

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
May 3, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	BAT	Michael Lambert
Abington	John Stone	MassDOT District 5	Tim Kochan
Brockton	Chike Odunukwe	MassDOT Planning	Derek Krevat
Brockton	Robert Moran	McMahon Associates	Alex Bulhoes
Easton	Greg Swan	Independence Associates	Bill Shine
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Hanson	Donald Howard	OCPC	Laurie Muncy
Hanson	Jamison Shave	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Plymouth	James Downey	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Pat Ciaramella
Stoughton	Marc Tisdelle	OCPC	Lisa Sullivan
Whitman	Daniel Salvucci		

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement and the Title VI Notice of Protections Statement. Those present then introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

3. Minutes of the April 5, 2018 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the April 5, 2018 Meeting. The members then unanimously endorsed the minutes of the April 5, 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:

- Letter to Mary-Joe Perry from James P. Purcell Regarding a Requested Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion in Avon
- Support Letter to Chief Patricia Leavenworth from Pat Ciaramella Regarding the Reconstruction of Bedford Street (Route 18)
- Support Letter to Chief Patricia Leavenworth from Pat Ciaramella Regarding Route 123 (Belmont)

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Street) Roadway and Intersection Improvements

- Letter from Francis J. Gay to Raymond Guarino Regarding the Route 53 Corridor Study Report
- MassDOT & MBTA Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Public Meeting Schedule
- MassDOT Highway Division District 5 Roadway Work Notification – Route 123 in Brockton
- Save the Date Flyer for OCPC's 51st Annual Meeting – June 5, 2018

Daniel Salvucci asked when the invitation for OCPC's Annual Meeting would be sent out. Pat Ciaramella stated they would be mailed out next week.

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Michael Lambert stated that BAT recently completed four (4) public hearing meetings to discuss their potential upcoming fare and service changes. One was held in Stoughton, two were held at the BAT Centre, and the fourth was held in Rockland. Michael Lambert stated that good comments were received from the meeting attendees. He also stated that having translators on hand was beneficial due to the different languages of its attendees. Michael Lambert thanked OCPC for their equity analyses that were conducted for the fare and service changes. BAT is taking in the public comments and working towards making their final decision. Noreen O'Toole stated that she attended the Stoughton hearing and noted that there were people from other towns in attendance. Discussion followed.

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

Charles Kilmer reported that GATRA is awaiting the final State budget. He also stated that if it does not come out favorable, then GATRA would contemplate service reductions and fare increases.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Charles Kilmer reported that in late March, the EOEEA issued a Certificate on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) South Coast Rail Phase 1 Service. The Certificate directed MassDOT to address the public comments from the DSEIR and to include Draft Section 61 Findings. These will be reviewed as a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR).

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 2019 PROJECTS:

- BROCKTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (608088)

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- MassDOT comments on the 25% Package have been returned to the Design Engineer (as of 09/17/2017).
- Design Public Hearing held April 25, 2018.
- Cost estimate is \$5,137,966.

- EAST BRIDGEWATER - RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18), FROM WHITMAN STREET (ROUTE 106) TO CENTRAL STREET (607941)
 - MassDOT comments on the 25% Package have been returned to the Design Engineer (as of 04/12/2017).
 - Design Public Hearing held April 4, 2018.
 - Cost estimate is \$6,822,795.

Charles Kilmer stated that the Pembroke - Route 53 at Pleasant Street Project has been advertised and the remaining three (3) FFY 2018 Projects are now awaiting their advertisement. Tim Kochan provided an update on the Plymouth - Improvements on Obery Street Project. He stated that the PS&E is the next submission for that project and noted that it will be a necessity to obtain an approval of the right-of-way plans, utility plans, and design scope. Tim Kochan then reported that the Easton - Route 138 at Union Street Project had PS&E comments sent to the engineer and is moving along. Daniel Salvucci asked when the Whitman- Traffic Signal Improvements & Related Work at Bedford Street (Route 18) & Auburn Street (Route 14) and Bedford Street (Route 18) & Temple Street (Route 27) Project will start. Charles Kilmer stated that if the project were advertised by the end of September, then it would likely begin construction in spring 2019. Tim Kochan stated that September 1, 2018 is the scheduled advertisement date and that most of the project activity will occur in spring 2019. He also noted that a Traffic Management Plan would be required. Discussion followed.

7. New Business

A. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Old Colony JTC Officers (2018-2019)

Daniel Salvucci, James Downey, and Robert Moran were appointed to the Nominating Committee for the Old Colony JTC Officers.

B. Draft FFY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Charles Kilmer stated that the MPO released the Draft FFY 2019 UPWP for a 21-day comment period on April 17, 2018 and it describes the planning activities that will commence on October 1, 2018. The UPWP represents the scope of work and budget for the transportation staff and the FTA, FHWA, MassDOT, BAT, and OCPC fund it.

A motion was made to approve the FFY 2019 UPWP and seconded. It was then unanimously approved.

C. Draft FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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Charles Kilmer discussed the FFY 2019-2023 TIP. The FFY 2019-2023 TIP is as follows:

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)

FFY 2022

- Bridgewater - Brockton - Pavement Preservation and Related Work on Route 24 (608820)
- Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 (607403)
- Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive (608279)

FFY 2023

- Avon - Stoughton - Pavement Preservation and Related Work on Route 24 (608496)
- 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)

Charles Kilmer stated that on April 17, 2018, the Old Colony MPO reviewed and subsequently released the FFY 2019-2023 TIP to a 21-day public review and comment period. Derek Krevat asked if the JTC would consider approving the TIP before the MPO meeting. He noted that it might be an issue with fiscal constraint. Noreen O'Toole asked if bridge replacement projects are a part of the TIP, Charles Kilmer stated they are a part of the TIP. He noted that they are identified by MassDOT and have their own funding source(s), and therefore do not compete with roadway projects.

A motion was made to approve the FFY 2019-2023 TIP and seconded. It was then unanimously approved.

8. Other Business

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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.

Brockton

- Pine Street and Thatcher Street Traffic Study - Data collection completed; analysis and report preparation underway.
- North Cary Street at Ames Street Road Safety Audit - Data collection to be conducted spring 2018.
- Belmont Street (Route 123) at Pearl Street Road Safety Audit - Road Safety Audit to be scheduled.

Kingston

- Traffic Study for Kingston Historic District - Data collection in progress.
- Traffic Study for Smiths Lane at crescent Street and Main Street (Route 3A), and Howlands Lane Traffic and Speed Analysis - Data collection scheduled for late spring / early summer.

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 - Road Safety Audit scheduled for May 8, 2018.
- Traffic counts for Peters Drive and Station Street - Data collection to be scheduled.

Bill McNulty also noted that four (4) Local Highway Technical Assistance projects were recently completed:

- Avon - Technical Assistance with Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Application for Page Street and Pond Street
- Duxbury - Final Report for Road Safety Audit of three Route 3A Locations (Route 3A at Church Street and Tremont Street (Route 139); Route 3A at Chestnut Street and Tobey Garden Street; and Route 3A at Route 3, Exit 10 Ramps)
- Duxbury - Final Report for Traffic Study of Saint George Street, Alden Street, and Railroad Avenue
- Hanover - Traffic Study for Broadway

B. Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs, and NPCs

Charles Kilmer summarized the Environmental Notification Forms (ENFs); Environmental Impact Reports

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(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 as of April 25, 2018

EEA #15846 - Chestnut Street / North Quincy Street Intersection Improvements (Abington and Brockton) - ENF

MassDOT, in conjunction with the Town of Abington and the City of Brockton, propose to reconstruct the intersection of Chestnut Street, Boundary Avenue, and North Quincy Street as a roundabout instead of the existing two-way stop. The purpose of the project is to improve safety and pedestrian crossing at the intersection while providing multi-modal transportation infrastructure that serves pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Comments are due to MEPA by May 15, 2018.

EEA #15850 - Dune Restoration between Crossovers 1 and 2 at Duxbury Beach (Duxbury) - ENF

The Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc. proposes to design, permit, and construct a dune re-nourishment and restoration project between the first and second crossovers on Duxbury Beach. The proposed restoration area, approximately 3,600 feet long, is one of the narrowest sections of Duxbury Beach, which is undergoing sea erosion. The proposed project will provide erosion control, buffer storm surge and protect critical habitat for wildlife. Comments are due by May 15, 2018.

MEPA Certificates

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. The project will include a shared on-site Title V septic system owned and maintained by the homeowner's association. The project will tie into other utility lines on Turnpike Street.

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. The water system expansion is to be constructed as a single, continuous construction effort during 2018 and 2019 and coming online in early 2020.

EEA #14346 - South Coast Rail (SDEIR)

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced that the South Coast Rail project is proceeding with the filing of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SDEIR) with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office. The SDEIR document analyzes only the new elements proposed as part of Phase 1 that were not previously analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)/ Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). Those new elements include 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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C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

- Daniel Salvucci thanked East Bridgewater for the Route 14 Project near the Ridder Farm Golf Course.
- Dan Salvucci asked if it is possible for an engineer/citizen from another town to observe the Route 18 bridge project in Weymouth. Pat Ciaramella stated that anyone would need the approval of the on-site MassDOT District 6 Engineer.
- Pat Ciaramella stated that the Annual Meeting will be on June 5, 2018 and that everyone in attendance has a flyer in his or her communications packet.
- Charles Kilmer thanked MassDOT for the recent Road Safety Audit in Brockton at the intersection of Cary Street, Lyman Street, and Centre Street. The intersection is a high crash area, does not have ADA crosswalks, and people cut through the parking lots to avoid the traffic light. The City of Brockton and BAT also assisted with the Road Safety Audit and did a great job. Charles Kilmer stated that the draft report will be issued within a week and any comments will be due the following week.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Bailey

Shawn Bailey
Transportation Planner