Cape Cod Rail Trail
Provincetown to the Canal

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Presentation Outline

- Vision for the future
- History of the Cape Cod Rail Trail (CC Rail Trail)
- The Western and Eastern Extension
- Municipal, DCR and MassDOT collaboration
- Linking residents and visitors across the Cape
The Vision
History of the CC Rail Trail
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- Wellfleet to Dennis – 22 miles
  - Managed by DCR
  - First constructed in 1980

- Regional significance & connections
  - Abutter access & connectivity
History of the CC Rail Trail

- Popularity drove rehabilitation of trail in 2008
- Success drove expansion
  - West: Dennis, Yarmouth, Barnstable, Sandwich
  - East: South Wellfleet
- Phased expansion
Western & Eastern Extension

Wellfleet

Sandwich

Dennis, Yarmouth & Barnstable
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Eastern Extension – Wellfleet
Municipal, DCR & MassDOT Collaboration

- Political support
- Collaboration with others
  - Cape Cod National Seashore, National Grid, Army Corp of Engineers, Cape Cod Commission
- Design
  - Public Process
- Construction
- Seasonal Maintenance
Municipal, DCR & MassDOT Collaboration continued

• Long Term Stewardship
• Challenges
  • Trail access
  • Roadway crossings
  • Right-of-Way
  • Community support
  • Funding
  • Mile markers
Linking Residents and Visitors

• Multi-modal alternative for regional transportation
• Tourism and family recreation
• Connect to local destinations
  • National Park Service
  • Nickerson State Park
  • Ponds and beaches
  • Mini golf
  • Cape Cod Canal bike path
• Boosting the economy
Bringing it all Together

• Meeting Governor’s initiative
• Multi-modal alternative for regional transportation
• Consistent goal – local and state
• Moving forward
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