

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 October 5, 2017 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	John Stone	Brockton Mayor's Office	Nicholas Giaquinto
Abington	Bruce Hughes	MassDOT District 5	Pamela Haznar
Avon	Stephen Brennan	MassDOT District 5	Timothy Kochan
Avon	Dennis Corvi	MassDOT	Derek Krevat
Bridgewater	Robert B. Wood	MassDOT Intern	Charlie Mills
Bridgewater	Sandra Wright	Massasoit Community College	Nick Palantzas
Brockton	Chike Odunukwe	CDM Smith	Dan Murphy
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	Independence Associates	Bill Shine
Brockton	Robert Moran	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Anthony Hebert
Hanson	Donald H. Howard	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Stoughton	Marc Tisdelle	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Stoughton	Craig Horsfall	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Stoughton	Maureen Doherty	OCPC	Laurie Muncy
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Whitman	Dan Salvucci		

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 September 7, 2017 Meeting

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the September 7, 2017 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the September 7, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting. Dan Salvucci abstained from the vote.

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.

Chairperson O'Toole asked if more CPTC courses can be held in Brockton. Bruce Hughes stated that if there is enough interest we can schedule them around Brockton.

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Charles Kilmer stated that BAT is attending their annual Strategic Planning Meeting today and therefore are unable to attend the JTC Meeting.

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

Paul Chenard stated that GATRA is having some coverage issues with service in the southern portion of Plymouth. GATRA is working to find resources in order to meet demand.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard provided an update on the South Coast Rail Project. In May 2017, Secretary Matthew Beaton of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) issued a Certificate on the Notice of Project Change. The Certificate on the NPC requires the preparation of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR). A DSEIR will be available for public review in early 2018 concerning the alternative phase 1 approach.

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)
 - Project Advertised for Construction Bids by MassDOT on September 9, 2017

FFY 2018 Projects

- EASTON – ROUTE 138 @ UNION STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (607438)
 - 100% Package received by MassDOT (as of 09/14/2017)
- WHITMAN – TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS & RELATED WORK ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18) AT 2 LOCATIONS: AUBURN STREET (ROUTE 14) & TEMPLE STREET (ROUTE 27) (607860)
 - MassDOT comments on the 100% Package have been returned to the Design Engineer (as of 09/12/2017)

FFY 2019 Projects

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- BROCKTON – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (608088)
 - MassDOT comments on the 25% Package have been returned to the Design Engineer (as of 09/11/2017)

7. New Business

A. Massachusetts Project Intake Tool (MaPIT) Overview and Presentation

▪ Quinn Molloy, MassDOT – Office of Transportation Planning

Quinn Molloy provided an overview and presentation on the Massachusetts Project Intake Tool (MaPIT). The new Project Intake Tool is a web-based application that streamlines the process of completing Project Need Forms (PNFs) and the Project Initiation Form (PIFs).

The MaPIT tool populated information compiled by MassDOT through GIS and screens for information relative to condition of assets, mobility and bikes, safety, and economic, social equality and environmental issues. MaPIT will expedite project initiation, environmental permitting, scoring and project delivery, according to MassDOT. Features and benefits of MaPIT include:

- Automatic Project Need Form screening against all relevant GIS layers:
 - Existing facility information
 - Condition of assets
 - Mobility & Bike/Ped
 - Safety
 - Economic
 - Social Equity
 - Environmental
- Maps project location for MassDOT and public viewing
- Automatic transfer of information from PNF to PIF
- Saves additional PIF time, allowing proponent to reference geoprocessing
- Paperless and easy to track where the proponent is in the approval process
- Once approved, project is assigned a number and information is automatically transferred to the MassDOT Project Info Software System
- Expedites Project initiation, environmental permitting, scoring, and project delivery

Dan Salvucci asked if instructions will be sent to each town on how to use this software. Quinn Molloy stated that information will be sent to each town.

Sid Kashi asked if towns can still do it the old way. Pam Haznar stated that this will soon be the only way you can initiate a project.

B. Brockton – Centre Street (Route 123) at Plymouth Street Road Safety Audit (RSA)

Ray Guarino provided an overview of the Centre Street (Route 123) at Plymouth Street RSA. This intersection is a high crash location and is listed on MassDOT's Top 200 Hazardous Intersection list. The Brockton DPW has submitted a Project Need Form (PNF), to begin the TIP process. It is expected that

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CDM Smith will be the design engineering consultant for the project.

Potential safety enhancements at this intersection include:

- Trim back vegetation
- Add lighting
- Update flashing beacons to LED
- Place stop signs on both sides of the road
- Increase enforcement
- Permit parking for residents
- Outreach education on pedestrian safety partnering BAT and Brockton Schools
- Road diet for Centre Street between Commercial Street and Plymouth Street
- Add bicycle lanes depending on right of way availability
- Add tactile warning tiles to ramps at the intersection
- Limit movements (right turn in and out) and/or eliminate curb cuts close to the intersection
- Eliminate exclusive right turn lane on the Centre Street eastbound approach
- Upgrade guardrail
- Signalize the intersection or construct a roundabout

Nick Giaquinto stated that the City of Brockton is in full support of this project.

Ray Guarino thanked BAT for hosting the Road Safety Audit.

C. FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Charles Kilmer discussed the FFY 2018-2022 TIP Implementation. Charles Kilmer stated that MPOs are being asked to amend their TIPs. There are some fiscal constraint issues of funding categories.

Pam Haznar stated that municipalities need to keep their eye on the ball as far as developing projects and make sure projects stay on track. Pam Haznar asked when the 2019-2023 TIP process will start. Charles Kilmer stated that the process will start in November. This will allow us to develop the draft document and go through the MPO process.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Bill McNulty 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

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- Traffic Counts for Page Street - Data collection in progress
 - Traffic Counts for School Street - Data collection in progress

Brockton

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

Duxbury

- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Study for Railroad Avenue - Data collection completed; Data processing and community presentation underway
- 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 - Report in Development
- Traffic Counts for Allen Road - Data collection scheduled for October 2017

Halifax

- Traffic Study for Pine Street - Data collected; Data processing 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

- Clark Road Traffic Study - Data collected; working with Town and Pinehills to schedule site visit
- Plympton Road (Route 80) Traffic Study - Data collected; Data processing underway

Stoughton

- Island Street and Mill Street HCVE Proposal - Maps of potential HCVE zones and alternate truck routes distributed to Town; currently under review

B. Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs, and NPCs

Charles Kilmer 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 August 31, 2017

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ENF

EEA #15764 – Atlantic Link Project (ENF)

The Project involves the installation of a subsea high-voltage direct-current (“HVdc”) transmission line to deliver clean energy from Atlantic Canada to Massachusetts, approximately 19 miles of which will traverse Massachusetts state waters. At landfall in Plymouth, the Project would include the construction of an underground HVdc cable extending approximately 2,375 feet, HVdc converter station, substation, and transmission line tap within currently undeveloped land owned by Entergy.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Charles Kilmer relayed thanks to MassDOT and the Town of Plymouth for their meeting in regard to Plympton Road (Route 80) pedestrian accommodations in Plymouth near the West Elementary School.

Bob Wood stated that there have been several complaints going southbound on North Main Street (Route 28) into West Bridgewater. There is confusion as to what lane to be in to get to Route 28 SB. Pavement markings in the lanes would help.

Pam Haznar stated that there is a Cape Cod Canal Area Transportation Study ongoing right now by MassDOT. Looking at existing bridges and whether to maintain or replace them. There should be a public informational meeting coming up soon.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

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Transportation Planner

List of Documents for October 5, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the September 7, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for October 5, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
- MassDOT Look! Safety Brochure