Timeline of Transportation on the Vineyard

Miscellaneous Items

1850  North Road and Middle Road constructed
1871  Holmes Hole – Cottage City Road and bridge completed.  i
1872  Rail extended to Woods Hole with support by OBLWC and shares to many people including Dr. Fisher. Erected new wharf; signed Western Union contract for cable to OB;
1872  Led Edgartown to propose beach road from OB built by town
~1873  Highland Wharf – Campground Horse Railroadii. OB.
1874  Cottage City – Edgartown Railroad. Discontinued 1896. iii
1877  Railroad extended form Katama to South Beach.
~1888  Cottage City – Lagoon Heights Electric Trolley. OB – T.iv
1891  Dukes County Street Railroad Company. (P) Cottage City – Gay Head.v
~1900  Oak Bluffs Harbor developed form Lake Anthony.vi
1942  Naval Air Station. WT/E. >640 acres, one dozen buildings.vii
1950s  Moshup Trail constructed.
1960s  Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road. First Federal Highway on Island. viii
1966  West Basin Road built. Led to housing proposal.
1990s  MV Airport Expansion. WT-E. New terminal and Business park.ix
1998  MV Airport 71,889 commercial emplanements  35,114 General aviation operations
2012  SSA carried >2.2m passengers

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i Hough 1936
ii MVCA www
iii Hough 1936. OBLWC (with shares to many people including Dr. Fisher) involved in extending RR to Woods Hole. Also brought telegraph cable to OB and built non-denominational chapel on Chapel; Hill. RR ran to Edgartown, then extended to Katama and then South Beach. Edgartown an initial funder; sold stock in 1877 after losses ($315 for $15,000 investment). Instigators, all whaling captains: Erastus Carpenter, Samuel Osborn, Nathaniel Jernegan, Jared Jernegan, Richard Holley, William Lewis, John Norton. Railton 2012
iv Built in 1895 according to MVCA www.
v Railton 2012. Investors: C.H. Emerson (Framingham), G.M. Clough (Somerville), Charles Strahan (Cottage City), H.L. Whiting (WT), M.F. Cummingham (Tisbury). Never built but on Eldridge map.
vi Hough 1936.
ix MV Airport Annual Report 2010. Cape Air 80% airline passengers.

http://www.dukescounty.org/Pages/DukesCountyMA_Airport/DukesCountyMA_AirportImprove/1920Airport20History20&20Growth.pdf