



## Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 Time: 11:00 AM  
Hybrid: Cape Cod Commission, 3225 Main St, Barnstable, MA 02630 or  
Meeting Location: Zoom Link: [capecodcommission.org/visionzero/join](https://capecodcommission.org/visionzero/join), Passcode: Join  
Phone: (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID: 813 8653 9359  
Subject: Cape Cod Vision Zero Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting #1

- Steven Tupper, Deputy Director, introduced the meeting and noted the importance of this project focusing on our region's most serious and fatal crashes, which is a sensitive topic as involves the loss of human lives. Steve mentioned the most recent fatality that occurred along the Sagamore Bridge. There several factors involved in the crash and emphasized there is no place for operating under the influence. This Vision Zero Action Plan will address roadway safety and is happy to have a strong panel.
- VZAC Member Introduction
  - Colton Atkinson (Bike/Community) – lives in Mashpee and works at the Joint Base Cape Cod. Frequently bikes and walks to work.
  - Rob Elfer (Bike/Safety) – involved in a lot of community planning, has participated in the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), and a cyclist. However, as a cyclist, being run off the road is a consistent occurrence.
  - Kevin Galligan (Cape Cod MPO sub-region representative) – Kevin serves on the Orleans Select Board and the Cape Cod MPO and has been hosting J1 students for 30 years and understands the seasonal economy and their experiences biking around Town.
  - Sean Polay (Cape Cod Joint Transportation Committee/Bike) – lives in Sandwich along Route 6A and is also the Chair of the Sandwich Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee. Walks along the Route 6A daily and bikes 4-5 times a week and sees a lot of distracted driving as a top concern.
  - Thaddeus Soule (Municipal Planning) – Provincetown Town Planner who brings a local perspective. Bikeways need to be safe and roadways are important.
  - Rich Waldo (Public Works) – Director of Public Works and Natural Resources for Orleans. This committee interests him because he has a young family and wants to make sure he is around to see them grow and that their future is safe.
  - Leo Blandford (Equity/Public Health) – social worker and resides in Wellfleet. Has twin 11 years old and going to middle school next year. Safe access to walking and biking is key. Over 60% of Wellfleet is natural space. There are a lot of places to exercise but not practical to walk to a grocery store and would need to drive.



- Brad Goodwin (Planning/Community) – on-the-road salesman and has traveled a lot within the region. Completed 30 years on the Yarmouth Planning Board.
- Don Emerson (Safety/Transportation Planning) – moved to Eastham permanently last year and is a past long-time seasonal visitor. Spent five decades as a transportation planner at various agencies, including FHWA and FTA. Top concern is Route 6 in the Outer Cape which is designed for through traffic and difficult for pedestrians and bicyclists who need to cross on high speed roadways.
- Lieutenant Aram Goshgarian (Safety) – Comes from the enforcement side on Harwich Police Department and the Harwich Traffic Safety Committee. He cannot solve this from a police standpoint alone and enjoy seeing the committee's involvement. In the summertime in Harwichport, pedestrian and bicyclist safety is a top concerns as have a lot of activity and are having some issues.
- Eva Orman (Older Adult) – works for Barnstable County Human Services as the Older Adult Services Program Manager. She is a huge walker and emphasizes the importance of crosswalk visibility.
- Jane Ward (Public Health/Bike/Safe Routes to School) – thrilled to be here and retired from an Airforce position. After that experience, did a road cross country from Key West (Florida) to San Diego (California) to help advertise Safe Routes to School and the League of Cyclists. She met with mayors and schools. She feels less safe on Cape Cod than traveling cross country. She noticed that people walking and biking are invisible. When she bikes, she wears reflective clothing and has flickering lights. There needs to be more education on biking and walking and road user education is needed to educate all.
- Dave Paananen (Fire) – life long resident of the Cape. Has professional and personal concerns with all aspects. He has four kids and would not let them ride on the road except along bicycle paths.
- Colleen Medeiros, Transportation Program Manager, gave an overview of the Safe Streets for All grant program that is funding the development of the region's Vision Zero Action Plan.
- Bill Scully (Kimley-Horn) went over the Safe Systems Approach in detail, the different components that are required as part of an Action Plan and then presented high level crash statistics for our region for the last six years (2018-2023). Bill mentioned the importance of collaboration between Departments such as the Planning and Public Works Departments interacting with one another as part of the Safe System Approach. As one of the Approaches, Safe Speeds is the most important because reducing speeds can accommodate human-injury tolerances. Eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes does not stop with this Vision Zero Action Plan and will need to have a mind shift change.



- Colleen Medeiros briefly went over the various components that will be involved as part of the Public Outreach process.
- Lisa Juan (Kimley-Horn) then gave a demonstration of the Online Public Comment Tool. Members provided the following feedback on the Online Public Comment Tool:
  - Update the Comment Tool to emphasize the use/intention of the reply function.
  - Include a thumbs up functionality.
  - Need to include a space to put in general comments and not location based.
  - Since this is a data driven component, are we looking at speed data, and distracted driving?
- The Project Team then discussed the overall Project Schedule and Next Steps.
- The tentative date for the next VZAC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 11am (hybrid).