

# 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 June 7, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

### ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	MassDOT District 5	Timothy Kochan
Bridgewater	Robert Wood	Mass Development	Mary Ellen DeFrias
Brockton	Rob May	Stantec	Jill McLaughlin
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	CDM Smith	Dan Murphy
Brockton	Chike Odunukwe	Independence Associates	Bill Shine
Duxbury	Valerie Massard	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Duxbury	Ashley Macmillan	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Hanson	Jamison Shave	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Hanson	Donald Howard	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Kingston	Rob Downey	OCPC	Laurie Muncy
Plymouth	James Downey	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Lisa Sullivan
West Bridgewater	Chris Iannitelli	OCPC	Pat Ciaramella
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
BAT	Glenn Geiler		

### 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 Protection Statement. Those present then introduced themselves.

### 2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

### 3. Minutes of the May 3, 2018 Meeting

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the May 3, 2018 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the May 3, 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 EEA Secretary Beaton from Pat Claramella regarding Chestnut Street/ North Quincy Street Intersection Improvements (Abington and Brockton) (ENF)

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- Letter to EEA Secretary Beaton from Pat Ciaramella regarding South Coast Rail Project (FSEIR)
- Massachusetts Municipal Association Post regarding EPA Issued MS4 Permit
- MBTA List of Regional Public Meetings for the Better Bus Project
- List of Upcoming Sessions for the Commonwealth's Commission on the Future of Transportation
- Announcement for Old Colony Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting on June 12.
- MassDOT Notice of June 12 Design Public Hearing for Corridor Improvements along Depot Street (Route 123) from Newell Circle to Washington Street (Route 138) Project in Easton
- GATRA Announcement Regarding Fare Change Proposal and List of Public Hearings

### 5. Reports

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

Glenn Geiler stated that several of the new buses (12 buses, 2 hybrid) have arrived. BAT is in the process of replacing the crosswalks at the BAT Centre that cross Commercial Street. Pads are also being replaced on the bus platforms. BAT is currently applying for the Community Transit Grant Program, and they are planning to apply for replacement vans for Dial-A-BAT and Councils on Aging.

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

Paul Chenard stated that the GATRA Fare Increase hearings would be commencing on June 25-27. GATRA is currently seeking a new bus garage location in the Plymouth area. GATRA will also be considering a possible Dial-A-Ride fare increase.

#### C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard stated that June 8, 2018 will be the final day to submit comments on the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR). MassDOT will be reaching out to Phase 1 communities to discuss the project's schedule, upcoming activities, and next steps.

### 6. Old Business

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

Charles Kilmer highlighted project updates with regard to the FFY 2018-2022 TIP. They are as follows:

##### FFY 2018 Projects:

- PEMBROKE - ROUTE 53 AT PLEASANT STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (607337)
  - Construction Bid Opening Scheduled for 06/05/2018

##### FFY 2020 Projects:

- EASTON - ROUTE 123 (DEPOT STREET) RECONSTRUCTION FROM NEWELL CIRCLE TO ROUTE 138 (607217)
  - Design Public Hearing Scheduled for 06/12/2018

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## 7. New Business

### A. Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Old Colony JTC Officers (2018-2019)

Dan Salvucci stated that the Nominating Committee has nominated Noreen O'Toole as the Chairperson of the JTC. Dan Salvucci has been nominated as the Vice Chairperson.

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole asked if there is a motion to approve the nominations. A motion was made and was seconded. The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to elect Noreen O'Toole as Chairperson, and Dan Salvucci as Vice Chairperson.

### B. Route 106 Corridor Study Update (Kingston, Plympton, Halifax, East Bridgewater, and West Bridgewater)

Ray Guarino provided an update on the Route 106 Corridor Study. This corridor study focuses on:

- Traffic volumes, including average daily traffic (24-hour) and peak hour turning movement data for thirty-two (32) Route 106 intersections
- Traffic speeds and heavy vehicle volumes along with truck operations and constraints
- Traffic congestion and delay including peak hour levels of service (LOS)
- Number and types of crashes and crash rates
- Transit operations
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety and accommodations, and access to transit
- Condition of the built environment including sidewalks, bicycle accommodations, Safe Routes to School, pavement conditions, pavement markings, traffic control devices and signage
- Land use and zoning and the potential impacts of this on traffic and transportation
- Consideration of the impact of transportation on public health

Dan Salvucci stated that there is a CVS being built on the corner of Spring Street and Route 18. Currently the traffic backs up to the fire station on Route 18. Dan Salvucci asked if it would make sense to make Spring Street a one way southbound. Ray Guarino stated that the Town has talked about making Spring Street a One Way. Discussion followed.

### C. Endorsed FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project List

Charles Kilmer presented the list of projects FFY 2019-2023 TIP Projects that was endorsed by the Old Colony MPO May 15, 2018.

#### 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

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- 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)

## 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

#### 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 completed; Analysis and report preparation underway
- Belmont Street (Route 123) at Pearl Street Road Safety Audit (RSA) - RSA to be scheduled
- Main Street at Centre Street and Legion Parkway Road Safety Audit (RSA) - RSA to be scheduled

#### Duxbury

- Gurnet Road Traffic Study - Data collection scheduled for July 2018

#### Easton

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- Pedestrian Volume Counts at two Lincoln Street Locations - Data collection in progress

### Kingston

- Traffic Study for Kingston Historic District - Data collection in progress
- Traffic Study for Smith's Lane at Crescent Street and Main Street (Route 3A), and Howland 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 in progress

### Stoughton

- Road Safety Audits for Canton Street (Route 27) and School Street, and Pleasant Street (Route 139) and Lincoln Street - Road Safety Audit completed; Report in Development
- Traffic counts for Peters Drive and Station Street - Data collection scheduled for Fall 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 as of June 6, 2018**

#### **EEA #15854 - Previte's Marketplace Retail Development (Hanover) ENF**

Previte's Hanover, LLC, proposes the construction of a mixed-use development of up to approximately 25,290 square feet, consisting of a new Previte's Marketplace and general retail space on an approximately 3.45-acre site located on Columbia Road (Route 53/ 139) and Broadway in Hanover.

#### **EEA #14346 - South Coast Rail Project (DSEIR)**

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.

#### **EEA #4959 - Lakeshore Center (Bridgewater) (NPC)**

Claremont Lakeside Bridgewater, LLC is proposing a material change in project scope, which consists of a proposed 40,000 retail office building, four proposed 3-story office buildings (totaling 94,001 s.f. and 951 parking space), a proposed office bank, and a proposed apartment complex at 1 Lakeshore Center in Bridgewater.

### **MEPA Certificates**

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

MassDOT, in conjunction with Abington and Brockton, propose to reconstruct the intersection of Chestnut Street and 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 crossings at the intersection while providing multi-modal transportation infrastructure that serves pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

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

The Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc., with advice from with the Woods Hole Group, proposes to design, permit, and construct a dune re-nourishment and restoration project between the first and second crossovers on Duxbury Beach. The proposed project will provide erosion control, buffer storm surge and protect critical habitat for wildlife.

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

Dan Salvucci stated that the MBTA Advisory Board meeting was yesterday. The MBTA is looking to increase ridership during the summer by running a \$10 ticket for the weekends. Commuter rail times will be extended into the night to accommodate late night workers.

Charles Kilmer stated that the Brockton Main Street signage and striping project is starting on June 11 and that parking will be prohibited between 7 PM and 5 AM for two weeks.

Rob May stated that Brockton has accepted a grant from MassDOT to complete the Project Needs Form (PNF) for the Main Street Two Way Project. The City will be developing a transportation model and coming up with three (3) alternatives.

Charles Kilmer stated that the Transportation Network Company's 2017 report of rideshare trips by community has been released.

### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

### **List of Documents for June 7, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting**

- Minutes of the May 3, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Reports for June 7, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items