

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 4, 2017 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	VHB	Mike Regan
BAT	Ray Ledoux	CDM Smith	Dan Murphy
Bridgewater	Sandra Wright	McMahon Associates	Philip Viveiros
Bridgewater	Robert B. Wood	Massasoit Community College	Phil Sheppard
Brockton	Rob May	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Brockton	Chike Odunukwe	OCPC	Eric Arbeene
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	OCPC	Jim Watson
East Bridgewater	Richard O'Flaherty	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Pat Ciaramella
Hanson	Laurie Muncy	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:06 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement. Those present then introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments

Richard O'Flaherty announced that next month's JTC meeting will be his last. He will not be seeking reappointment as the East Bridgewater Delegate. Pat Ciaramella thanked Richard O'Flaherty on behalf of OCPC for his support and for everything he has done while attending the JTC Meetings.

3. Minutes of the April 6, 2017 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the April 6, 2017 Meeting. The members then unanimously endorsed the minutes of the April 6, 2017 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)

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Ray Ledoux stated that BAT has just received delivery of 8 new transit coaches. There will be an unveiling ceremony tomorrow at the BAT Intermodal Centre.

BAT will be travelling to Washington D.C. in two weeks to talk infrastructure with Congress.

Ridership at BAT is down slightly. This could be due to low fuel prices and a nearly fully employed economy.

BAT recently had a focus group related to school transportation. BAT is preparing to provide some expanded service if the school system pushes back its walker distance. OCPC developed maps to show where students live in relation to the bus routes. BAT is looking into providing a student pass program and may offer a pass similar to the elder passes which are half fare.

BAT met with MBTA recently, as the MBTA is looking to change from the Charlie Card system to a cloud based system. This will impact BAT as well as all the other RTA's in the future.

Richard O'Flaherty asked if the school transportation will be provided to college students. Ray Ledoux stated that at this point it will only be provided to high school students.

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

Paul Chenard stated that the New Bedford/Raynham route is experiencing success. The majority of ridership is heading to Raynham, which is the opposite result that GATRA expected. GATRA is considering expanding the number of buses for this route, or expanding the number of days that the service runs. Currently it runs only three days a week. Discussion followed.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard announced that the next South Coast Rail public meeting will be on May 11, 2017, at 6:30 PM, at the Taunton High School Auditorium, 50 Williams Street.

6. Old Business

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

Charles Kilmer provided an update on projects with changes. They are as follows:

FFY 2017 Projects

- BROCKTON – STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS ALONG ROUTE 28 (608134)
 - Project to be de-activated by MassDOT.

FFY 2018 Projects

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- EASTON – ROUTE 138 @ UNION STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (607438)
 - MassDOT comments on the 75% Package have been returned to the Design Engineer (as of 05/01/2017).
- PLYMOUTH – IMPROVEMENTS ON OBERY STREET, FROM SOUTH STREET TO A.C. CARANCI WAY/PLYMOUTH NORTH H.S. DRIVE INTERSECTION (606264).
 - 100% Package received by MassDOT (as of 04/26/2017).

FFY 2019 Projects

- EAST BRIDGEWATER – RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18), FROM WHITMAN STREET (ROUTE 106) TO CENTRAL STREET (607941)
 - MassDOT comments on the 25% Package have been returned to the Design Engineer (as of 04/12/2017).

Dan Salvucci stated that Whitman is looking to replace water pipes when the intersection of Route 18/27 gets torn up. Pat Ciaramella stated that it's a smart move to take care of the underground during construction. Charles Kilmer asked what the timetable is for that work. Dan Salvucci stated that that project could start in July.

7. New Business

A. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Old Colony JTC Officers (2017-2018)

Dan Salvucci, Bob Wood, and Richard O'Flaherty volunteered to be the Nominating Committee for Old Colony JTC Officers (2017-2018).

B. National Highway Freight Network (NHFN) – Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridor Designation

Ray Guarino discussed the NHFN – Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridor Designation. The National Highway Freight Network is made up of four components:

1. **The Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS):** The most critical highway portions of the U.S. freight transportation system. 41,518 centerline miles (37,436 Interstate centerline miles; 4,082 non-Interstate centerline miles)
2. **The Remaining portion of Interstate roads not included in the PHFS:** 9,511 Interstate centerline miles
3. **Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRSCs):** Public roads not in an urbanized area which provide access and connection to the PHFS and the Interstate with other important ports, public transportation facilities, or other intermodal freight facilities
4. **Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs):** Public roads in urbanized areas which provide access and connection to the PHFS and the Interstate with other ports, public transportation facilities, or other intermodal transportation facilities

Massachusetts is allocated 150 miles of Critical Rural Freight Corridor (CRFC) mileage and 75 miles of

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Critical Urban Freight Corridor Mileage (CUFC). Old Colony is allocated 0.84 miles of CRFC and 3.44 miles of CUFC. This is based on Old Colony's centerline mileage as a percentage of Massachusetts as a whole.

Chairperson O'Toole asked if there is a motion to endorse the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN) Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridor Designation. A motion was made and was seconded. The Old Colony JTC then voted unanimously to endorse the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN) Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridor Designation.

C. Draft FFY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Charles Kilmer discussed the development of the FFY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Two projects that OCPC is looking to include in Element 3000 is a Route 106 Corridor Study from Route 3A in Kingston to Route 28 in West Bridgewater and an update of the Old Colony Regional Policy Plan.

Chairperson O'Toole asked if there is a motion to endorse the Draft FFY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). A motion was made and was seconded. The Old Colony JTC then voted unanimously to endorse the Draft FFY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

D. Draft FFY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1

Charles Kilmer discussed the Draft FFY 2017-2021 TIP Amendment 1. The Draft FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1 removes the Brockton – Stormwater Improvements along Route 28 Project (608134) from the FFY 2017 Element of the FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program and the funds will be re-programmed in the Boston MPO's TIP for the Marlborough-Sudbury Stormwater Improvements along Route 20 (608217).

Chairperson O'Toole asked if there is a motion to endorse the Draft FFY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1. A motion was made and was seconded. The Old Colony JTC then voted unanimously to endorse the Draft FFY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1.

E. Draft FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Charles Kilmer discussed the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The projects are as follows:

2018

1. Easton - Route 138 @ Union Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements (607438)
 - o \$2,160,421
2. Pembroke - Route 53 at Pleasant Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements (607337)
 - o \$2,008,776
3. Plymouth - Improvements on Obery Street, from South Street to A.C. Caranci Way/Plymouth North H.S. Drive Intersection (606264)
 - o \$4,800,000

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4. Whitman - Traffic Signal Improvements & Related Work on Bedford Street (Route 18) at 2 Locations: Auburn Street (Route 14) & Temple Street (Route 27) (607860)
 - o \$3,964,260

2019

1. Abington/ Brockton - North Quincy Street, Chestnut Street, and Boundary Avenue Roundabout and Geometric Improvements (608143)
 - o \$1,208,902
2. Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street (608086)
 - o \$1,907,558
3. Brockton - Corridor Improvements on Route 123 (Belmont Street), from Angus Beaton Drive to West Street (608088)
 - o \$4,609,131
4. East Bridgewater - Resurfacing and Sidewalk Construction on Bedford Street (Route 18), from Whitman Street (Route 106) to Central Street (607941)
 - o \$4,992,068

2020

1. Easton - Route 123 (Depot Street) Reconstruction from Newell Circle to Route 138 (607217)
 - o \$7,890,479

2021

1. Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/ Quincy Street/ Massasoit Boulevard (606143)
 - o \$4,271,388
2. Kingston - Bridge Replacement, K-01-014, Smiths Lane over Route 3 (Pilgrim Highway) (608615)
 - o \$11,024,500
3. Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 from Lincoln Street to Central Street, Including Intersection Improvements @ Route 138 & Central Street (607403)
 - o \$5,040,000

2022

1. Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) from Route 27 to Route 14 (600380)
 - o \$8,039,445

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8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Kyle Mowatt reported on the following Community Local Technical Assistance Studies:

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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 and Road Safety Audits - Data collection in Progress

Duxbury

- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Study for Railroad Avenue - Data collection scheduled for June 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

Plymouth

- Turning Movement Counts for 10 Lunns Way Intersections - Data Collection Planned for Summer 2017
- Clark Road Traffic Study - Data Collection Planned for Summer 2017

West Bridgewater

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

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.

Projects Currently Under Review

EEA #15657 - Irving Oil Gas Station and Convenience Store - Brockton (ENF)

The proposed project consists of a 7-pump (dual) gas station with a total of 14 bays and a 4,785 square

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foot convenience store at the corner of Reynolds Memorial Highway (Route 27) and Pleasant Street in Brockton. Primary access to the development will be via a proposed driveway constructed on Route 27 opposite to the existing Westgate Drive at the existing signalized intersection. Secondary access points include a driveway on Pleasant Street opposite to Fern Street and another driveway from the existing access driveway to the St. Paul Anglican Church.

EEA #14346 - South Coast Rail - Phase 1 Service - Southeastern Massachusetts (NPC)

MassDOT is developing a Phase 1 for the South Coast Rail Project that will provide service to New Bedford, Fall River, and Taunton using the existing Middleborough/ Lakeville Commuter Rail Line soon than the projected timelines for the final phase of the Stoughton Electric service.

Certificates

EEA #15639 - North Carver Development and Urban Renewal Plan - Carver (NPC & FROD)

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 conceptual 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 #11085 - Union Point - Abington, Rockland and Weymouth (NPC)

Union Point is the updated development plan for the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station. The following changes have been made to the development plan:

- Redesign of the project to relocate residential neighborhoods and the commercial district to more appropriate sites.
- Increase the number of age-restricted residential units.
- Increase the potential commercial square footage.
- Increase density to further Smart Growth goals.
- Elimination of planned golf course and replacement with additional passive, environmentally protected, and ecologically valuable open space.
- Reconfiguration of open space to make it a more sustainable environmental resource.
- Potential addition of a sports stadium to the project.
- Consideration of preservation and repurposing of Hangar 2.
- Relocation of the sports and recreation complex to better serve the community.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

- Bob Wood stated that a dedication of the intersection Route 18 & High Street was held on April 30, 2017.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Kyle Mowatt

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Transportation Planner

List of Documents for May 4, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the April 6, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Reports for May 4, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
- MassDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Look! Brochure
- Draft FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1
- Draft FFY 2018 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Draft National Highway Freight Network (NHFN) - Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridor Designation