

# 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

April 5, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

### ATTENDANCE

Avon	Bill Fitzgerald	Whitman	Dan Salvucci
Abington	Bruce Hughes	BAT	Glenn Geiler
Abington	John Stone	MassDOT District 5	Tim Kochan
Bridgewater	Robert B. Wood	Mass Development	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
Brockton	Robert Moran	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
East Bridgewater	John Haines	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Hanson	Donald H. Howard	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Hanson	Jamison Shave	OCPC	Laurie Muncy
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Ray Guarino
West Bridgewater	Chris Iannitelli	OCPC	Lisa Sullivan

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Those present then introduced themselves. Chairperson Noreen O'Toole then asked for a moment of silence for Nikki Tishler of MassDOT who recently passed away.

### 2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

### 3. Minutes of the March 1, 2018 Meeting

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the March 1, 2018 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the March 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 Pat Ciaramella regarding the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the South Coast Rail Project
- MassDOT Highway Division Design Public Hearing Announcement for the reconstruction of Bedford Street (Route 18) in East Bridgewater
- Public Meeting Notice for the High Street Dam Removal and Fish Passage Feasibility Study in Bridgewater
- MassDOT Application Training Announcement for the FY 19 Community Transit Grant Program
- MassDOT Highway Division Roadway Work Notification – Route 3 from Marshfield to Kingston
- MassDOT Highway Division Notice to Contractors Announcement – Washington & Pleasant Streets in Pembroke
- MassDOT Highway Division Bid Announcement for Bridge Replacement of Taylor Avenue Over Beaver Dam Brook in Plymouth

### 5. Reports

#### A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiler stated that BAT is holding public meetings for comments on the potential fare increase. Meetings have already been held at Stoughton Town Hall and at the BAT Centre. Comments can also be received on BAT's Website. The fare increase could potentially begin in July 2018. The cash fare could increase by \$0.25.

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

Paul Chenard stated that GATRA's new operator, Transdev, has fully taken over operations. GATRA's collaboration with Uber in Attleborough has been producing some results. GATRA may seek to implement this concept into the southern Plymouth area.

#### C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard stated that the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) was available for public review and the comment period closed on March 23, 2018. Secretary Beaton has since approved the DSEIR. Next steps will be to address the comments received during the public comment period.

### 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:

- EASTON - ROUTE 138 @ UNION STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (607438)
  - Cost increased from \$2,160,421 to \$2,659, 239

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- PEMBROKE - ROUTE 53 AT PLEASANT STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (607337)
  - Project Advertised for Construction Bids by MassDOT on March 17, 2018
- PLYMOUTH - IMPROVEMENTS ON OBERY STREET, FROM SOUTH STREET TO A.C. CARANCI WAY/PLYMOUTH NORTH H.S. DRIVE INTERSECTION (606264)
  - Cost increased from \$4,800,000 to \$6,657,553
- WHITMAN - TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS & RELATED WORK ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18) AT 2 LOCATIONS: AUBURN STREET (ROUTE 14) & TEMPLE STREET (ROUTE 27) (607860)
  - Cost increased from \$3,964,260 to \$5,990,816

### FFY 2019:

- BROCKTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (608088)
  - Design Public Hearing Scheduled for April 25, 2018

## 7. New Business

### A. Old Colony Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity and Livability Study

Jimmy Pereira stated that 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 bicycle and pedestrian transportation network. The study is categorized by community and includes a summary of previous studies; bicycle and pedestrian network needs; and, provides recommendations for each community.

### B. Formation of Old Colony Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Jimmy Pereira stated that the purpose of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is to help guide communities in the region on how to optimize and expand their Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Networks. The goal is to educate and engage the regional community on bicycle and pedestrian issues, education, and advocacy. It is envisioned that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will meet on a quarterly basis. The meetings will start in early May.

### C. FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Amendment 2

Charles Kilmer discussed the FFY 2018-2022 TIP Amendment 2 that was released by the Old Colony MPO to a 21-Day public review and comment period on March 20. The Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony TIP Amendment 2 is as follows:

1. WHITMAN – TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS & RELATED WORK ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18) AT 2 LOCATIONS: AUBURN STREET (ROUTE 14) & TEMPLE STREET (ROUTE 27) (607860)
  - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST – Increase cost from \$3,964,260 to \$6,064,548.

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- \*NOTE: SSINCE THE TIP AMENDMENT RELEASE, THE COST HAS DECREASED FROM \$6,064,548 TO \$5,990,816.
- 2. PLYMOUTH – IMPROVEMENTS ON OBERY STREET, FROM SOUTH STREET TO A.A. CARANCI WAY/PLYMOUTH NORTH H.S. DRIVE INTERSECTION (606264)
  - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST AND ADD FUNDING PROGRAM – Increase cost from \$4,800,000 to \$5,990,816, and add \$330,691 in Statewide STP funding.
  - \*NOTE: SINCE THE TIP AMENDMENT RELEASE, THE COST HAS INCREASED FROM \$5,990,816 TO \$6,657,553.
- 3. EASTON – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT WASHINGTON STREET (ROUTE 138) AND UNION STREET (607438)
  - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST AND ADD FUNDING PROGRAM – Increase cost from \$2,160,421 to \$2,659,239, and add \$498,818 in Statewide STP funding

Chairperson Noreen O’Toole asked if there is a motion to approve the FFY 2018-2022 TIP Amendment 2. A motion was made and was seconded.

Dan Salvucci asked if there is a way we can estimate higher for when projects are implemented years down the road. Charles Kilmer stated that a yearly inflation factor of 4% is added onto the project cost estimate. Discussion followed.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the FFY 2018-2022 TIP Amendment 2.

### **D. FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Preferred Project Listing**

Charles Kilmer discussed the FFY 2019-2023 TIP Preferred Project Listing.

#### **FFY 2019**

- Abington/Brockton - North Quincy Street, Chestnut Street, and Boundary Avenue Roundabout and Geometric Improvements (608143)
- East Bridgewater - Resurfacing and Sidewalk Construction on Bedford Street (Route 18), from Whitman Street (Route 106) to Central Street (607941)

#### **FFY 2020**

- Brockton - Corridor Improvements on Route 123 (Belmont Street), from Angus Beaton Drive to West Street (608088)
- Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/ Quincy Street/ Massasoit Boulevard (606143)
- Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street (608086)

#### **FFY 2021**

- Easton - Route 123 (Depot Street) Reconstruction from Newell Circle to Route 138 (607217)
- Stoughton - Improvements at West Elementary School (SRTS) (608829)
- Kingston - Bridge Replacement, K-01-014, Smiths Lane Over Route 3 (Pilgrim Highway) (608615)

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## FFY 2022

- Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 (607403)
- Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive (608279)

## FFY 2023

- Brockton - Route 123 (Centre Street) at Plymouth Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements (609052)
- Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) from Route 27 to Route 14 (600380)

John Haines thanked OCPC for helping to advocate for the East Bridgewater project to stay in 2019.

## 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 - Road Safety Audit to be scheduled

#### Avon

- Heavy Vehicle Exclusion Study for Page Street - Data collected and analysis to be sent to town in April

#### Brockton

- Pine Street and Thatcher Street Traffic Study - Data collection to be conducted April 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 - Draft report sent to Duxbury and MassRIDES (Safe Routes to School) for review
- Road Safety Audit for 3 Route 3A Corridor Locations - Report in development

#### Easton

- Belmont Street (Route 123) Traffic Study - Data collection postponed due to construction within study area

#### Kingston

- Traffic Study for Kingston Historic District - Data collection scheduled for spring 2018
- Traffic Counts for Howlands Lane - Data collection scheduled for spring 2018

#### Hanover

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

### Pembroke

- Pembroke Center Traffic Study - Data collection in progress

### 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

- 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
- Traffic counts for Peters Drive and Station 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 #15822 – Meadow View Commons, Easton (ENF)**

The Applicant is proposing to construct 36 single-family homes accessed off a subdivision roadway containing three cul-de-sacs, as depicted on the Comprehensive Permit Plan of Land.

#### **EEA #15816 – Plymouth Water System Expansion, Plymouth (ENF)**

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 DSEIR 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.

### **MEPA Certificates**

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

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

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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

Bob Wood expressed his concern of telephone poles in the middle of sidewalks that prevent plows from clearing snow on the sidewalks.

### 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt  
Transportation Planner

### List of Documents for April 5, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the March 1, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Reports for April 5, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items