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NP&EDC Approves 2024 Long-Range Transportation Plan

NANTUCKET, MA –

The Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission (NP&EDC) is pleased to announce that it has approved the 2024 Long-Range Transportation Plan for Nantucket. Updated every four years, this plan establishes the vision, goals, and priorities for utilizing federal transportation funding to improve transportation for Nantucket.

Public participation tripled from the previous update in 2019. The plan's vision, goals, and priorities were shaped by responses to a Visioning and Prioritization survey conducted throughout summer 2023. Outreach and participation opportunities in English, Spanish and Portuguese included surveying and sharing of draft material for comments via the Town's website and social media platforms, and five public meetings that were recorded and can be accessed via the Town's website and YouTube channel.

The Vision for the transportation system in the year 2044, which was approved by the NP&EDC, is a safe, accessible, and affordable transportation system, with vehicle limitations, sensitive to the island. The goals of the plan align with each element of this vision. The priorities for transportation investments include accommodating all

transportation users, evaluating impact to natural and cultural resources, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, ensuring safe and affordable travel, and improving reliability and operations at priority intersections for all users.

This plan and the NP&EDC's transportation planning program are funded in part through grants from the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

"We asked and the community answered! This long-range plan was shaped by the public and provides a path for accommodating all residents and visitors with transportation investments in a manner that is sensitive to the island." said Mike Burns, NP&EDC's Transportation Program Manager. *"A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the development of this plan, because life is better when we all work and thrive together."*

For more information on the Long-Range Transportation Plan visit www.nantucket-ma.gov/lrtp.

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