



Advisory Group Meeting #1

November 19, 2020 | 5:30 P.M.

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Meeting Announcements

- This meeting is being held virtually as allowed by Governor Baker's Executive Order Suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law dated March 12, 2020.
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- This meeting is being recorded. The video will be made available on the project website. Please raise your hand now to notify the chair if you are also recording this meeting.
- Meeting materials, including today's presentation, may be accessed at www.capecodcommission.org/CapeRailStudy.

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- Members of the public are asked to kindly hold comments until the ‘Public Comment’ agenda item.



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Welcome

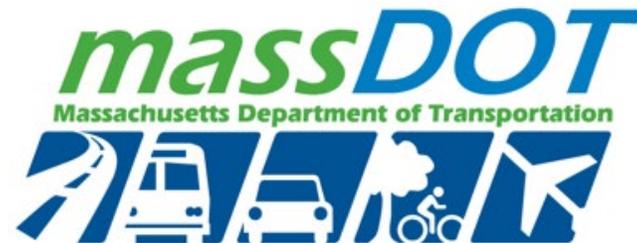
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Roles

- MassDOT/VHB
- Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Cape Cod Commission staff
- Advisory Group



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Representation on the Advisory Group

- Regional Elected Officials
- Town of Bourne
 - Elected Officials, Administration, Professional Staff, Police Department, Fire Department, Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway
- Town of Wareham
- Town of Middleborough
- Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA)
- Cape Cod Commission
- Canal Area Chamber of Commerce
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- Buzzards Bay Businesses and Residents
- Friends of Bourne Rail Trail
- MassCoastal
- Army Corp of Engineers
- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)

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Opening Remarks

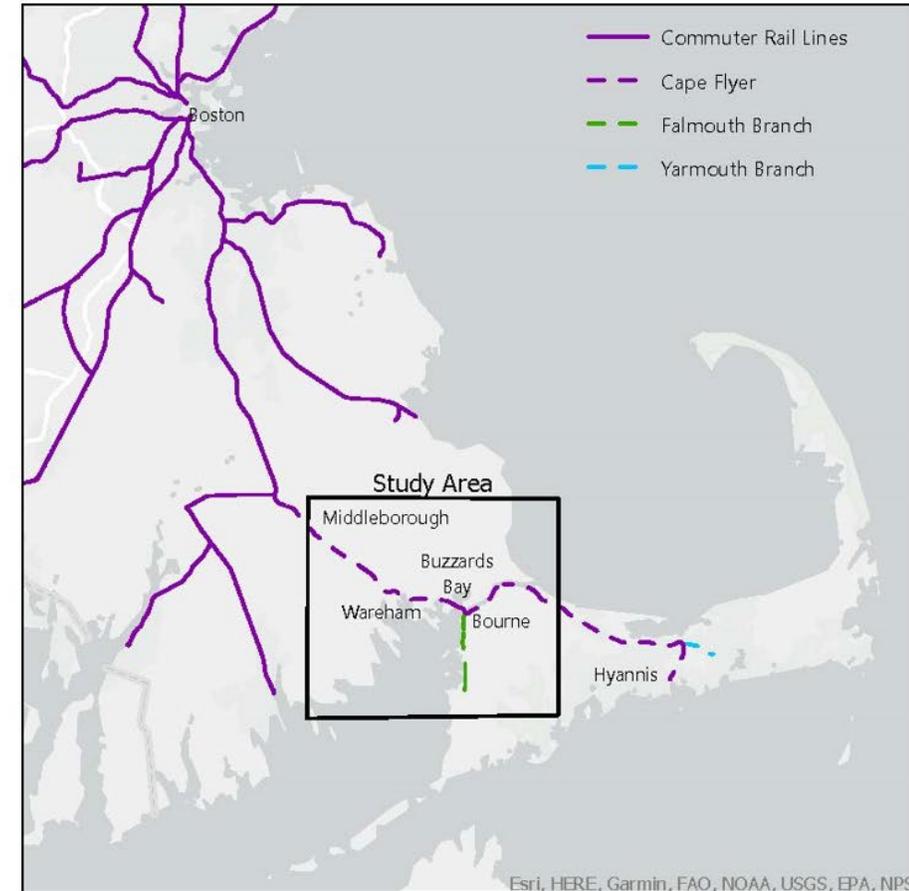
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Purpose of the Study

- Study options to expand passenger rail service to the Cape region
- Provide the region with data and information about rail options

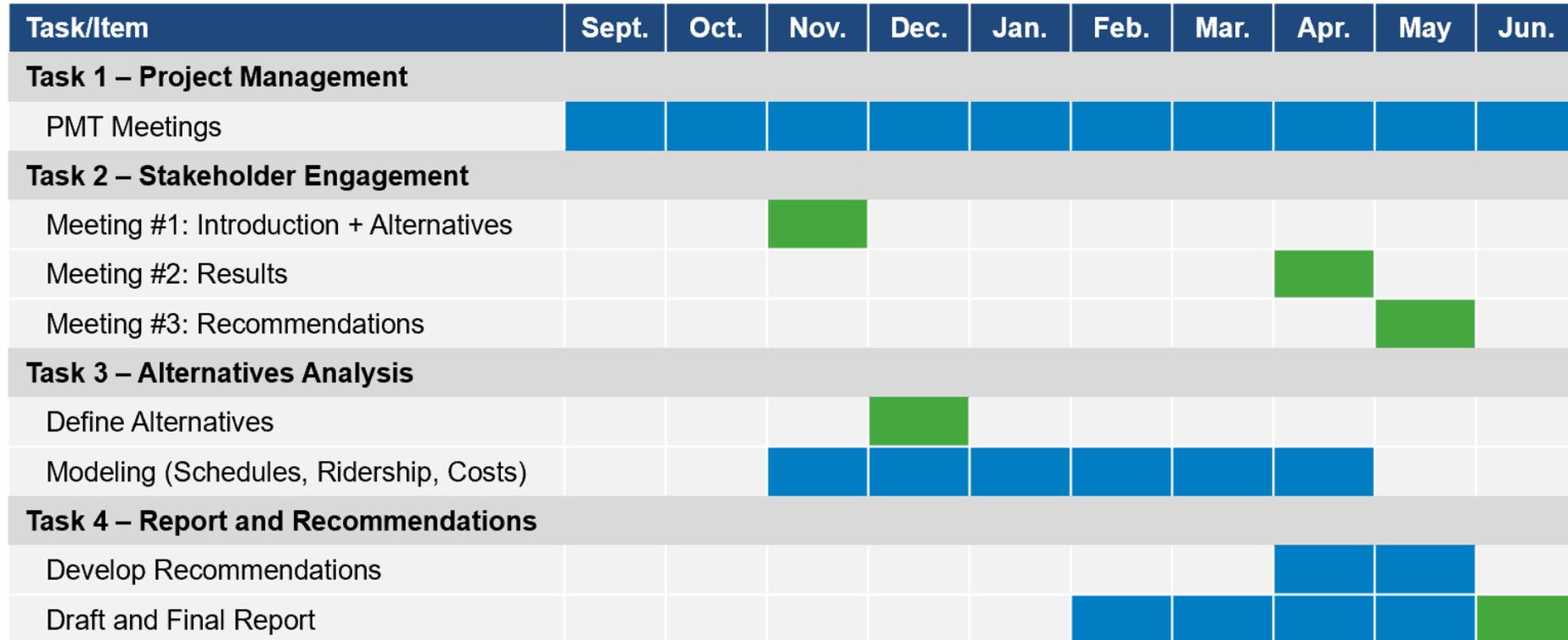


Rail Data Layer Source: MassGIS

Project Schedule

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 Work occurring during specified month
 Meeting or deliverable during specified month

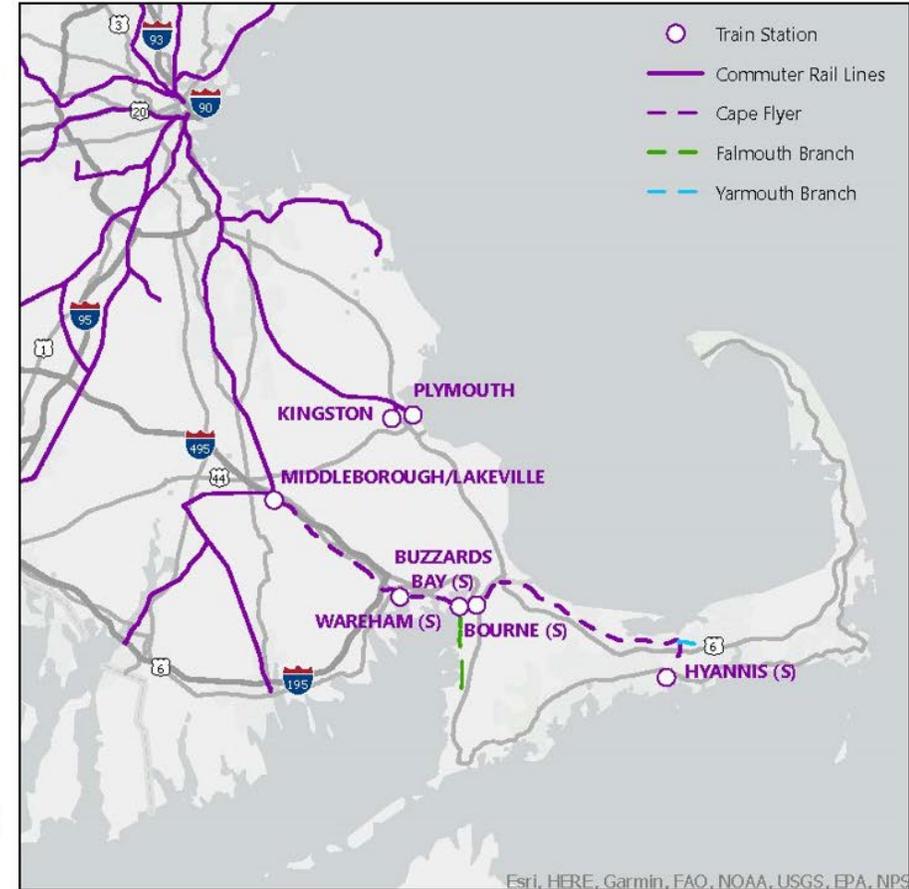
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Existing Conditions Overview

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- Commuter rail extends to Kingston, Plymouth, and Middleborough/Lakeville
- Cape Flyer provides weekend service between Boston and Hyannis
- Commuter buses provide service between Cape region and Boston (Peter Pan and Plymouth & Brockton Lines)
- Public transportation mode share is currently <2% - majority of trips are by auto



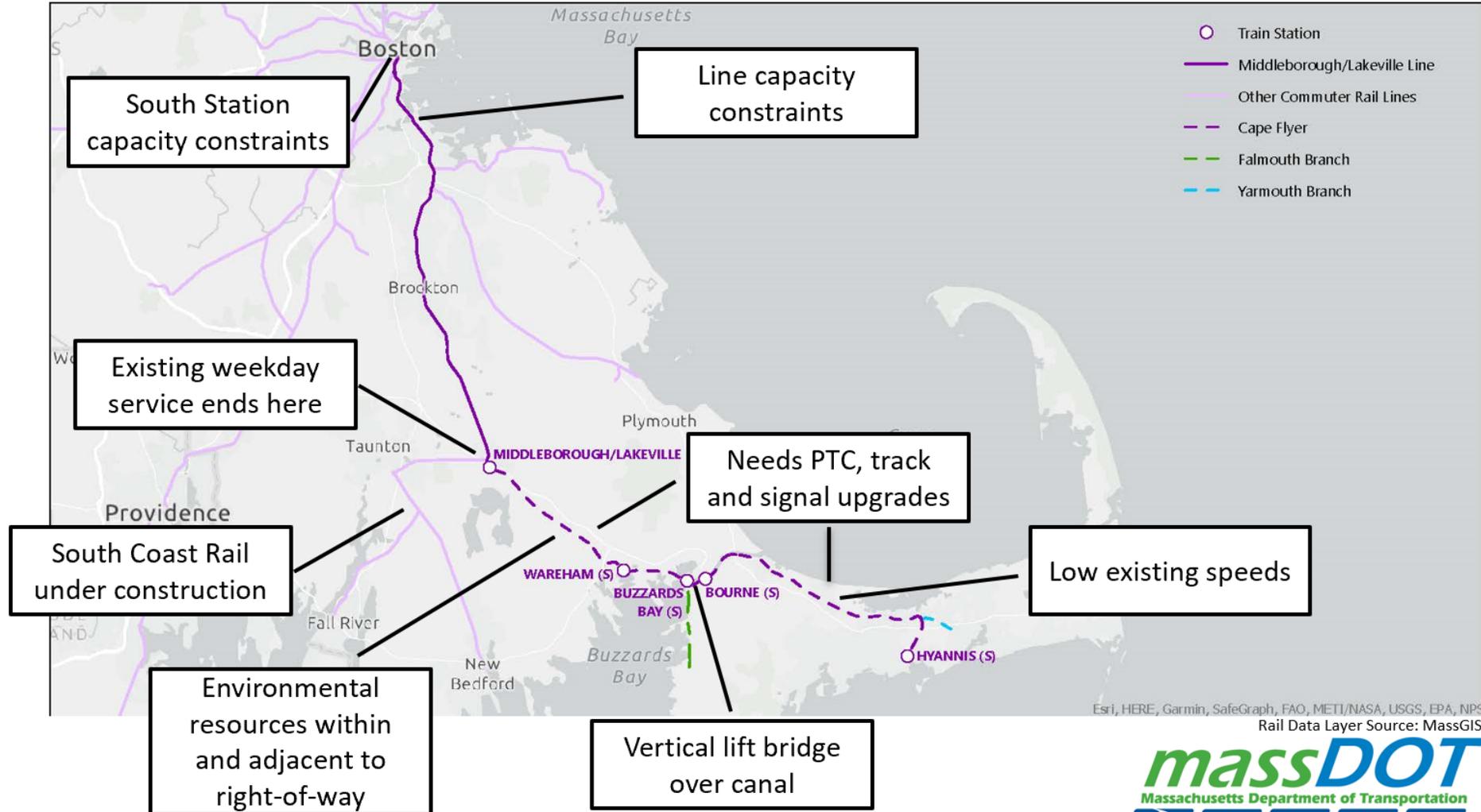
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Existing Conditions: Rail

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Previous and Ongoing Studies

- Previous studies of Cape Region service focused on commuting
- Studies noted ridership benefits and implementation costs
- Rail service could also have local benefits and impacts, including transit-oriented development
- Multiple ongoing projects in the area could affect opportunities for future rail service

Studies of Cape Service

- CTPS studies (1996-1997, 2007, 2016)
- MassDOT pilot service study
- UMass Lowell study

Related Studies

- CCC Buzzards Bay Commuter Rail Extension: Local Impact Report
- CCRTA study of Buzzards Bay area frequency
- Cape Cod Canal Transportation Study

Related Projects

- South Coast Rail
- Bourne and Sagamore Bridge replacement
- Shining Sea Bikeway extension
- Rail Transformation

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Goals and Objectives Discussion

- What goals and objectives would you prioritize for service to the Cape region?
- Examples (East-West Passenger Rail Study and Cape Cod Canal Transportation Study):

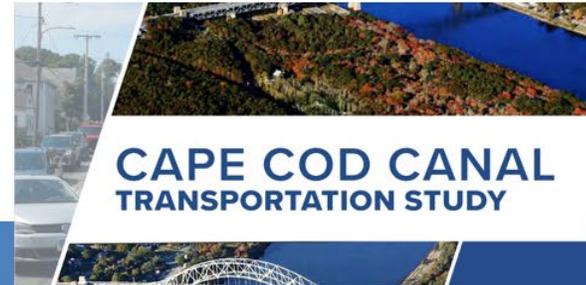
Goals for Service Alternatives

- Improve attractiveness of Western MA as an **affordable place to live**
- Support **economic development**
- Provide better **transportation options** to/from Western MA
- Reduce the number of **automobile trips** along the corridor
- Reduce **greenhouse gas emissions** and **air quality impacts** from transportation

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Impacts to freight
- Environmental and community impacts
- Cost



CAPE COD CANAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

- Improve transportation mobility and accessibility in the Cape Cod Canal Area and to provide reliable year-round connectivity over the Canal and between the Sagamore and Bourne Bridges.

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Alternatives Development

- What would you like to see prioritized in the service alternatives?
- Examples of service variables include:



*Note: Polling results will be used for data gathering and informational purposes only.

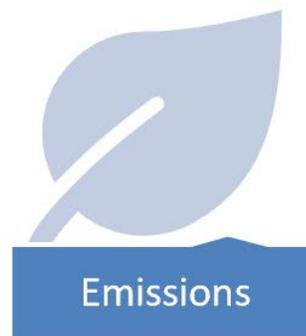
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Results Framework

- What type of results would you like to see? Which would you prioritize?
- Examples could include the change in:



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Next Steps

- Develop alternatives and evaluation framework
- Begin alternatives analysis
- Public engagement, including future Advisory Group meetings and monthly updates to the MPO board

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Thank You

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