

# 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 November 2, 2017 at 12:00 P.M.

### ATTENDANCE

Bridgewater	Robert B. Wood	Massasoit Community College	Nick Palantzas
Brockton	Chike Odunukwe	VHB	Ross Morrow
Brockton	Robert Moran	CDM Smith	Dan Murphy
East Bridgewater	John Haines	McMahon Associates	Alex Bulhoes
Easton	David Field	Independence Associates	Bill Shine
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Bill McNulty
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
BAT	Michael Blondin	OCPC	Anthony Hebert
MassDOT District 5	Timothy Kochan	OCPC	Ray Guarino
MassDOT	Derek Krevat	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
MassDOT	Charlie Mills		

### 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 October 5, 2017 Meeting

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the October 5, 2017 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the October 5, 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)

# OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

Glenn Geiler stated that BAT has no report.

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

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

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

Paul Chenard stated that there is nothing new to report.

## **6. Old Business**

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

Charles Kilmer stated that there are no project updates since the last JTC Meeting.

## **7. New Business**

### **A. FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1**

Charles Kilmer reviewed the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1 which was released by the Old Colony MPO for a 21-day public review and comment period on October 17, 2017.

The FFY 2018-2022 TIP Amendment 1 adds the Brockton Main Street Circulation Study (Federal Earmark MA-214) Funding for Design Project, and adds six (6) projects that were awarded as part of the 2017 Community Transit Grant Program.

#### **1. CITY OF BROCKTON**

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - MA-214, BROCKTON MAIN STREET CIRCULATION STUDY (FEDERAL EARMARK) FOR DESIGN
- COST IS \$476,691.99 (\$381,353.59 FEDERAL; \$95,338.40 CITY OF BROCKTON)

#### **2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)**

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS (7)
- COST IS \$462,800 (\$370,240 FEDERAL; \$92,560 STATE)

#### **3. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)**

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AVON-STOUGHTON SERVICE
- COST IS \$52,000 (\$26,000 FEDERAL; \$26,000 LOCAL)

#### **4. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)**

## OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND
  - COST IS \$100,000 (\$50,000 FEDERAL; \$50,000 LOCAL)
5. OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)
- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (VTP)
  - COST IS \$64,000 (\$32,000 FEDERAL; \$32,000 LOCAL)
6. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)
- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT SSCAC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
  - COST IS \$80,000 (\$40,000 FEDERAL; \$40,000 LOCAL)
7. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)
- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT VAN (7)
  - COST IS \$449,400 (\$359,520 FEDERAL; \$89,880 LOCAL)

Chairperson O'Toole asked if there is a motion to endorse the FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony JTC unanimously endorsed the FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1.

### **B. FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Schedule**

Charles Kilmer discussed the FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony TIP Development Schedule.

#### December-March

- Annual Solicitation of Projects
- Outreach, coordination with communities, BAT, MassDOT, JTC, MPO, and stakeholders
- Communities and Consultants provide project updates at JTC and/ or MPO meetings

#### March-April

- Continued coordination with communities, BAT, MassDOT, JTC, MPO, and stakeholders
- MARPA - MassDOT Coordination Meeting and provision of Draft Financial Funding Targets
- Transportation Evaluation Criteria Analysis of Projects

#### April

- Continued coordination with communities, BAT, MassDOT, JTC, MPO, and stakeholders
- TIP Day - Discussion of Projects by RPAs and MassDOT
- Staff Recommendation and Draft TIP Development

#### April-May

## OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

- Continued coordination with communities, BAT, MassDOT, JTC, MPO, and stakeholders
- Public Review Period (JTC, OCPC, BAT, and MPO) and TIP Endorsement

### May-June

- Preparation of Draft STIP and Draft CIP (MassDOT)

### July-September

- Draft STIP review by FHWA, FTA, and DEP

### **C. Procedure for Establishment of Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Zones**

Bill McNulty provided a summary on the Procedure for Establishment of Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Zones.

Typical reasons for why a municipality may pursue a Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion zone for a roadway in their community include:

1. Preservation of Infrastructure: Exiting heavy vehicle traffic is having a severe impact on the condition of pavement, culverts, and bridges on the roadway.
2. Safety: Excising roadway layout cannot safely accommodate heavy vehicles conflicting with other roadway users.
3. Quality of Life: Noise and pollution from heavy vehicles are creating an excessive burden on residents, particularly in densely developed residential areas and during hours of darkness.

Three primary warrants are considered by MassDOT when a municipality requests the establishment of a Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusions Zone on a municipal roadway. One or more of these conditions may be sufficient justification for the establishment of an HCVE.

1. An existing volume of heavy vehicles, typically 5 to 8 percent of total traffic, is reducing the utilization of a facility and is cause for substantial reduction in capacity and/or safety.
2. The condition of the pavement structure of the route to be excluded indicates that further repeated heavy wheel loads will lead to severe deterioration of the roadway.
3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in certain instances where land is primarily residential in nature and a municipality has requested exclusion only during hours of darkness, specific night exclusion may be granted.

## **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 collected; Final Report in Development

# OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

## 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  
Draft report distributed for review; final edits in progress
- Traffic Study of Court Street Intersections  
Data collection in progress

## 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  
Report in development

## Easton

- Traffic Study for Turnpike Street at Purchase Street, and Washington Street (Route 138) at Turnpike Street  
Report in Development

## Hanover

- Traffic Study for Woodland Drive Neighborhood  
Report in Development
- Broadway Traffic Study  
Data collection in progress

## Kingston

- Traffic Study for Kingston Historic District  
Data collected; Report in Development

## Plymouth

- Plympton Road (Route 80) / West Elementary School SRTS Traffic Study  
Data collected; Data processing underway

## Stoughton

- Island Street and Mill Street HCVE Proposal  
Final report distributed to Town for 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.

## **Projects Currently Under Review**

# OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

## **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.

## **EEA #15769 – Gurnet Point Revetment (ENF)**

The purpose of the currently proposed project is to limit the amount of future erosion along the coastal bank. The proposed armor stone revetment will extend approximately 908 linear feet along the coastal bank. The crest of the revetment is proposed to be located at elevation +27.8 feet in order to minimize overtopping of the revetment by storm surge and waves which would further erode the bank.

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

Charles Kilmer stated that at the October 25, 2017 OCPC Meeting, the Board of Directors elected Dan Salvucci to the Old Colony MPO to represent the communities with a population of 14,000+. This is his third term as an MPO Signatory. Chairperson O’Toole extended her congratulations to Dan Salvucci.

John Haines inquired about the Route 106 Study. Ray Guarino provided an update on the status of that Study.

Regarding the Route 106 Study, Tim Kochan asked what the Study boundaries are. Charles Kilmer stated that it is from Route 28 in West Bridgewater to Route 3A in Kingston. Tim Kochan stated that there are not any crash clusters east of Route 18. Charles Kilmer stated that it is necessary to look east all the way to the suburban and rural communities as there may be mobility and facility needs. The Study is not simply about safety only. It is about complete streets, looking at an areas need for sidewalks, traffic control, etc.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt

Transportation Planner

## **List of Documents for November 2, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting**

- Minutes of the October 5, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for November 2, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
- MassDOT Look! Safety Brochure