimal use of existing facilities as a top local priority and, on an ongoing basis, identify public land appropriate for parking use. Signage should be clear, ensuring easy access to underutilized parking facilities.

- Task 1. Evaluate parking requirements to assess their effectiveness and relevance to existing local development patterns and circulation issues.
- Task 2. Develop a parking facilities plan that replaces facilities and their supporting infrastructure at the end of its lifespan with architectural features that emulate the historical neighborhood and integrate the latest technological improvements.
- Task 3. Ensure parking signage is consistent with the proposed Town-wide signage plan.
- Task 4. Develop a shared parking plan to coordinate use of existing parking facilities during off peak hours or hours that businesses and institutions are closed.
- Task 5. Require shared parking in new developments by adopting by-laws and other regulations requiring shared parking.
- Task 6. Develop and distribute parking maps for visitors to avoid motorists circulating through the congested downtown area searching for parking. This might be accomplished in collaboration with the Visitors Services Bureau and the Parking Department.
- Task 7. Plan and develop a trolley system that connects remote parking (parking located outside the Town center and towards Route 6) with the Town's points of interest.
- Task 8. Evaluate one-way traffic patterns in certain blocks that reduce vehicular through-traffic and preserves vehicular access and flexible traffic pattern technologies that adjust to Town traffic patterns/timing.
- Task 9. Eliminate the MacMillan Pier Municipal Parking Lot (MPL) and create alternative parking areas to accommodate the spaces being removed.
- Task 10. Develop outreach program to encourage visitors to use public parking lots and discourage parking on neighborhood streets.
- Task 11. Post "Resident Sticker Required" for all vehicles parking on streets; specifically side streets between Bradford Street and Commercial Street.

STRATEGY B. Develop a comprehensive, Town-wide signage plan addressing the need for clear directions and convenient access to the downtown area, appropriate parking facilities, pedestrian and bicycle paths and facilities.

- Task 1. Perform a sign inventory that identifies the location, type, and condition of all existing directional signage and identify signs that can be moved or removed.
- Task 2. Discourage visual pollution and minimize signage to standardized designs and appropriate locations following a cohesive sign plan.
- Task 3. Develop a comprehensive and unified plan for signage that is consistent and visually appropriate for the Town's character.
- Task 4. Add permanent signs to Route 6 that direct drivers to the Grace Hall Parking Area via Shank Painter Road (including tasteful permanent digital signs with updatable information).

STRATEGY C. Implement recommendations made in transportation studies by the Cape Cod Commission.

- Task 1. Improve pedestrian safety at the Veterans Memorial Community Center and the Provincetown School.
- Task 2. Make Conwell Street traffic light improvements for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Task 3. Establish a link between the Town center and the Cape Cod National Seashore bike trail from Route 6 to the transfer station.
- Task 4. Complete an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Section 504 Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

OBJECTIVE 4. Assess and Mitigate Development Impacts on Transportation

Establish a traffic impact assessment and mitigation program to identify and mitigate the impacts of new development and redevelopment on the transportation system in accordance with the Regional Policy Plan, with additional local limitations.

STRATEGY A. Review thresholds for traffic impacts of proposed projects within zoning or site plan review by-laws.

- Task 1. Adopt standards within the by-laws for requiring traffic mitigation for large or impactful developments.
- Task 2. For sites that are undersized or cannot mitigate traffic, allow developers to contribute to a fund that contributes to public traffic mitigation and improvement.