

# 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 September 7, 2017 at 12:00 P.M.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Abington	Bruce Hughes	MassDOT District 5	Tim Kochan
Avon	Dennis Corvi	Plymouth County Commissioner	Sandra Wright
Avon	Stephen Brennan	Massasoit Community College	Phil Sheppard
Brockton	Robert Moran	Independence Associates	Bill Shine
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	CDM Smith	Dan Murphy
Brockton	Rob May	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Pat Ciaramella
Hanson	Laurie Muncy	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Hanson	Donald H. Howard	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Anthony Hebert
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
BAT	Ray Ledoux	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
MassDOT	Derek Krevat		

### **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 and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Those present then introduced themselves.

### **2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **3. Minutes of the August 3, 2017 Meeting**

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the August 3, 2017 Meeting. The members then unanimously endorsed the minutes of the August 3, 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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Glenn Geiler stated that BAT has submitted a Competitive Bus Facilities grant application.

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

Paul Chenard stated that GATRA is looking for land in Plymouth to establish a bus maintenance facility.

GATRA is experiencing increased demand in the Pine Hills area.

GATRA's Ride Match program has launched. You can go online and select your location and your destination. The program will tell you the different options you have to get where you're going.

## **C. South Coast Rail Project**

Paul Chenard provided an update on the South Coast Rail Project. The most recent newsletter is in the staff report which highlights the upcoming preparation of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Document (DSEIR).

## **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**

- PLYMOUTH – RECONSTRUCTION OF TAYLOR AVENUE, FROM WHITE HORSE ROAD TO MANOMET POINT ROAD, INCLUDES P-13-010 (605038)
  - Right of Way Certification Issued 08/14/2017

Tim Kochan stated that the PS&E for this project has gone to the MassDOT Federal Aid Program Office and it should be advertised shortly.

## **7. New Business**

### **A. Route 53 Corridor Study (Hanover, Pembroke, Duxbury, and Kingston) – Existing Conditions**

Ray Guarino provided a summary of the Route 53 Corridor Study. Ray Guarino then discussed the traffic volumes, travel speeds, and heavy vehicle traffic on Route 53, as well as pavement conditions.

Charles Kilmer stated that along Route 53 in Kingston, north of Tar Kiln Road there is a UPS distribution center. There is a meeting tomorrow with MassDOT, Kingston, OCPC, and design engineers to discuss potential improvements at the intersection of Route 53 at Route 3A.

### **B. Statewide Bicycle Transportation Plan – Discussion and Opportunities to Provide Input**

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Paul Chenard discussed the Statewide Bicycle Transportation Plan. Through the Bicycle Transportation Plan update, the Commonwealth seeks to advance bicycling as a means of everyday transportation and as a form of recreation statewide. MassDOT is seeking public participation in the plan via an online survey and through an online mapping tool where individuals can indicate barriers that keep them from riding their bicycle. The Bicycle Transportation Plan update is being managed by Toole Design, an engineering, planning and landscape architecture firm. Currently Toole Design is in the data gathering phase.

Glenn Geiler asked if this is being launched at the Moving Together Conference. Paul Chenard stated that this plan has been launched for over a year. There will be a municipal resource guide on how communities can get information regarding this transportation plan at the Moving Together Conference.

### C. Old Colony Pavement Management System – Overview and Findings

Ray Guarino discussed the Old Colony Pavement Management System. The pavement management system involves windshield evaluation of road surfaces by staff in the field. This is done every four years to coincide with the Regional Transportation Plan update. The surveys document the severity and extent of specific surface deficiencies including: potholes and patching, alligator cracking, distortion, rutting, weathering/block cracking, transverse and longitudinal cracking, bleeding/polished aggregate, surface wear and raveling, corrugations, shoving, and slippage.

As a result of the data collection and analysis completed for the 2012 Old Colony RTP, the total cost to improve all federal aid eligible roads (bring all the roads up to the Excellent category) was estimated to be \$199,918,410. As a result of the data collection and analysis completed in 2016, the total cost to improve all federal aid eligible roads (bring all the roads up to the Excellent category) was estimated to be \$213,197,802.

Chairperson O'Toole asked if there is information for all the towns in our region. Ray Guarino replied yes, but only for federal aid roads.

## 8. Other Business and Public Comment

### A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

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

#### Abington

- Road Safety Audit for Washington Street at Shaw Avenue and Adams Street: Data and analysis distributed to Town; Working with Town on scheduling Audit
- Niles Street Traffic Study for Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion (HCVE): Data collection scheduled for October 2017

#### Avon

- Traffic Counts for Page Street: Data collection scheduled for September 2017

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## Bridgewater

- Traffic Study of intersection of Bedford Street (Route 18/28) at Grove Street and Maple Avenue: Road Safety Audit to be scheduled for Fall 2017

## Brockton

- West Chestnut Street Traffic Study and Road Safety Audit: Data collected, and distributed to City. Road Safety Audit to be scheduled.
- Centre Street (Route 123) at Plymouth Street Road Safety Audit: Road Safety Audit to be held September 2017
- Traffic Study of Court Street Intersections: Data collection scheduled for October 2017

## Duxbury

- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Study for Railroad Avenue: Data collection scheduled for September 2017
- Road Safety Audit for 3 Route 3A Corridor Locations: Draft report in development

## Easton

- Traffic Study for Turnpike Street at Purchase Street, and Washington Street (Route 138) at Turnpike Street: Data collected and analysis underway
- Traffic Counts for Allen Road: Data collection scheduled for October 2017

## Halifax

- Traffic Study for Pine Street: Data collection planned for September 2017

## 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 in progress
- Clark Road Traffic Study: Data collected; working with Town and Pinehills to schedule Audit
- Plympton Road (Route 80) Traffic Study: Data collection scheduled for September 2017

## Stoughton

- Island Street and Mill Street HCVE Proposal: Working with Stoughton and Canton on identifying best options for alternate truck routes

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

Charles Kilmer summarized the Environmental Notification Forms (ENFs), Environmental Impact

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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

#### **ESPR (Environmental Status and Planning Report)**

##### EEA #11202 – MassDOT Snow and Ice Control Program (Statewide)

The MassDOT DRAFT ESPR describes its statewide Snow and Ice Control Program (SICP) in accordance with the Certificate issued by the Secretary of the Executive office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) on May 27, 2016.

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

Rob May asked for an update on the South Station Expansion Project. Paul Chenard stated that it is in the environmental review phase and is now accepting comments.

Pat Ciaramella stated that the Implementing Best Practices Conference is taking place on September 18, 2017 at Holy Cross College in Worcester.

Don Howard asked why unclaimed money cannot be used for cities and towns. Chairperson O'Toole stated that the money is attached to a bank which cannot be used for cities and towns. Discussion followed.

Jimmy Pereira announced that MassDOT is starting a "Scan the Street for Wheels and Feet" Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Campaign.

Charles Kilmer stated that someone from Abington contacted OCPC asking what type of project was going on Route 18 south of Route 139. Tim Kochan stated that he will look into it.

### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt  
Transportation Planner

#### **List of Documents for September 7, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting**

- Minutes of the August 3, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Reports for September 7, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
- MassDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Look! Brochure