



Older Adult Transportation Coalition June 21, 2023

Agenda

- Transportation Planning on the Island and beyond (Alex Elvin)
- Update on Transportation Funding
- Update from Steering Committee on Long Term Funding Sustainability
- Pilot Program Updates
- Comings and Goings



MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2024 UPDATE

Process and outlook

Purpose

- Long-term planning vision (covers 2024–2044)
- Discussion of transportation issues, goals, and options
- Recommendations based on Island needs and values
- Required of all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), including the MVC
- Allows Martha's Vineyard to access state and federal transportation funding

Transportation planning documents

Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) For Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2023-2027

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Martha's Vineyard Regional Transportation Plan 2020-2040



July 2019



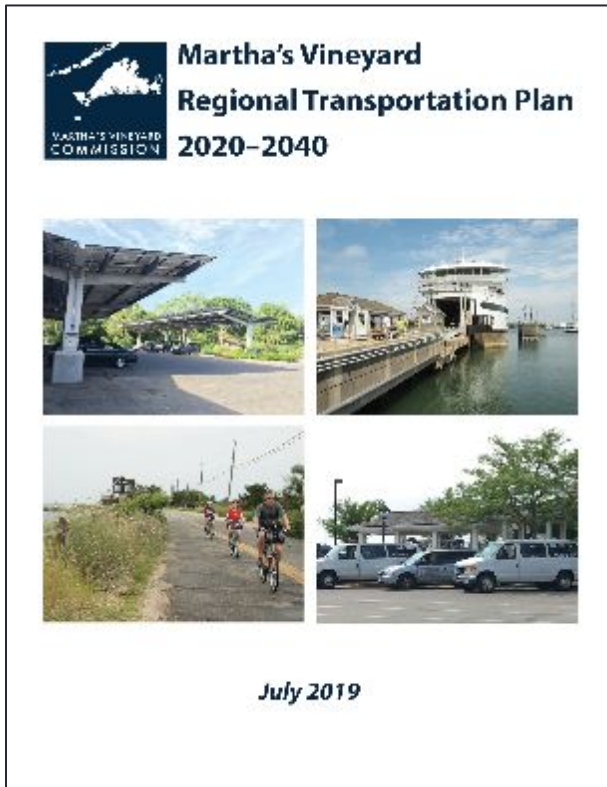
Martha's Vineyard Public Participation Plan (PPP)



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Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)



- Covers 20 years
- Updated every four years
- Identifies issues and goals
- Covers all modes of transportation
- Recommends projects for state and federal funding
- Funded projects are later included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Last updated in 2019

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Covers five years (coincides with the Massachusetts five-year capital investment plan)
- Updated every year
- Covers all modes of transportation
- Features detailed five-year budget for funded projects
- Last updated in 2022



Public Participation Plan (PPP)

- Outlines public process in regard to transportation planning
- Updated every few years, or as needed
- A quick-reference guide for how to get involved
- Last updated in 2017



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Other planning documents

- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- 2022 Title VI Comprehensive Plan
- 2022 Vineyard Climate Action Plan

RTP participants (ideally)

- Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)
- Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- Dukes County residents (via surveys and public meetings)
- Health Aging Martha's Vineyard
- Vulnerable and minority populations
- Island planning boards

Martha's Vineyard Commission 2024 Regional Transportation Plan Survey



Info: mvcommission.org/transportation



The Martha's Vineyard Commission is taking public comment on how regional transportation projects and funding in Dukes County should be prioritized over the next 20 years.



SCAN TO TAKE THE SURVEY

2023 RTP Survey

- Shared via SurveyMonkey to 600+ email addresses, Islanders Talk, MVC newsletter
- Reshared via HAMV
- Flyers posted around the Island
- Portuguese version in progress

Topics:

- Demographic info including age, town, English proficiency
- Transportation modes used, including rideshare, VTA
- Mobility needs of community
- Problematic roads, intersections
- Safety priorities
- Environmental impact solutions
- Electric ferries and other vehicles
- Funding priorities
- General objectives
- Other planning factors

Primary objectives in 2019

The overarching goal of this RTP is to establish and maintain a transportation system that is safe, reliable, convenient, accessible, economical, affordable, and consistent with the Vineyard's scenic, historic, and natural resources.

Primary objectives in 2019

- Promote a variety of transportation options that efficiently meet the mobility needs of all of the Island's residents and visitors, using the Vineyard's existing transportation infrastructure.
- Reduce dependence on private automobiles by promoting alternate modes of travel (bus, bicycle, etc.) for both residents and visitors; continue to encourage visitors—especially short-term visitors—to come to the Vineyard without a car.
- Encourage residents and visitors to use public transportation, by continually improving bus and park-and-ride services.
- Improve safety and security for all transportation system users.
- Favor the seamless integration of various transportation systems (physical installations, scheduling, etc.) to increase the efficiency and convenience of alternate modes.
- Ensure that the road network is designed and managed to minimize congestion, pollution, and safety problems, and to preserve scenic roadside views and the character of rural roads.
- Minimize transportation-related pollution, promote energy conservation and sustainability, and support preservation of natural resources.
- Adequately plan to protect roadways and other infrastructure from sea-level rise, erosion and storm flooding.
- Facilitate ongoing public discussions surrounding long-term transportation planning issues including sea-level rise and population growth.

Primary objectives in 2019

- Address problems at the Island's most congested locations, emphasizing traffic management over major physical modifications—such as new or widened roads, or inappropriate traffic controls—that would degrade the character of the Island.
- Expand and enhance a safe and efficient network of shared-use paths (SUPs), walking trails, and in-town bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.
- Work with the VTA and others to enhance the transportation options of those with limited mobility (disabled, elderly, young people), and for other disadvantaged populations.
- Integrate infrastructure improvements (particularly harbors and the Airport) with economic development strategies.
- Promote cooperation among the Vineyard's various transportation agencies, the public, and private transportation providers.
- Coordinate regional land-use and transportation planning policies, favoring land-use decisions that reinforce the other objectives such as:
 - Consolidation of mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly village areas within the limits of already developed areas, where daily needs can be met without a car.
 - Outside village areas, development within walking distance of bus stops, and encouragement of general stores to reduce the need for routine trips.

Targeted objectives and proposed actions

- Climate change
- Water transportation
- Air travel
- Roads and automobiles
- Traffic mitigation
 - Roads and bridges
 - Parking
 - Environmental issues and climate change
- Bus and van service
- Taxis and rideshare
- Bicycles and pedestrians
- Mopeds
- Livability in transportation
 - Inter-modality
 - Transportation information

Changes in 2019 update

- Reorganized sections to tell a clearer story
- Focused more on issues, with a clear narrative related to each transportation system
- Included executive summary with graphs highlighting aspects of the plan and project recommendations
- Expanded section on climate change and environmental factors
- Reduced duplication throughout
- Eliminated most references to data more than 10 years old (each of the previous two plans relied largely on the MVC's 2009 Island Plan)
- Incorporated data and trends from the 2019 Martha's Vineyard Statistical Profile
- Illustrated trends with better graphs and tables
- Redesigned format using InDesign

Changes in 2023 update

- Updated demographics, including 2020 Census results
- Expanded section on climate change, incorporating the Vineyard Climate Action Plan and updated projections
- Expanded section on Steamship Authority, including finances and alternative propulsion
- New section on vulnerable and minority populations, including elder, disabled, and lower-income residents, and non-native English speakers
 - Highlight elder needs and priorities identified in RTP survey
 - Highlight transportation needs identified in MV Older Adult Survey

Time frame for 2023 update

- May–June: Data collection and public outreach
- June 27: JTC meeting to discuss objectives and proposed actions
- Mid-July: Collect survey results
- July 15-20: Finish draft update
- July 25: Formally submit draft to JTC for public comment
- August: Submit final plan to MPO signatories for approval

Update on Transportation Funding

- MassDot Proposals (due June 23)
 - HAMV - Mobility Manager 2024 (80% funding, 20% match) \$100k total
 - HAMV - GoGo 2024 (50% funding, 50% match) \$100k total
 - MVC4L - Shuttle expenses (50% funding, 50% match) \$40k total
 - Vehicle proposal (next round later this summer/early fall) - VTA (possibly)
- Elder Services Title III funding (GoGo)
- HAMV GoGo Fundraiser (June/July 2023)
- Others



Transportation Funding Sustainability Update- the hunt continues

- Steering Committee met and will meet again (Dan Doyle, Felicia, Cindy D, Cindy T, Leslie, Hilary, Lyndsay, Beth Kramer) – who else would like to join?
- Focus on conversation was on – who else needs to have skin in the game for longer term funding?
 - Towns, Local Funders, MVH, State/Federal Sources, Participants, County
- Exploring Options/ meeting with the JTC late July to share an update on our Coalition



Update on Pilot Programs – Summer Plans

- OCB
- Edgartown COA shuttle
- Tisbury, Oak Bluffs shuttle
- GoGo



Comings and Goings

- Island Disability Coalition is joining!
- Mobility Manager

- Next meeting – September
 - Will keep you posted this summer by email!

