

# 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 May 12, 2016 at 12:00 P.M.

### ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	MassRIDES	Gary St. Fleur
Abington	John Stone	MassRIDES	Adam Blye
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	MassDOT SRTS	Moss Lynch
Brockton	Rob May	Brockton Enterprise	Marc Larocque
Brockton	Laurie Simpreus	Independence Associates	Bill Shine
East Bridgewater	Richard O'Flaherty	McMahon Associates	Phil Viveiros
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Hanson	Donald H. Howard	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Hanson	Laurie Muncy	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Pat Ciaramella
BAT	Michael Blondin	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
MassDOT District 5	Bill Travers	OCPC	Jim Watson
MassDOT District 5	Tim Kochan	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chairperson Sid Kashi called the meeting to order at 12:08 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement. Those present then introduced themselves.

### 2. Public Comments

Richard O'Flaherty stated that with all of the road construction going on it is hard to travel east and west in the City of Brockton. Having two roads being worked on at the same time causes delays for the buses. Charles Kilmer stated that the Belmont Street work is being done at night to help alleviate the traffic disruption.

Paul Chenard stated that he was approached by a resident that lived on Torrey Street complaining of the dust being produced due to the road work. Her son has asthma and it is affecting him. Is there any dust abatement included in MassDOT project? Bill Travers stated that there is dust abatement in the contracts, but sometimes it may be unavoidable.

### 3. Minutes of the April 14, 2016 Meeting

Vice Chairperson Kashi asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the April 14, 2016 Meeting.

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The members then unanimously endorsed the minutes of the April 14, 2016 Old Colony JTC Meeting.

### 4. Communications

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

### 5. Reports

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

Glenn Geiler stated that BAT attended the Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Meeting in Mansfield. There were no comments or questions related to BAT that came up.

BAT is working with MassDOT regarding the CIP, making sure the grant recording software is aligned. The public version of the CIP is missing a few items as far as state of good repair.

BAT is working closely with OCPC working on their Comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan (CRTP).

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

Paul Chenard stated that GATRA is looking into extending service into the Marshfield and Norton areas.

#### C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard stated that OCPC is finishing up the Technical Assistance for the Town of Bridgewater.

### 6. Old Business

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

Charles Kilmer reviewed the project updates within the FFY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). They are as follows:

#### FFY 2016 PROJECTS:

- AVON – INSTALLATION OF A MEDIAN BARRIER ON HARRISON BOULEVARD (608085)
  - Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) have been received by MassDOT for final review (as of 04/28/2016).

Charles Kilmer stated that the design public hearing for the Taylor Avenue project in Plymouth is June 2, 2016. Sid Kashi stated that the Town of Plymouth is expecting the 100% design plans by the end of the month.

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Richard O'Flaherty asked when the construction would start on Belmont Street Phase 2 Project in Brockton. Charles Kilmer stated that it would start at the earliest, next winter or spring of 2017.

### **7. New Business**

#### **A. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Old Colony JTC Officers (2016-2017)**

Vice Chairperson Sid Kashi stated that three volunteers are needed to form this committee. They will report back at the next JTC Meeting.

Pat Ciaramella recommended Dan Salvucci, Don Howard, and Richard O'Flaherty for the Nominating Committee. They accepted.

#### **B. Draft FFY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project List**

Charles Kilmer discussed the FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony TIP Development Schedule.

The FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony TIP Development Schedule is as follows:

1. Outreach and Data Collection (December – February)
2. Evaluation of Projects (February – March)
3. Staff Recommendations and Draft TIP (March – April)
4. TIP Day Consultation with MassDOT (April)
5. Public Review and Endorsement (June – July)

Charles Kilmer then discussed the Draft Old Colony FFY 2017-2021 TIP Projects Table.

Regarding the Brockton-Downtown Brockton Two-Way Traffic Circulation Project, Richard O'Flaherty questioned why it takes so long to change from one-way to two-way traffic. Pat Ciaramella stated that he has been involved in this project since 1999. The biggest hurdle is securing the funds to design and construct the project. The Federal Highway Administration and MassHighway would not approve the project unless there was a commitment on the design and construction funding. As stakeholders could not pull together the design and construction funds, the project stalled. Charles Kilmer stated that through the efforts of Rob May and the City of Brockton, the Project Needs Form has been submitted to MassDOT for the Brockton-Downtown Brockton Two-Way Traffic Circulation Project. Rob May thanked MassDOT for being able to spend unexpended dollars from the Downtown Streetscapes Project. The project may progress intersection by intersection over the next several years.

#### **C. Avon and Brockton Route 28 Corridor Study Update**

Ray Guarino provided an update on the Avon and Brockton Route 28 Corridor Study.

The study area for the Avon and Brockton Route 28 Corridor Study encompasses the Route 28 corridor in Avon and Brockton. The study purpose is to develop short term and long-term actions and projects to relieve congestion, enhance safety, and improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodation.

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OCPC will be holding a public workshop meeting at the Brockton Library Main Street Branch from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM on May 24, 2016 to present the existing operational and safety conditions of the Route 28 corridor and to garner public input on potential improvement projects.

Ray Guarino then discussed potential improvements along the corridor. Improvements included adding traffic signals, expanding lanes, improve geometric turning radii for trucks, etc.

Bill Shine raised a concern about the patterned crosswalks that were pictures in the staff report. Bill Shine stated that crosswalks need to be a plain and flat surface. Paul Chenard stated that it is a thermoplastic layer over the pavement that creates the pattern.

## 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  
Data collected and analysis underway

#### Easton

- Road Safety Audit for Turnpike Street at Purchase Street, and Washington Street (Route 138) at Turnpike Street  
Data collected and analysis underway; Road Safety Audit scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>
- Multiway Stop Warrant Analyses for Lothrop Street at Sheridan Street and Columbus Avenue at Sheridan Street  
Data collection in progress

#### Hanover

- Traffic Study for Woodland Drive Neighborhood  
OCPC working with Town to scope project and schedule data collection

#### Kingston

- Traffic Study for Kingston Historic District  
Data collected; Analysis Underway

#### Pembroke/Duxbury

- Heavy Vehicle Exclusion Analysis for Several Roadways  
Data collection completed; Report in Development

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- Road Safety Audit for Standish Avenue at Alden Street  
Data collection to be scheduled
- Multiway Stop Warrant Analyses – Several Lunn’s Way Intersections  
Data collection to be scheduled
- Traffic Counts for Montgomery Drive  
Data collection to be scheduled
- Traffic Counts for Westerly Road  
Data collection to be scheduled

### Stoughton

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

### West Bridgewater

- Traffic Study of West Center Street (Route 106) and Crescent Street  
Data collection to be scheduled

### Whitman / Abington

- Washington Street Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Study  
Data collection to be scheduled

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

Shawn Bailey 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.

### **Projects Currently Under Review**

#### **ENF**

#### **EEA #15489 – Single Family Residence Reconstruction Project - Plymouth**

Proposed activities at the site include the removal and disposal of the current single family home and the construction of a new single family home within the same general footprint with a small addition to include improvements such as placement of timber piles, compliance with FEMA flood zone standards and other incidental items. Also proposed is the removal of the existing coastal bank stone revetment with buried slope stone and coastal dune nourishment in the form of American Beach Grass.

#### **NPC**

#### **EEA #13580 – Redbrook Development (formerly River Run)/Solar Project – Plymouth**

The solar project will consist of arrays of ground mounted modules and associated structures, infrastructure, and access roads. The arrays will be surrounded by 7-foot high fencing. The proposed change would result in an increase in the acres of altered land with the entire project from 381 acres to 385 acres, but will not result in additional traffic, water or wastewater usage.

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

- Dan Salvucci stated that he has heard complaints about the timing of the yellow lights at the

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intersection of Route 18 and Route 139. The timing of the yellow light on Route 18 is very short.

- Shane O'Brien stated that on Westgate Drive at the 5 Guys Restaurant heading westbound the yellow light is very short.
- Charles Kilmer stated that at Belmont Street and Forest Avenue in Brockton there is a very short green time for Route 123.
- Bill Travers stated that he will bring all of these timing issues up at MassDOT District 5.
- Jimmy Pereira stated that it would be beneficial to have communities list their construction projects on media outlets. This will show what streets are going to be closed. Sid Kashi stated that the Town of Plymouth posts this information on their website.

### 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

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Transportation Planner