



Cape & Islands Bridges Coalition

Quarterly Meeting | March 6, 2025



Welcome

**Brooke Thomson, President & CEO
Associated Industries of Massachusetts**

Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- 1. Welcome: Brooke Thomson, President & CEO, AIM**
- 2. Updates from the Co-Chairs**
- 3. Guest Speaker: Luisa Paiewonsky, Executive Director,
Megaprojects Delivery**
- 4. Bridges Q&A with O'Neill & Associates (*time permitting*)**
- 5. Upcoming CIBC Meetings & Events**

About the CIBC

- The Cape & Islands Bridges Coalition (CIBC) was formed in early 2024 under the leadership of the Cape Cod Chamber in response to business and community concerns
- The CIBC aims to ensure the Sagamore and Bourne Bridges are replaced in a timely and fiscally responsible manner while minimizing adverse impacts on Cape Cod's 230,000 year-round residents and 8,000+ businesses
- Comprised of representatives from nearly 50 major employers, civic groups, and professional organizations across Cape Cod, the Islands, South Shore, and Greater Boston
- Modeled after the Boston-based A Better City and their work on the Central Artery/Tunnel Project





CIBC Objectives

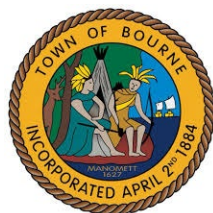
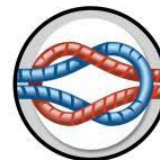
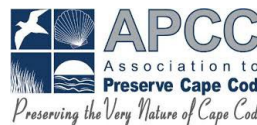
1. Funding and a construction timeline for both bridges must be prioritized by the Commonwealth and USACE, and all options must be considered.
2. A mitigation plan must be developed for both bridges to minimize disruption
3. The public must be engaged as an informed partner in the mitigation of bridge construction impacts, maintaining open communication with the constructors, the Commonwealth, and USACE.
4. Plans must protect and enhance what already exists and demonstrate respect for past traditions of the Cape and Islands.

Cape & Islands Bridges Coalition Members

Co-Chairs:

Paul Niedzwiecki, CEO of Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce

Dan Wolf, Founder of Cape Air



CIBC Timeline & Work to Date

- **NOVEMBER 2023** – Founding companies support formation of CIBC in the aftermath of 2023 bridge maintenance and impacts
- **DECEMBER 2023 – MARCH 2024** – Development of CIBC mission, vision, and structure, using A Better City as model. Recruitment begins. Cape Cod Chamber secures seat on Governor’s Transportation Funding Task Force
- **MARCH 2024 – APRIL 2024** – Founders hold state and federal delegation meetings
- **MAY 2024** – First quarterly meeting of the CIBC
- **JUNE 2024** – Founders and Chamber reps travel to Washington DC to meet in person with Massachusetts Congressional Delegation
- **JULY 2024** – Commonwealth awarded \$993M in federal funding for Sagamore Bridge

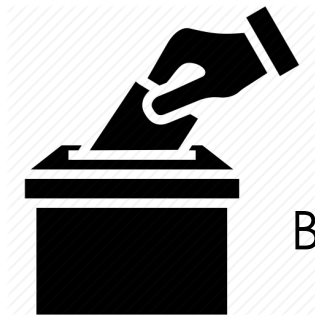
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- **SEPTEMBER 2024** – Second CIBC Quarterly meeting held
- **OCTOBER 2024** – Meeting with MA Building Trades Council. Chamber presented at the Transportation Funding Task Force on Cape Cod infrastructure priorities.
- **NOVEMBER 2024** – Presentation to Southeastern MA Joint Labor Council
- **DECEMBER 2024** – Bridges public opinion poll conducted in partnership with Cape Cod & Islands Association of Realtors

A large, modern steel arch bridge spans a wide river. The bridge features a prominent arch structure with a lattice of steel beams. In the foreground, a paved path with a yellow line runs along the riverbank. A person wearing a striped shirt and a white cap is riding a bicycle away from the camera on this path. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds, and the far bank is lined with green trees.

Bridges Public Opinion Poll

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400+

Registered Voters in
Barnstable, Dukes, and
Nantucket Counties



What is the public
perception of the bridges
replacement plan?

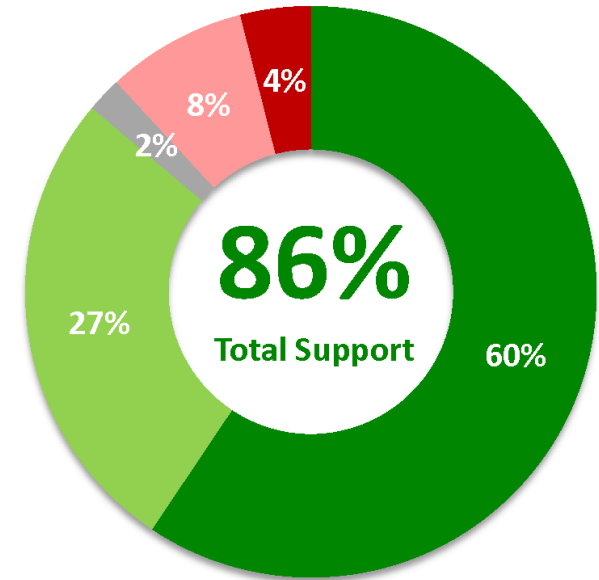
Bridges Public Opinion Poll

Poll showed **86% of residents** on Cape Cod, Nantucket, and Martha's Vineyard support the current replacement plan, as presented by MassDOT

Broad and Strong Support for the Plan to Replace Both Bridges

Replacement of Both Bridges Initial Support

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Army Corp of Engineers are working on a plan to replace the two bridges that connect Cape Cod to the mainland. The new bridges will each carry six lanes of traffic, with two lanes in each direction and a dedicated turn lane each way. The project will take about ten years to complete and cost an estimated four-point-five billion dollars. The Sagamore Bridge will be paid for with a combination of federal and state funding. Funding for the Bourne Bridge has not yet been identified.



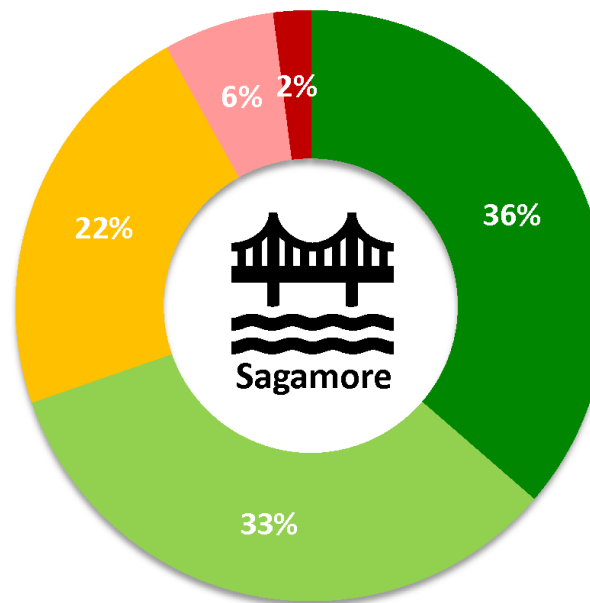
Bridges Public Opinion Poll

More than 2/3 of respondents said replacing the bridges should be a top priority for regional, state, and national leaders

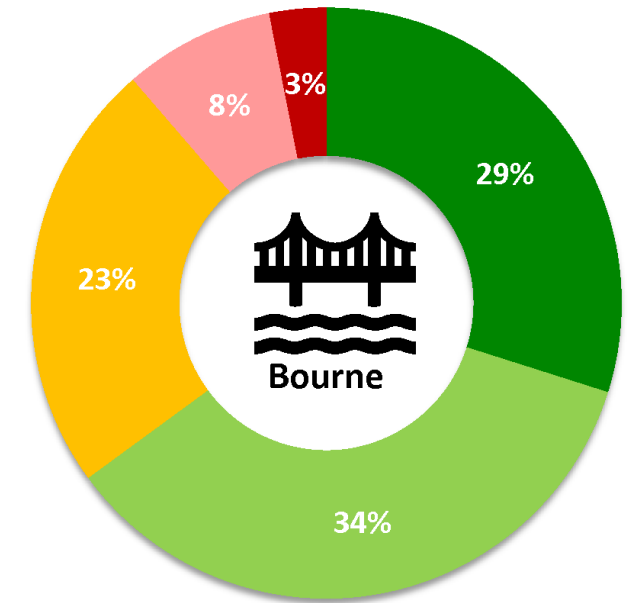
Voters Prioritize Replacing Both Bridges Over Other State Infrastructure Priorities

Priority of Replacing the Sagamore and Bourne Bridges

Not a /low priority: 8% | High priority: 68%



Not a/low priority: 10% | High priority: 64%





State House Day Preview



State House Day

Participating CIBC Representatives:

Bert Talerman, *Cape Cod 5**

Greg Bilezikian, *Turtle Rock LLC**

Jeff Bilezikian, *Turtle Rock LLC**

Jim Connolly, *Eldredge & Bourne Moving*

Anne Scott-Putney, *Heritage Museums & Gardens*

Mark Ells, *Town of Barnstable*

Susan Moran, *Barnstable County Clerk of Courts /
Former State Senator*

Stephanie Swanson, *AIM*

Paul Niedzwiecki, *Cape Cod Chamber*

Lauren Barker, *Cape Cod Chamber*

**CIBC Founder*

State House Day

MEETING SCHEDULE:

- 1:30 PM** **Sen. Brendan Crighton**, Senate Chair
Transportation Committee
- 2:30 PM** **Rep. Carole Fiola**, House Chair
Economic Development Committee
- 4:00 PM** **Ashley Stolba**, Undersecretary
Executive Office of Economic Development
- Gina McLaughlin**, Senior Policy Advisor
Executive Office of Housing & Livable
Communities
- Quentin Palfrey**, Director of Federal Funds
& Infrastructure
- 5:00 PM** **Cape Delegation Meet & Greet**





2025 CIBC Work Plan

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Founding Members
as Executive
Committee

Continue CIBC
Recruitment:
Who is Missing?

Sustainable
Revenue / Member
Support for CIBC

Independent
Research:
Public Opinion Poll,
Member Survey

Advocacy for
Funding of the
Bourne Bridge
Replacement

Continued
Engagement
with Federal &
State Officials

Upcoming CIBC Meetings & Events

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

June 3, 2025

September 9, 2025

December 9, 2025



For More Information:

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