

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 June 9, 2016 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	John Stone	MassDOT District 5	Tim Kochan
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	Stantec	Jill McLaughlin
Brockton	Rob May	Jacobs Engineering	Rod Emery
Brockton	Patrick Hill	CDM Smith	Dan Murphy
Brockton	Larry Rowley	BETA Group	Greg Lucas
East Bridgewater	Richard O'Flaherty	Weston & Sampson	Lee Peck
Easton	David Field	Independence Associates	Bill Shine
Hanson	Donald Howard	Massasoit Community College	Phil Sheppard
Hanson	Laurie Muncy	McMahon Associates	Christi Apicella
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Stoughton	Craig Horsfall	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Stoughton	Marc Tisdelle	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
BAT	Linda Sacchetti	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
BAT	Glenn A. Geiler	OCPC	Ray Guarino
MassDOT District 5	Bill Travers	OCPC	Jim Watson

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 asked if there are plans in the future to resurface Centre Street from Montello Street to Main Street. Rob May stated that the City of Brockton has a Mass Works grant to conduct the resurfacing as well as put in new signals at Montello Street and Main Street. It is currently in the preliminary design phase.

3. Minutes of the May 12, 2016 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the May 12, 2016 Meeting. The members then unanimously endorsed the minutes of the May 12, 2016 Old Colony JTC Meeting.

4. Communications

Shawn Bailey reviewed the contents of the communications staff report. Included were letters of

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correspondence, as well as notices of workshops and conferences.

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Linda Sacchetti stated that BAT has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Goal in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation Regulations. BAT's goal for DBE participation for Federal Fiscal Year 2015-2017 shall be 6.6% of funds expended in U.S. Department of Transportation assisted contracts. Comments on the goal and Plan will be accepted for 45 days.

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

Paul Chenard stated that GATRA is looking at ways to serve the new Market Basket on Route 44.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard reported that OCPC recently met with Bridgewater and is finalizing the final draft after report receiving comments from Bridgewater on the draft report.

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)
 - Revised Cost Estimate is \$2,305,120 (\$460,000 programmed in TIP)
- BROCKTON – SIGNAL & INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET)/LINWOOD STREET/LORRAINE AVENUE (606036)
 - Revised Cost Estimate is \$4,548,021 (\$3,541,396 programmed in TIP)
- PLYMOUTH – RESURFACING & RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 3 (607175)
 - Project advertised for construction bids on 06/04/2016

FFY 2017 PROJECTS:

- EASTON – ROUTE 138 @ UNION STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (607438)
 - 25% Package approved by MassDOT (as of 06/03/2016)
 - Design Public Hearing Scheduled for 07/14/2016

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- PLYMOUTH – RECONSTRUCTION OF TAYLOR AVENUE, FROM WHITE HORSE ROAD TO MANOMET POINT ROAD, INCLUDED P-13-010 (605038)
 - Design Public Hearing held 04/09/2009 and 06/02/2016

7. New Business

A. Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Old Colony JTC Officers (2016-2017)

Dan Salvucci stated that the Nominating Committee recommends Noreen O'Toole for the Chairperson position, and Sid Kashi for the Vice Chairperson position. Both Noreen O'Toole and Sid Kashi accepted. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to elect Noreen O'Toole and Sid Kashi as the 2016-2017 JTC Officers.

B. Development FFY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

▪ Updates from Communities/ Consultants on Projects Under Design

Charles Kilmer asked for communities and design consultants to report on their projects. They are as follows:

ABINGTON/BROCKTON – NORTH QUINCY STREET, CHESTNUT STREET, AND BOUNDARY AVENUE SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (608143)

- Dan Murphy stated that the project is moving along
- Complete design expected by 2017
- Moving toward the 25% design in the next month or so

Charles Kilmer asked if this project could be programmed any earlier than 2019. Dan Murphy stated that it could be earlier.

AVON – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HARRISON BOULEVARD AND POND STREET (608086)

- Bill Travers stated that there is a consultant on board. There was a meeting a month ago with the Town and OCPC
- Consultant has submitted the preferred alternative which is under review right now

BROCKTON – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (608088)

- Bill Travers stated that a consultant is on board
- 25% submission should be early this fall

BROCKTON – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/ QUINCY STREET/MASSASOIT BOULEVARD (606143)

- Charles Kilmer stated that the City of Brockton sent a letter to MassDOT explaining the financial limitations with regard to being able to acquire the right of way and if there was another way to fund the land acquisitions.

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EAST BRIDGEWATER – RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18), FROM WHITMAN STREET (ROUTE 106) TO CENTRAL STREET (607941)

- In the process of securing a consultant

EASTON – ROUTE 138 @ UNION STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (607438)

- Greg Lucas stated that the Design Public Hearing is scheduled for July 14
- Had some revisions to the 25% design to expand the cross section to include two dedicated turn lanes on Route 138
- Cost increase to \$1.6 Million – Due to inflation, utility relocation, and expanded lane configuration

EASTON – ROUTE 123 (DEPOT STREET) RECONSTRUCTION FROM NEWELL CIRCLE TO ROUTE 138 (607217)

- Greg Lucas stated that the 25% design plan were submitted back in 2014
- Will be moving towards public hearing later this year

Charles Kilmer asked if 2019 is still a realistic year. Greg Lucas stated that 2019 is still a realistic year.

EASTON – ROUTE 138 & ELM STREET INTERSECTION SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENT (608195)

- Greg Lucas stated that the project is pre 25% design stage
- There will be sidewalks on both sides of Route 138 going north meeting up with the sidewalks from the Union Street Project.

EASTON – ROUTE 138 & TURNPIKE STREET INTERSECTION SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (604098)

- Cost estimate for this project not accurate

Bill Travers stated that there is going to be resurfacing on Route 138 in Easton outside the limits of these Easton projects. There is no funding available for the resurfacing right now, but it's a project MassDOT wants ready when funding does become available. David Field asked if it is a possibility to have this resurfacing done before 2021. Bill Travers said that it is a possibility.

DUXBURY – SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002)

- Nothing actively under design

HANOVER – RESURFACING & RELATED WORK ROUTE 53 (607715)

- Charles Kilmer stated that there's a chance the funding will come from Chapter 90
- Bill Travers stated there will be a turn lane added on Route 53 Southbound into the sport complex

PEMBROKE – ROUTE 53 AT PLEASANT STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS

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(607337)

- Bill Travers stated that the project is at 75% design
- On track for 2017

PEMBROKE – REHABILITATION OF ROUTE 36 (CENTER STREET) FROM ROUTE 27 TO ROUTE 14 (600380)

- Charles Kilmer stated that the 75% design plans will be sent to MassDOT soon
- Cost Estimate is \$6,157,600
- Bill Travers stated that a sidewalk will be added on the west side

PEMBROKE – RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 53 (608266)

- Bill Travers stated that there is no funding right now for this project.
- Will have this project ready for when funding becomes available

PLYMOUTH – RECONSTRUCTION OF TAYLOR AVENUE, FROM WHITE HORSE ROAD TO MANOMET POINT ROAD, INCLUDES P-13-010 (605038)

- Jill McLaughlin stated that the second design public hearing was held last Thursday
- Submitting 100% design plans by end of next week
- Cost Estimate increase to \$9.1 Million
- Cost increase due to change in utility acquisition

PLYMOUTH – IMPROVEMENTS ON OBERY STREET, FROM SOUTH STREET TO A.C. CARANCI WAY/PLYMOUTH NORTH H.S. DRIVE INTERSECTION (606264)

- Rod Emery stated that the resubmission of the 75% design plans will be soon
- Design public hearing in the next couple weeks or months
- Change of cross section to provide 11 foot lanes and 5 foot bike lanes
- Plans for a roundabout at courthouse driveway and high school/Jordan Hospital entrance

STOUGHTON – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS & RELATED WORK AT WASHINGTON STREET (ROUTE 138) & CENTRAL STREET (CHARLES STREET TO LINCOLN STREET)

- Bill Travers stated that this project has morphed into a small corridor project (Charles Street to Lincoln Street)

STOUGHTON – RECONSTRUCTION OF TURNPIKE STREET (607214)

- May need full bridge installation
- Looking at alternatives before moving forward

WHITMAN – TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS & RELATED WORK ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18) AT 2 LOCATIONS: AUBURN STREET (ROUTE 14) & TEMPLE STREET (ROUTE 27) (607860)

- 25% design plans have been submitted and
- There will need to be additional work at Route 27
- Bill Travers stated that 2017 might be a little aggressive for this project seeing as there has not been a design public hearing yet

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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; Draft analysis sent to town for review; Report in development
- 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 to be scheduled
- Multiway Stop Warrant Analyses for Lothrop Street at Sheridan Street and Columbus Avenue at Sheridan Street - Data collected; analysis underway

Hanover

- Traffic Study for Woodland Drive Neighborhood - Data collection scheduled for September 2016

Kingston

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

Plymouth

- Road Safety Audit for Standish Avenue at Alden Street - Data collected; analysis underway
- Multiway Stop Warrant Analyses – Several Lunn’s Way Intersections - Data collection to be scheduled
- Traffic Counts for Montgomery Drive - Data collection scheduled for June 2016
- Traffic Counts for Westerly Road - Data collection scheduled for June 2016

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 collected; Draft analysis sent to Town for review; Report in development

B. Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs, and NPCs

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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.

New Projects Submitted as of June 9, 2016

ENF

EEA #15515 – Cotton Gin Dam Removal – East Bridgewater

The project proponent is proposing to remove the Carver Cotton Gin Dam that spans the Satucket River near the intersection of Whitman Street and Plymouth Street in East Bridgewater.

Projects Currently Under Review

NPC

EEA #10185 – Implementation of the Beaudrey Water Intake Protection Screen at the Taunton River Desalination Plant – Dighton

The project proponent is proposing to replace the Gunderboom technology with the Water Intake Protection screen (WIP) developed by Beaudrey USA.

Certificates

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

- Richard O’Flaherty commented that he had an issue with the **Look! Sharing the Road: A Guide for Bicyclists, Pedestrians and Motorists** pamphlet. The pamphlet states that bicyclists may use the full travel lane. Mr. O’Flaherty expressed concern that a child could pick up this pamphlet and think that it is okay to ride in the middle of the road on their bicycle. Discussion followed.
- Charles Kilmer stated that the signal timing at Belmont and Forest Avenue is operating much better now and thanked MassDOT.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

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Transportation Planner