

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 September 6, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	Safe Routes to School	Emily Budzynkiewicz
Brockton	Paul Umano	McMahon Associates	Alex Bulhoes
Easton	David Field	Kyle Mowatt	OCPC
Easton	Greg Swan	Shawn Bailey	OCPC
Hanson	Donald H. Howard	Pat Ciaramella	OCPC
Hanson	Jamison Shave	Charles Kilmer	OCPC
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	Lisa Sullivan	OCPC
Plymouth	James Downey	Bill McNulty	OCPC
BAT	Glenn Geiler	Laurie Muncy	OCPC
BAT	Michael Lambert	Paul Chenard	OCPC
MassDOT	Derek Krevat		

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Dan Salvucci called the meeting to order at 12:03 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 August 2, 2018 Meeting

Chairperson Dan Salvucci asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the August 2, 2018 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the August 2, 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 Secretary Pollack Regarding the Approval of the Massachusetts FFY 19 UPWPs
- Letter to Secretary Matthew Beaton of EEA Regarding the North Carver Development Project
- GATRA Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda - 9/19/2018
- List of Upcoming Events for the Area
- MassDOT District 5 Roadway Work Notification - Taylor Avenue in Plymouth
- MassDOT Highway Division "Notice to Contractors" - Sections of South Street and Obery Street in Plymouth
- MassDOT Highway Division "Notice to Contractors" - Bedford Street (Route 18) at Auburn Street

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(Route 14 & Temple Street (Route 27) in Whitman

- MassDOT Highway Division “Notice to Contractors” - Washington Street (Route 138) and Union Street in Easton
- MBTA Information Regarding the Draft Focus40 Plan
- MBTA Information Regarding Rail Vision Project
- UMTC Information Regarding the 2018 Moving Together Conference

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiler stated that Ray Ledoux is serving on two State Committees, RTA Funding Committee and Rail Vision Committee. The parking rate increase began on September 1, 2018. BAT has added an additional trip to the Ashmont Redline Station in the morning at 9:05 AM. BAT is working with OCPC to complete its annual Ridership Report.

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

Paul Chenard stated that the next GATRA Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting would be on September 19, 2018.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard stated that the South Coast Rail has transitioned its website to the MassDOT website. There will be a new fact sheet coming out in early Fall.

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)
 - Project Advertised for Construction Bids by MassDOT on 09/01/2018.
- PLYMOUTH – IMPROVEMENTS ON OBERY STREET, FROM SOUTH STREET TO A.C. CARANCI WAY / PLYMOUTH NORTH H.S. DRIVE INTERSECTION (606264)
 - Project Advertised for Construction Bids by MassDOT on 09/18/2018.
- WHITMAN – TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS & RELATED WORK ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18) AT 2 LOCATIONS: AUBURN STREET (ROUTE 14) & TEMPLE STREET (ROUTE 27) (607860)
 - Project Advertised for Construction Bids by MassDOT on 08/25/2018.

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FFY 2022 Projects:

- STOUGHTON – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE (608279)
 - 25% Package received by MassDOT (as of 06/29/2018).

7. New Business

A. Draft Old Colony Regional Policy Plan (RPP)

Lisa Sullivan provided a presentation on the Draft Old Colony Regional Policy Plan. The mission of the Old Colony RPP is to promote conscious development and land management that results in sustainable buildings that support the communities that surround them. The Council promotes a resilient region by developing long-term strategic policies focused on creating a vision to serve as a guidepost for developing a sustainability philosophy in terms of energy, water, and construction, on which to build economically viable communities. The policy plan is dynamic, adaptive, responsive, and ever changing as recommendations become implemented and as the Region’s collective sustainability vision evolves. This plan offers strategies to manage the region’s environmental assets, reduce its environmental impact, promote citizen engagement, and educate the community-at-large through a variety of ways.

Dan Salvucci stated that a plan like this should be broadcast on local television, so all the communities know what we are seeking to accomplish.

Charles Kilmer asked what the timeline of the project is. Lisa Sullivan stated that OCPC is taking comments through the end of September, and the RPP will be wrapped up by the end of the year.

B. Development of 2020 Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Bill McNulty provided an update on the 2020 Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan. The LRTP attempts to forecast an area’s mobility needs to a point in the future based on projected travel demands. Long Range Transportation Plans much have at least a twenty-year planning horizon. RTPs are also comprised of two major components: a needs component that identifies what projects are “needed” to meet the travel demands identified over the study period, and a financially feasible component that identifies what projects an area can afford based on its projected financial resources. The goal is to present a completed draft of the Plan to the JTC at the May or June 2019 meeting and to the Old Colony MPO no later than July 2019. The 2020 LRTP is organized into the following chapters:

Chapter 1: Introduction and Planning Process	Chapter 6: Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation
Chapter 2: Regional Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures	Chapter 7: Environmental Quality, Climate Change, and Hazards
Chapter 3: Regional Profile and Livability	Chapter 8: Safety and Security
Chapter 4: Regional Highway System	Chapter 9: Finance
Chapter 5: Regional Transit System	Chapter 10: Conclusions and Recommendations

Derek Krevat asked if OCPC could share the Public Participation materials they are using. Bill McNulty stated that OCPC would share those.

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C. Development of Old Colony Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation (HST) Plan

Paul Chenard provided an update on the Development of the Old Colony Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation (HST) Plan.

Plan Goals:

- Identify needs and gaps in human transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Additionally, assess medical and aging in place transportation needs.
- Promote inter-agency cooperation to provide needed transportation services in a cost effective way utilizing existing resources.
- Improve the availability of transportation service to persons who need them the most and have no other transportation options.

Procedures:

- Work with Seniors, individuals with disabilities and other members of the public or their representatives in crafting the plan.
- Coordinate with private and non-profit transportation and human services providers to gather their input for inclusion into the document.
- Collaborate with Area Agency on Aging, BAT, GATRA, SSCAC, Regional Coordinating Councils, and Councils on Aging to understand what they think and their constituents want to see in transportation service throughout the region.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Bill McNulty reported on the following Community Local Technical Assistance Studies:

Abington

- Technical Assistance for HCVE Application for Birch Street: Data Collection completed; Analysis and report preparation underway

Brockton

- Pine Street and Thatcher Street Traffic Study: Data collection completed; Road Safety Audit to be scheduled
- North Cary Street at Ames Street Road Safety Audit: Data collection completed; Road Safety Audit to be scheduled
- Belmont Street (Route 123) at Pearl Street Road Safety Audit: Road Safety Audit to be scheduled
- Main Street at Centre Street and Legion Parkway Road Safety Audit: Road Safety Audit completed; report preparation underway
- North Quincy Street at North Cary Street Road Safety Audit: Data collection planned for September 2018
- West Chestnut Street at Ash Street Road Safety Audit: Road Safety Audit to be scheduled

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Halifax

- All-Way Stop Control Warrant Analysis for Circuit Street and Laurel Street: Data collection programmed for September 2018

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 collected; Report in Development

Pembroke

- Pembroke Center Traffic Study: Data collection in progress

Plymouth

- Raymond Road Multiway Stop Warrant Analyses: Data collection in progress

Stoughton

- 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 August 22, 2018

EEA #15902 - Elm Street Dam Removal (Kingston) (ENF)

The project involves the removal of the Elm Street Dam. The Jones River, located in Kingston, is a low gradient river typical of many of the coastal systems in southeastern Massachusetts. The Jones River has been altered by the placement of numerous in-stream structures including water intakes, roadway crossings, and dams. Further, the stream's hydrology has been altered through water diversions into and out of the river to support historic mill operations, drinking water supplies, and cranberry production. This has negatively affected aquatic habitat, including fish migration in the river.

EEA #4959 - Lakeshore Center (Bridgewater) (SDEIR)

The proposed apartment complex will consist of two buildings and will be classified under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B. The units will include an outdoor swimming pool and a fitness center. The proposed 5-story buildings will consist of a mix of studio, one, two, and three bedroom units. The parking will include 540 parking spaces outside and 60 spaces provided in garages.

EEA #15639 - North Carver Development (Carver) (EIR)

The project involves the construction of approximately 1.77 million square feet of new warehouse/distribution facilities with ancillary office uses, provides approximately 1,883 parking spaces, and provides paved access roads. The project site will be accessed from a reconfigured intersection of

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Montello Street and Route 58 and a new configuration for Montello Street.

MEPA Certificates

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

The proposed apartment complex will consist of two buildings and will be classified under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B. The units will include an outdoor swimming pool and a fitness center. The proposed 5-story buildings will consist of a mix of studio, one, two, and three bedroom units. The parking will include 540 parking spaces outside and 60 spaces provided in garages.

EEA #15883 - Ricketts Pond Business Park (Carver and Plympton) (ENF)

Ricketts Pond Business Park is proposed as a 4-lot subdivision comprised of mixed-use office/storage buildings as well as self-storage buildings. It is anticipated that the project will be constructed in phases. The first phase will involve the construction of the lot and building located off Spring Street. The following phase will include the construction of the 1,123 ft. roadway and infrastructure. The subsequent phase will conclude the construction of the light industrial buildings.

EEA #15870 - Plymouth Light Station Revetment (Plymouth) (ENF)

The purpose of the currently proposed project is to limit the amount of future erosion along the coastal bank and to protect pre-1978 buildings and structures. The proposed project will include a one-time sand replenishment. This replenishment will consist of placing beach-compatible sediment at the toe of the proposed revetment, in order to mitigate potential loss of sediment supply to the coastal system, because of the proposed armoring of the coastal bank.

EEA #15892 – Plymouth Long Beach Cottage Demolition (Plymouth) (ENF)

The proposed project includes the demolition of the existing single-family cottage, and repurposing the disturbed area, including the footprint of the cottage and existing driveway for public parking. Following demolition of the cottage, the previously disturbed areas on the property, to include the footprint of the cottage and the existing pervious driveway, will be repurposed for public parking.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

There were no Regional Concerns or Local Community Transportation Issues at this time.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for September 6, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the August 2, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for September 6, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items