

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 9, 2017 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	John Stone	BETA Group	Greg Lucas
Bridgewater	Carlton Hunt	VHB	Ross Morrow
Bridgewater	Robert B. Wood	Independence Associates	Bill Shine
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	Massasoit Community College	Phil Sheppard
Brockton	Chike Odunukwe	Metro South Chamber	Chris Cooney
East Bridgewater	Richard O'Flaherty	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Pat Ciaramella
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Hanson	Laurie Muncy	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Ray Guarino
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Eric Arbeene
BAT	Michael Blondin	OCPC	James Watson
MassDOT	Pamela Haznar	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
		OCPC	Paul Chenard

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement. Those present then introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes of the January 12, 2017 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the January 12, 2017 Meeting. The members then unanimously endorsed the minutes of the January 12, 2017 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)

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Glenn Geiler reported on the following:

- BAT is working with OCPC to complete its Title VI Limited English Proficiency Plan, and the Aging in Place Study
- BAT has reviewed the OCPC Public Participation Plan and submitted comments
- BAT's 8 new transit coaches will be in rotation starting in April

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

Paul Chenard stated that GATRA announced some changes with regards to the management of their operators.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard had no update on the South Coast Rail Project.

6. Old Business

A. FFY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Charles Kilmer stated that we will cover this topic under Agenda Item 7A.

7. New Business

A. Development of FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- **Updates from Project Proponents (Communities, Consultants, MassDOT) on Projects Under Design**

Updates on the Projects are as follows:

ABINGTON

- ABINGTON/ BROCKTON - NORTH QUINCY STREET, CHESTNUT STREET, AND BOUNDARY AVENUE ROUNDABOUT AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (608143)
 - Programmed in 2019 / 25% Package received by MassDOT (as of 09/06/2016)
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,160,432

Pam Haznar stated that MassDOT has submitted comments on the 25% Design. Next step is to have a comment resolution meeting. After that would be a design public hearing.

AVON

- AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HARRISON BOULEVARD AND POND STREET (608086)
 - Programmed in 2019 / 25% Package received by MassDOT (as of 12/16/2016)
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,888,000

Pam Haznar stated that the Town of Avon has interest in extending this project down to Bodwell

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Street. It is up to the Town to make that decision, and the Town is responsible for the Right of Way.

BROCKTON

- BROCKTON - STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS ALONG ROUTE 28 (608134)
 - Programmed in 2017 / MassDOT comments on the 75% Package have been returned to the Design Engineer (as of 12/31/2015)
 - Design Public Hearing held 03/15/2016
 - Cost Estimate is \$101,935

Pam Haznar stated that this project will be deactivated. The cost benefit is not there.

- ABINGTON/ BROCKTON - NORTH QUINCY STREET, CHESTNUT STREET, AND BOUNDARY AVENUE ROUNDABOUT AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (608143)
 - Programmed in 2019 / 25% Package received by MassDOT (as of 09/06/2016)
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,160,432
- BROCKTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (608088)
 - Programmed in 2019 / Project is in the preliminary design phase
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,536,000

Pam Haznar stated that the plans are in the mail and should be delivered by next Monday or Tuesday.

- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/ QUINCY STREET/MASSASOIT BOULEVARD (606143)
 - Programmed in 2021 / MassDOT comments on the 25% Package have been returned to the Design Engineer (as of 05/04/2015)
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,423,938

Charles Kilmer stated that the City of Brockton has expressed its commitment to this project. Chike Odunukwe stated that the City has not resolved the right of way issues yet.

- BROCKTON - IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27), INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER (607818)
 - Currently not programmed / Project is in the preliminary design phase
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,200,000

Pam Haznar stated that MassDOT has just received the 25% Design Plans.

Richard O'Flaherty asked why Centre Street is not incorporated into this project. Charles Kilmer stated that the City of Brockton has submitted a Project Need Form (PNF) for Centre Street @ Plymouth Street. The City will be advancing that project separately.

DUXBURY

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- DUXBURY - SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002)
 - Currently not programmed / Project is in the preliminary design phase
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,400,000

Charles Kilmer stated that there is no current activity for this project.

EAST BRIDGEWATER

- EAST BRIDGEWATER - RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18), FROM WHITMAN STREET (ROUTE 106) TO CENTRAL STREET (607941)
 - Programmed in 2019 / 25% Package received by MassDOT (as of 11/16/2016)
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,276,800

Pam Haznar stated that the cost estimate is currently at \$4.8 Million, but it will probably be closer to \$5.1 Million because it does not include utility costs.

Bob Wood asked if the utility cost is usually included in the cost estimates. Pam Haznar stated that when MassDOT receives the 25% Design Plans usually it shows what needs to be done as far as utilities, but the cost is not always included. As the project progresses MassDOT receives a more concrete estimate. Discussion followed.

EASTON

- EASTON - ROUTE 138 @ UNION STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (607438)
 - Programmed in 2018 / 75% Package received by MassDOT (as of 02/06/2017)
 - Design Public Hearing held 07/14/2016
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,160,421

Greg Lucas stated that this project has expanded to include stormwater improvements, as well as coordinate with the Easton – Route 138 (Washington Street) and Elm Street Project (608195). These two projects will meet up with one another.

- EASTON - ROUTE 123 (DEPOT STREET) RECONSTRUCTION FROM NEWELL CIRCLE TO ROUTE 138 (607217)
 - Programmed in 2020 / 25% Package Comments to Design Engineer (as of 10/28/2015)
 - Cost Estimate is \$8,182,717

Greg Lucas stated that the Design Public Hearing will be scheduled soon.

- EASTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET (608195)
 - Currently not programmed / Project is in the preliminary design phase
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,000,000

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- EASTON - RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 138 (ROOSEVELT CIRCLE TO STOUHGTON TOWN LINE) (608585)
 - Currently not programmed / Project is in the preliminary design phase
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,025,000

Pam Haznar stated that MassDOT has not started work on this project yet.

- EASTON - ROUTE 138 & TURNPIKE STREET INTERSECTION SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (604098)
 - Currently not programmed / Project is in the preliminary design phase
 - Cost Estimate is \$1,440,000

Pam Haznar stated that MassDOT has not started work on this project yet.

HANOVER

- HANOVER - RESURFACING & RELATED WORK ROUTE 53 (607715)
 - Currently not programmed / Project is in the preliminary design phase
 - Cost Estimate is \$1,610,000

Pam Haznar stated that this project is under review as a permit. It will not be going through the TIP.

KINGSTON

- KINGSTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, K-01-014, SMITHS LANE OVER ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY) (608615)
 - Programmed in 2021 / Project is in the preliminary design phase
 - Cost Estimate is \$12,788,420

Pam Haznar stated that she received an email from the bridge section at MassDOT regarding a scoping session next week. During this scoping session MassDOT will be reviewing this project and a number of other bridges. MassDOT will be contacting the towns to attend.

PEMBROKE

- PEMBROKE - ROUTE 53 AT PLEASANT STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (607337)
 - Programmed in 2018 / 100% Design Plan have been approved by MassDOT (as of 8/15/2016)
 - Design Public Hearing held 09/30/2015
 - Cost Estimate is \$1,957,841

Pam Haznar stated that MassDOT is expecting the PS&E within a week or two. The right of way is almost accepted.

- PEMBROKE - REHABILITATION OF ROUTE 36 (CENTER STREET) FROM ROUTE 27 TO ROUTE 14 (600380)
 - Currently not programmed / 75% Package Comments to Design (as of 03/01/2017)

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- Design Public Hearing held 10/23/2013
- Cost Estimate is \$6,930,557
- PEMBROKE- RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 53 (608266)
 - Currently not programmed / Project is in the preliminary design phase
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,000,000

Pam Haznar stated that this project is currently under design. Should be reaching the 25% Design Phase within the next month or two.

PLYMOUTH

- PLYMOUTH - RECONSTRUCTION OF TAYLOR AVENUE, FROM WHITE HORSE ROAD TO MANOMET POINT ROAD, INCLUDES P-13-010 (605038)
 - Programmed in 2017 / 100% Package received by MassDOT (as of 01/17/2017)
 - Design Public Hearings held 04/09/2009 and 06/02/2016
 - Cost Estimate is \$8,829,256

Charles Kilmer stated that the Town has submitted the revised 100% Design Plans. Pam Haznar stated that this project is in good shape. Extensive environmental permits are required as well as extensive right of way.

- PLYMOUTH - IMPROVEMENTS ON OBERY STREET, FROM SOUTH STREET TO A.C. CARANCI WAY/PLYMOUTH NORTH H.S. DRIVE INTERSECTION (606264)
 - Programmed in 2018 / 75% Package received by MassDOT (as of 02/28/2014)
 - Design Public Hearing held 01/19/2017
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,810,084

Charles Kilmer stated that the design consultants will be resubmitting the 75% design plans in the near term. There was an issue at the gas station access area. The town and gas station were looking for a signal to get installed. The Town and the gas station have agreed to pay for the signal 50/50.

STOUGHTON

- STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 FROM LINCOLN STREET TO CENTRAL STREET, INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) & CENTRAL STREET (607403)
 - Programmed in 2021 / Project is in the preliminary design phase
 - Project coordination meeting held at MassDOT District 5 (01/26/2017)
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,785,000

Pam Haznar stated that the designer is secured. Waiting on the scope and work estimate from the designer. This project will skip over Central Street and go to the Stop & Shop. The Town will be making improvements to Central Street with a permit.

- STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE (608279)

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- Currently not programmed / Project is in the preliminary design phase
- Cost Estimate is \$3,000,000

Chairperson O'Toole stated that this is an in house project. Will be going to Town Meeting to secure funding for design.

- STOUGHTON - RECONSTRUCTION OF TURNPIKE STREET (607214)
 - Currently not programmed / Project is in the preliminary design phase
 - Cost Estimate is \$12,000,250

Pam Haznar stated that the MassDOT designer has looked at a number of alternatives. We should have another meeting to determine the next steps. Chairperson O'Toole asked if MassDOT has made a choice yet. Pam Haznar stated that it is not final.

WHITMAN

- WHITMAN - TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS & RELATED WORK ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18) AT 2 LOCATIONS: AUBURN STREET (ROUTE 14) & TEMPLE STREET (ROUTE 27) (607860)
 - Programmed in 2018 / 75% Package received by MassDOT (as of 01/19/2017)
 - Design Public Hearing held 08/16/2016
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,058,848

Pam Haznar stated that the 75% Design Plans are under review. MassDOT met with designer to discuss minor modifications to the drainage. Once MassDOT receives those modifications the project will move into the 100% Design Phase.

Pam Haznar then noted that MassDOT is advancing the Hanson – Route 14 project to the Project Review Committee (PRC).

B. Draft Old Colony Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Charles Kilmer discussed the Draft Old Colony Public Participation Plan (PPP). On January 17, 2017, the Old Colony MPO released the Draft Old Colony PPP to a 45-day public review and comment period. Following the completion of the 45-day public review and comment period, the Old Colony MPO will review the public comments and consider endorsement of the Draft Old Colony PPP.

The Plan is based on federal and state requirements for encouraging and ensuring community participation. It describes the Old Colony MPO's overall goals, guiding principles, and strategic approach to achieving stated objectives. The Plan also defines how the Old Colony MPO proposes to incorporate public participation into its transportation decision-making processes, and how the agency ensures access for people with disabilities and the inclusion of low incoming and minority stakeholders. One of the changes in this Plan is compressing the public review period for the TIP, RTP, and UPWP from 30 days down to 21 days. Given that, Charles Kilmer stated that in an effort to coordinate with the public review and comment schedule, OCPC would like to change the JTC meetings to the 1st Thursday of the Month instead of the 2nd Thursday of the Month.

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A motion was made to change the JTC meeting to the 1st Thursday of the month.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve changing the meetings to the 1st Thursday of the month.

A motion was made to approve the Old Colony Public Participation Plan. The motion was seconded.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the Old Colony Public Participation Plan (PPP).

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

Brockton

- West Chestnut Street Traffic Study: Data collection planned for spring

Duxbury

- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Study for Railroad Avenue: Data collection scheduled for Spring 2017
- Feasibility Study for Tremont Street Sidewalk/Pedestrian Path: Consultation with town in progress

Easton

- Traffic Study for Turnpike Street at Purchase Street, and Washington Street (Route 138) at Turnpike Street: Data collected and analysis underway

Hanover

- Traffic Study for Woodland Drive Neighborhood: Report in Development
- Safety and Alternatives Analysis for Mill Street at Hanover Mall / Mill Pond Drive: Report in development

Kingston

- Traffic Study for Kingston Historic District: Data collected; Report in Development
- Traffic Count for Cranberry Road: Data collection rescheduled for Spring

Plymouth

- Road Safety Audit for Standish Avenue at Alden Street: Report in Development

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- Turning Movement Counts for 10 Lunns Way Intersections: Data Collection Planned for Summer 2017

Stoughton

- Technical Assistance for Island Street HCVE Request: Data collection to be scheduled as weather permits

West Bridgewater

- Traffic Study of West Center Street (Route 106) and Crescent Street: Draft report complete

Dan Salvucci asked if we make note of driver and bicyclist behavior during a Turning Movement Count (TMC). Bill McNulty stated that we do not usually make note of the driver's behavior, but during the TMC we do count bicyclists. Dan Salvucci then stated that there are a lot of bicyclists out there that do not follow the rules of the road. Pam Haznar stated that MassDOT is in the process of revamping their bicycle and pedestrian plan. There will be a larger focus on policy and enforcement. Discussion followed.

Charles Kilmer stated that the next Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Meeting will be held on March 15, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. at OCPC.

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.

New Projects Submitted as of March 9, 2017

EEA #11085 – Union Point – Abington, Rockland and Weymouth (NPC)

Union Point is the updated development plan for the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station, a tract of approximately 1,462 acres of land located in the towns of Abington, Rockland and Weymouth. The master plan for the site continues to be a mixed-use, Smart Growth redevelopment of a brownfield site.

Projects Currently Under Review

EEA #15639 – North Carver Development and Urban Renewal Plan – Carver (ENF)

The proposed future uses include the development of large warehouses, offices and/or light manufacturing facilities with appurtenant paved parking areas and access roads. The development presented to the public as part of the Urban Renewal Plan (URP) process showed up to 1.85 million square feet of new buildings and an estimated 50+ additional acres of new parking and new roadways.

EEA #15542 – Commerce Way Plaza – Plymouth (FEIR)

The proposed project is the development of the 6.4-acre former MassDOT Park and Ride surface parking lot. The proponent is proposing the construction of a 4-story, 72,000 square foot, 165 room hotel; and three restaurants, each of which will be 1-story and approximately 4,900 square feet. Two of the restaurants will feature drive-through service. In total, the site will feature 285 parking spaces,

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generate 6,300 new daily trips, and consumer 32,340 gallons of water per day.

Certificates

EEA #15541 – Improvements to Stephens Field – Plymouth (ENF)

The proposed project consists of the construction of new recreational facilities, including a new softball field, tennis courts, basketball court, and playground.

EEA #15556 – Taylor Avenue Improvements Project – Plymouth (ENF)

The proposed project includes the reconstruction of Taylor Avenue from its intersection with White Horse Road south to Manomet Point Road, for a distance of approximately one mile. The project also includes the replacement of the existing, structurally deficient Taylor Avenue Bridge over Beaver Dam Brook (MassDOT Bridge No. P-13-010).

EEA #15617 – ADM Tihonet Mixed Use Development Project, Phase C6 Federal Road West – Carver & Wareham (ENF)

The project consists of developing an 8.4 megawatt solar energy facility, including solar modules, transformers, inverters, an internal gravel access drive and a security fence. Permanent impacts of the project are limited to land clearing and grading of the site.

EEA #15542 – Commerce Way Plaza – Plymouth (DEIR)

The proposed project is the development of the 6.4-acre former MassDOT Park and Ride parking lot. The proponent is proposing the construction of a 4-story, 72,000 square foot, 165 room hotel; and three restaurants, each of which will be 1-story and approximately 4,900 square feet. In total, the site will feature 285 parking spaces, generate 6,300 new daily trips, and consumer 32,340 gallons of water per day.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Charles Kilmer announced that the Old Colony Planning Council's 50th Anniversary Celebration will take place on May 18th, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the 1620 Hotel in Plymouth.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for March 9, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the January 12, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for March 9, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
- MassDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Look Brochure
- Draft Old Colony Public Participation Plan (PPP)