

# OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)



## Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA March 10, 2016 at 12:00 P.M.

### ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	Brockton City Council	Jack Lally
Bridgewater	Lisa Sullivan	VHB	Ross Morrow
Bridgewater	Robert B. Wood	MassRides	Adam Blye
Brockton	Rob May	Safe Routes to School	Moss Lynch
Brockton	Laurie Simpreus	Independence Associates	Bill Shine
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	FHWA	Leah Sirmin
East Bridgewater	Richard O'Flaherty	FTA	Kristin Wood
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Hanson	Donald H. Howard	OCPC	Eric Arbeene
Pembroke	Scott Glaube	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Pembroke	Gene B. Fulmine Jr.	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Whitman	Dan Salvucci		

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement. Those present then introduced themselves.

### 2. Public Comments

Richard O'Flaherty apologized if his comments at the last JTC meeting came off as argumentative. Chairperson O'Toole stated that she did not think it was argumentative and that Richard O'Flaherty's comments are always welcome.

### 3. Minutes of the February 11, 2016 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the February 11, 2016 Meeting. The members then unanimously endorsed the minutes of the February 11, 2016 Old Colony JTC Meeting.

### 4. Communications

Eric Arbeene reviewed the contents of the communications staff report. Included were letters of correspondence, as well as notices of workshops and conferences.

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## 5. Reports

### A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Paul Chenard gave a BAT update on OCPC's side:

- OCPC recently met with BAT talking about further steps with the Comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan (CRTP). OCPC and BAT will be looking at what recommendations stated in the CRTP can be implemented going forward. Some examples are as follows:
  - Guaranteed ride home for Massasoit Community College
  - Establishment of a bus line in the southeastern region of Brockton
  - Cost savings of joining Routes 10 and 11
  - Possibility of moving fare proposals forward

Richard O'Flaherty made a comment regarding BAT updating their facilities. Richard O'Flaherty believes that BAT should spend money on areas where there is unmet demand of service instead of updating facilities. Discussion followed.

### B. Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)

Paul Chenard stated that there is no current news from GATRA.

### C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard provided a South Coast Rail update:

FY 2015 Technical Assistance Projects:

- OCPC finalized the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure recommendations document for the Town of Stoughton and it was accepted by the Town.
- As part of Bridgewater's technical assistance, OCPC with the Town of Bridgewater and Bridgewater State University had released a market analysis survey to gauge resident and student opinions and desires when it comes to the pedestrian network in town. Bridgewater's market analysis survey has concluded and OCPC has reviewed the survey results and will begin to work these findings into the preliminary report. OCPC has conducted site visits to assess the walking conditions that exist between the University and Downtown Bridgewater and will be formulating recommendations based on these observations.

## 6. Old Business

### A. FFY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Bill McNulty reviewed the changes to the FFY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). They are as follows:

#### FFY 2016 PROJECTS:

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- BROCKTON – STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS ALONG ROUTE 28 (608134)
  - Design Public Hearing scheduled for 03/15/2016.

### 7. New Business

#### A. Public Meeting – Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Planning Process

- Leah Sirmin, FHWA
- Kristin Wood, FTA

Every four years, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are required by law to review the metropolitan transportation planning process conducted by the Old Colony MPO and its partners in order to certify that they are carrying out the process in accordance with all applicable Federal requirements.

As part of this review, the Federal agencies would like to hear from members of the public on their views of how the metropolitan transportation planning process is conducted in the region. The FHWA and FTA are particularly interested in hearing from people who have participated in some aspect of the Old Colony MPO's work.

Leah Sirmin and Kristin Wood opened up the floor to the public for comments.

There were no comments at this time. Bill McNulty stated that Phil Shepard from Massasoit Community College submitted a letter.

#### B. Development of the FFY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Opportunity to Request Technical Studies

Bill McNulty provided an overview on the development of the FFY 2017 UPWP.

Bill McNulty went through the Draft Universe of Projects – Element 3000. Those projects are as follows:

- Abington, Brockton – Route 123 Corridor Study from Rockland Town Line to Main Street in Brockton
- Brockton – North Main Street Corridor Study from Route 27 – Pleasant Street to Avon Town Line
- Brockton – South Main Street Corridor Study from Route 123 – Belmont Street to West Bridgewater Town Line
- Duxbury – Route 14 Corridor Study from Pembroke Town Line to Route 3A
- Kingston, Duxbury, Pembroke – Route 53 Corridor Study from Route 3A in Kingston to Hanover Town Line
- Plymouth – Long Pond Road Corridor Study from Obery Street to Drew Road
- Regional – Brockton-Taunton Transit Connection Study
- Regional – Route 24 Safety and Mobility Study

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- Regional – Route 3 Safety and Mobility Study

Bob Wood suggested a study that would provide bus service to T.F. Green Airport in Providence. Discussion followed.

Richard O’Flaherty talked in support of the Brockton-Taunton Transit Connection Study and stated that people using public transit should be able to get to Taunton without having to go to Boston first. Discussion followed.

## 8. Other Business and Public Comment

### A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Bill McNulty reported on the following Community Local Technical Assistance Studies:

#### Bridgewater

- Traffic Study of intersection of Pleasant Street (Route 104) at Elm Street  
Data collected and analysis underway
- Traffic Study of intersection of Bedford Street (Route 18/28) at Grove Street and Maple Avenue  
Grove Street Data collected and analysis completed; Maple Avenue data to be collected

#### Easton

- Road Safety Audit for Turnpike Street at Purchase Street, and Washington Street (Route 138) at Turnpike Street  
Data collected and analysis underway; Audit to be scheduled
- Multiway Stop Warrant Analyses for Lothrop Street at Sheridan Street and Columbus Avenue at Sheridan Street  
Data collection planned for Spring 2016

#### Hanover

- Traffic Study for Pleasant Street / Whiting Street at Cedar Street  
Data collected; analysis underway; Road Safety Audit to be scheduled

#### Pembroke/Duxbury

- Heavy Vehicle Exclusion Analysis for Several Roadways  
Data collected and analysis underway; Additional data collection and long term trend analysis to continue

#### Plymouth

- Road Safety Audit for Standish Avenue at Alden Street  
Road Safety Audit conducted; First round of data collection completed. Per request of Town and RSA participants, data will be recollected when Samoset Street construction is complete and detours are no longer in place
- Multiway Stop Warrant Analyses – Several Lunn’s Way Intersections  
Data collection planned for Spring and Summer 2016

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- Traffic Counts for Montgomery Drive  
Data collection planned for Spring/Summer 2016
- Traffic Counts for Westerly Road  
Data collection planned for Spring/Summer 2016

### Stoughton

- Road Safety Audit for Park Street (Route 27) at Sumner Street  
Data collected; analysis underway; Road Safety Audit to be scheduled

### Whitman / Abington

- Washington Street Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Study  
Data collection planned for 2016

### Whitman-Hanson Regional School District

- Traffic Circulation Study for Whitman-Hanson Regional High School  
Data collected; analysis underway

## **B. Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs, and NPCs**

Eric Arbeene summarized the Environmental Notification Forms (ENFs), Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs), Notices of Project Changes (NPCs), and Certificates for projects within the OCPC region that are undergoing Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office review.

### Certificates

#### **ENF & DROD**

#### EEA #15463 – Holmes Dam Removal and Town Brook Restoration – Plymouth

The proposed project consists of the removal of the Holmes Playground Dam, restoring the stream channel in the existing impoundment, day lighting of the stream channel between the dam and Newfield Street, improvements at the Holmes Playground Park, replacement of the Newfield Street Bridge, and downstream channel improvements.

## **C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues**

- Paul Chenard stated that OCPC had its first Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting last month. Bridgewater was well represented. OCPC has put together the bicycle portion of a survey to understand the regional needs. A pedestrian survey will also be conducted.
- Dan Salvucci stated that bicyclists need to know the rules and regulations of the road. Discussion followed.
- Bruce Hughes announced that the Citizens Planner Training Collaborative registration closes tomorrow.

## **9. Adjournment**

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The meeting adjourned at 1:51 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

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