

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 February 1, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	John Stone	MassDOT	Derek Krevat
Abington	Bruce Hughes	Independence Associates	Bill Shine
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	Mass Development	Mary Ellen DeFrias
Brockton	Chike Odunukwe	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Hanson	Deborah Pettey	OCPC	Pat Ciaramella
Hanson	Donald H. Howard	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
West Bridgewater	Chris Iannitelli	OCPC	Laurie Muncy
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Lisa Sullivan
BAT	Michael Blondin	OCPC	Anthony Hebert
MassDOT District 5	Pam Haznar	OCPC	Ray Guarino
MassDOT SRTS	Moss Lynch	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chairperson Sid Kashi called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Those present then introduced themselves. Vice Chairperson Sid Kashi asked for a moment of silence for Tim Kochan's Mother who passed away recently.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes of the December 7, 2017 Meeting

Vice Chairperson Sid Kashi asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the December 7, 2017 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the December 7, 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. They are as follows:

- Memorandum regarding the termination of rectangular rapid flashing beacons
- Letter from David Gagne to Connor Read regarding assistance with a HCVE Study in Easton

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- Letter from Stephanie Danielson to Charles Kilmer regarding a request for traffic data in Easton
- Massachusetts Strategic Highway Safety Plan Emphasis Area Planning Meetings list
- Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Winter Walk and Roll to School Day order form
- Department of Conservation and Recreation 2018 Grant Round Application Directions
- MassDEP Survey on Volkswagen Eligible Mitigation Actions
- Citizen Planner Training Collaborative Announcement for 2018 Annual Conference
- Executive Order No. 570 by Governor Charles D. Baker regarding establishing the Commission on the future of transportation in the Commonwealth
- Letter from FHWA and FTA to Massachusetts MPOs regarding performance based planning and programming implementation schedule
- MassDOT Blog post regarding release of Draft State Rail Plan for public comment

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiler stated that BAT has completed scoring of their Capital Improvement Plan projects for MassDOT. Glenn thanked Bill McNulty from OCPC for his assistance on the emissions analysis.

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

Paul Chenard stated that GATRA's new fixed operator, Transdev, would be starting this coming Monday. The new fixed route operator will be examining routes and determining if modifications and changes to the routes are needed.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard provided an update on South Coast Rail and noted that the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report on the Phase 1 Alternative is expected to be released later this month.

6. Old Business

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

Charles Kilmer stated that all the projects in 2018 are at 100% design or PS&E stage.

A design public hearing was held on Tuesday night for the Abington/ Brockton - North Quincy Street, Chestnut Street, and Boundary Avenue Roundabout and Geometric Improvements Project earlier this week. Bruce Hughes stated that the design public hearing was well attended.

Pam Haznar stated that there is a cost increase issue in 2018 for the Plymouth -Improvements on Obery Street, from South Street to A.C. Caranci Way/ Plymouth North H.S. Drive Intersection Project. MassDOT is working with OCPC to identify additional funding resources to cover the cost increase.

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Pam Haznar stated that the 25% design plans have been submitted for the Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street Project. The Town is interested in extending the Pond Street two-lane cross section. The Designer is revisiting the 25% design plans for just that section to show two-lane cross section. A design public hearing will be held after it is complete.

Bruce Hughes stated that the design public hearing for the Abington/ Brockton North Quincy Street, Chestnut Street, and Boundary Avenue Roundabout and Geometric Improvements Project was well attended.

7. New Business

A. Massachusetts geoDOT Engage Tools

Jimmy Pereira provided a presentation on the Massachusetts geoDOT Engage Tools. MassDOT has created a platform that will enable communities and stakeholders to access information, which can be used in organizing events and public outreach efforts. According to MassDOT, this online tool is designed to help MassDOT staff, managers, sub recipients and consultants reach out across the Commonwealth to better identify local language needs, community organizations and meeting places that are accessible to all people.

This information will make sure that projects and other related meetings are inclusive and thereby comply with the goal of treating all people equally, and allowing them a choice to participate in transportation related efforts. A user of this tool can select any area they are interested in – a project area, a town, an entire region of the state, etc. - and this tool will identify the languages spoken in that area and the individuals and organizations that represent the diverse populations in that area and nearby public meeting locations that are accessible to individuals with disabilities. The Online Tool also includes projects under construction, projects under design and recently completed projects.

Dan Salvucci asked if this is a good item to include on a town's website. Jimmy Pereira replied by saying, yes.

Mike Blondin asked if the BAT bus stops are in the geoDOT Tools. Jimmy Pereira stated that they currently are not, but should be included shortly.

B. Old Colony Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Jimmy Pereira provided a summary on the Old Colony Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The purpose of the Old Colony Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study is to help guide Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) communities on how to improve their Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Networks. Without a Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study, it can be difficult to see the big picture as it pertains to Bicycle and Pedestrian connectivity. Therefore, OCPC has prepared this report to provide a framework for advancing Bicycle and Pedestrian connectivity throughout the Old Colony region.

The study contains information on the current bicycle and pedestrian transportation network, the types of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure treatments, best practices and finally future proposals for the

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bicycle and pedestrian transportation network. The study includes previous studies, bicycle and pedestrian network needs and recommendations for each community.

C. Development of FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Universe of Projects

Charles Kilmer discussed the Universe of Projects for the FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony TIP, and noted that the 2023 Projects have yet to be finalized. The following is a listing of the Draft FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony TIP Projects:

2019

- ABINGTON/ BROCKTON - NORTH QUINCY STREET, CHESTNUT STREET, AND BOUNDARY AVENUE ROUNDABOUT AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS
- AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HARRISON BOULEVARD AND POND STREET
- BROCKTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (\$4,016,831 REGIONAL TARGET; \$592,300 STATEWIDE CMAQ)
- EAST BRIDGEWATER - RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18), FROM WHITMAN STREET (ROUTE 106) TO CENTRAL STREET (\$3,480,668 REGIONAL TARGET; \$1,891,000 STATEWIDE CMAQ)

2020

- EASTON - ROUTE 123 (DEPOT STREET) RECONSTRUCTION FROM NEWELL CIRCLE TO ROUTE 138
- STOUGHTON - IMPROVEMENTS AT WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SRTS)

2021

- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/QUINCY STREET/ MASSASOIT BOULEVARD
- KINGSTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, K-01-014, SMITHS LANE OVER ROUTE 3
- STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138

2022

- PEMBROKE - REHABILITATION OF ROUTE 36 (CENTER STREET) FROM ROUTE 27 TO ROUTE 14
- STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE

2023

- TO BE DETERMINED

Pam Haznar stated that she is available to discuss project development and project advancement with the communities.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

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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

Brockton

- Pine Street and Thatcher Street Traffic Study - Data collection to be conducted winter / spring 2018

Duxbury

- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Study for Railroad Avenue - Report in development
- 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
- Belmont Street (Route 123) Traffic Study - Data collection to be conducted spring 2018

Kingston

- Traffic Study for Kingston Historic District - Data collection to be conducted spring 2018

Pembroke

- Pembroke Center Traffic Study - Data collection to be conducted winter/ spring 2018

Plymouth

- Plympton Road (Route 80)/ West Elementary School SRTS Traffic Study - Report in development

Stoughton

- Island Street and Mill Street HCVE Proposal - Final report distributed to Town for Review
- Road Safety Audits for Canton Street (Route 27) and School Street, and Pleasant Street (Route 139) and Lincoln Street - Data collection to be conducted winter/ spring 2018

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

EIR

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

The Environmental Status and Planning Report (ESPR) provides an update on the tools and technologies

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used by MassDOT to enhance winter maintenance operations, reduce deicing material usage and program costs, and potential environmental impacts.

Certificates

EEA #15775 – Tall Timbers Estates (Phase V) (ENF) - Kingston

Tall Timbers Phase V is proposed as a 34 lot development comprised of single family homes to be permitted in accordance with Massachusetts General law MGL Ch. 408 20-23. Twenty-five (25) percent of the units will be designated as affordable units that will be dispersed throughout the development.

EEA #15777 – Brownfield Redevelopment – Former Revere Copper Site (ENF) - Plymouth

The primary purpose of the project is to install an engineered barrier in order to achieve a Permanent Solution under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) with an Activities and Use limitations (AUL), which limits the current and future use of the Site.

EEA #4959 – Lakeshore Center (NPC) - Bridgewater

The Project Change includes the addition of a four (4)-story office building and a reconfigured roadway on the Property. The Notice of Project Change is intended to address the Secretary's Certificate on the Supplemental FEIR and Notice of Project Change dated September 13, 2013.

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

The purpose of this NPC is to make the development process consistent with current legislations and current local zoning. It is also to change the timing for the implementation of transportation-related mitigation measures, so that the timing is linked to project-related trip generation rather than to square footage of land uses constructed.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Dan Salvucci asked if the next meeting is March 1, 2018, Charles Kilmer stated that the next meeting would be on March 1, 2018.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

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Transportation Planner

List of Documents for February 1, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the December 7, 2017 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for February 1, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
- MassDOT Look! Safety Brochure