

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

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	MassDOT Planning	Derek Krevat
Bridgewater	Robert B. Wood	MassDevelopment	Mary Ellen DeFrias
Brockton	Rob May	McMahon Associates	Alex Bulhoes
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	Independence Associates	Bill Shine
Brockton	Chike Odunukwe	CDM Smith	Dan Murphy
East Bridgewater	John Haines	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Hanson	Jamison Shave	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Hanson	Donald H. Howard	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Laurie Muncy
West Bridgewater	Chris Iannitelli	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Ray Guarino
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Lisa Sullivan
BAT	Michael Lambert	OCPC	Pat Ciaramella
MassDOT District 5	Tim Kochan		

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:05 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 February 1, 2018 Meeting

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the February 1, 2018 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the February 1, 2018 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:

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- Letter to Secretary Matthew Beaton from Pasquale Ciaramella Regarding Obery Street Roadway Improvements Project
- Announcement from the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration Regarding FY 2019 DER Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Program Grant
- Notice of Availability for South Coast Rail's Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
- Announcement Regarding South Coast Rail Public Meeting
- Massachusetts Strategic Highway Safety Plan Emphasis Area Planning Meetings List
- Announcement for Citizen Planner Training Collaborative 17th Annual Conference in March
- MassDOT Blog Post Regarding \$5.5 Million in Complete Street Funding Awards

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiler stated that BAT has been working with OCPC on their Fare Analysis Study.

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

Paul Chenard stated that GATRA's new operator, Transdev, has fully taken over operations. Transdev may be looking for larger space for their staff in Plymouth. Once settled, they will be looking into what changes need to be made to the GATRA routes.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard stated that a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) is now available for public review and all comments on the document must be submitted by close of business on March 23, 2018. There will be a South Coast Rail Public Meeting on March 6th, 2018 at UMass Dartmouth.

6. Old Business

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

Charles Kilmer discussed the changes in the FFY 2018-2022 TIP. They are as follows:

FFY 2018 Projects:

- EASTON – ROUTE 138 @ UNION STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (607438)
 - Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) received by MassDOT (as of 01/11/2018)

Dan Salvucci asked how much advance notice is provided to police regarding the availability of police details. Tim Kochan stated that there are preconstruction meetings at MassDOT District 5 where details similar to this are discussed.

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John Haines stated that MassDOT has been very involved in the East Bridgewater - Resurfacing and sidewalk construction on Bedford Street (Route 18) Project. There will be a public hearing for this project on March 21, 2018. All work for this project has been designated as night work.

7. New Business

A. Old Colony Planning Council Traffic Counting Program

Kyle Mowatt provided a presentation on the Old Colony Planning Council Traffic Counting Program. Old Colony Planning Council is actively involved in traffic data collection. This data is used by planners and engineers to study existing road and highway conditions in order to forecast future increases in traffic and identify areas in need of improvement. In addition to monitoring key corridors and intersections within the region, OCPC responds to requests for traffic counts from the state, city and town officials. From these data collection activities, OCPC produces the Annual Traffic Volume Report, containing data from 1987 until the present.

Data is collected in a variety of ways. OCPC utilizes Automatic Traffic Recorders (ATRs) to conduct counts of traffic volume for a predetermined length of time. Turning Movement Counts (TMCs) are used to determine traffic movements through intersections. Pedestrians and bicyclists are also counted during TMCs. Kyle Mowatt then provided a demonstration of the MassDOT MS2 Website, which is an interactive map displaying ATR and TMC Data.

B. Development of FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Results of TIP Readiness Day

Charles Kilmer reported on the development of the FFY 2019-2023 TIP and the results of TIP Readiness Day. The results and recommended year of programming are as follows:

FFY 2018 Projects

- EASTON - ROUTE 138 @ UNION STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (607438)
 - 2018
- PEMBROKE - ROUTE 53 @ PLEASANT STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (607337)
 - 2018
- PLYMOUTH - IMPROVEMENTS ON OBERY STREET, FROM SOUTH STREET TO A.C. CARANCI WAY/PLYMOUTH NORTH H.S. DRIVE INTERSECTION (606264)
 - 2018, pending programming of cost increase.
- WHITMAN - TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS & RELATED WORK ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18) @ 2 LOCATIONS: AUBURN STREET (ROUTE 14) & TEMPLE STREET (ROUTE 27) (607860)
 - 2018

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FFY 2019 Projects

- ABINGTON/BROCKTON - NORTH QUINCY STREET, CHESTNUT STREET, AND BOUNDARY AVENUE ROUNDABOUT AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (608143)
 - 2019
- AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HARRISON BOULEVARD AND POND STREET (608086)
 - 2020; Town seeking change in roadway alignment on Pond Street (Two lanes from Harrison Boulevard to Bodwell Street). Design plans being revised.
- BROCKTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (608088)
 - 2020; Design Public Hearing to be scheduled in the Spring 2018.
- EAST BRIDGEWATER - RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18), FROM WHITMAN STREET (ROUTE 106) TO CENTRAL STREET (607941)
 - 2020; Design Public Hearing to be scheduled in the Spring 2018.

FFY 2020 Projects

- EASTON - ROUTE 123 (DEPOT STREET) RECONSTRUCTION FROM NEWELL CIRCLE TO ROUTE 138 (607217)
 - 2020
- STOUGHTON - IMPROVEMENTS AT WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SRTS) (608829)
 - 2020; Need meeting with Town.

FFY 2021 Projects

- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/QUINCY STREET/MASSASOIT BOULEVARD (606143)
 - 2021
- KINGSTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, K-01-014, SMITHS LANE OVER ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY) (608615)
 - N/A
- STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403)
 - 2021

FFY 2022 Projects

- PEMBROKE - REHABILITATION OF ROUTE 36 (CENTER STREET) FROM ROUTE 27 TO ROUTE 14 (600380)
 - 2022; Need Updated Project Design Schedule from Designer.
- STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE (608279)
 - 2022; Need Updated Project Design Schedule from Designer.

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C. Development of FFY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Charles Kilmer discussed the development of the FFY 2019 UPWP. The Draft Universe of Projects for Element 3000 the UPWP is as follows:

- Brockton - North Main Street Corridor Study from Route 27 – Pleasant Street to Avon Town Line
 - Rob May stated that it would be beneficial if this project were to extend to Harrison Boulevard.
- Brockton - South Main Street Corridor Study from Route 123 – Belmont Street to West Bridgewater Town Line
- Duxbury - Route 14 Corridor Study from Pembroke Town Line to Route 3A
- Plymouth - Long Pond Road Corridor Study from Obery Street to Drew Road
- Regional - Brockton Shuttle Service Connections to Logan Airport and T.F. Green Airport
- Regional - Brockton – Taunton Transit Connection Study
- Regional - Human Service Coordination Plan
- Regional - Improving the Resiliency and Reliability of the Transportation System and Reducing and/ or Mitigating Impacts of Surface Transportation
- Regional - Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Regional - Route 24 Safety and Mobility Study
- Regional - Route 3 Safety and Mobility Study

Rob May suggested extending the North Main Street Corridor to Harrison Boulevard in Avon.

Shane O'Brien suggested considering the Reynolds Memorial Highway (Route 27) for a corridor study.

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

Brockton

- Pine Street and Thatcher Street Traffic Study - Data collection to be conducted spring 2018
- North Cary Street at Ames Street Road Safety Audit - Data collection to be conducted 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

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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

Hanover

- Broadway Traffic Study - Initial findings distributed to Town; Final report in development

Pembroke

- Pembroke Center Traffic Study - Data collection to be conducted spring 2018 (weather permitting)

Plymouth

- Plympton Road (Route 80) / West Elementary School SRTS Traffic Study - Report in development
- Raymond Road Multiway Stop Warrant Analyses - Data collection planned for summer 2018

Stoughton

- Island Street and Mill Street HCVE Proposal - Report in development
- Road Safety Audits for Canton Street (Route 27) and School Street, and Pleasant Street (Route 139) and Lincoln Street - Data collection to be conducted 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

EEA #15806 – Obery Street Roadway Improvement Project (ENF), Plymouth

The projects will reconstruct approximately 2,950 feet of Obery Street from South Street to a point approximately 450 feet north of High School Drive. Approximately 930 feet of South Street will also be reconstructed.

EEA #15816 – Plymouth Water System Expansion, Plymouth

The Plymouth Water System Expansion consists of the development of a new water supply at Forges Field. Preliminary hydraulic modeling of the expanded Bradford Pressure Zone with the addition of the Forges Field water supply has been completed.

EEA #14346 – South Coast Rail Project (SDEIR)

The SDEIR analyzes new project elements associated with Phase 1, including improvements to track infrastructure on the Middleborough Secondary (an active freight line), Southern Triangle construction, a new station constructed in Middleborough at Pilgrim Junction, a new station in East Taunton, and modifications to previously studied stations at Freetown and Fall River.

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EEA #11202 – MassDOT Snow and Ice Control Program (FEIR/ESPR), Statewide

The final ESPR provides an update on the tools and technologies used by MassDOT to enhance winter maintenance operations, reduce de-icing material usage and program costs, and potential environmental impacts.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Rob May stated that the Transit Matters, Regional Rail Initiative is well worth a read, and would benefit our region. It proposes low cost changes to the regional transit rail system over the next few years.

Bruce Hughes stated that there is a Columbia Gas Presentation attached to the staff report. It talks about replacing gas lines.

Dan Salvucci stated that Route 14 in East Bridgewater is in terrible shape. John Haines stated that Route 14 was resurfaced in 2006. It is a busy road since it is now a truck route. East Bridgewater is looking at an April timeline to replace that section.

Charles Kilmer thanked MassDOT for their Complete Streets Program. Easton, Hanson, and Plymouth all received money. Charles Kilmer then inquired about the possibility of having additional Complete Streets Trainings in the area.

Jimmy Pereira stated that the OCPC Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study would be on the website promptly.

Tim Kochan offered his appreciation for the JTC in holding a moment of silence for his late mother.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt
Transportation Planner

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

- Minutes of the February 1, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for March 1, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
- Old Colony Planning Council Traffic Counting Program Presentation
- Columbia Gas - System Modernization & Economic Development Presentation