

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
November 8, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	MassDOT	Benjamin Muller
Bridgewater	Robert Wood	BAT	Glenn Geiler
Bridgewater	Elijah Romulus	BAT	Michael Damon
Brockton	Rob May	MassDOT District 5	Timothy Kochan
Brockton	Chike Odunukwe	Safe Routes to School	Emily Budzynkiewicz
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Brockton	Robert Moran	OCPC	Paul Chenard
East Bridgewater	John Haines	OCPC	Laurie Muncy
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Hanson	Donald Howard	OCPC	Pat Ciaramella
Hanson	Jamison Shave	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Plympton	Scott Ripley	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole		

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole 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

Bill McNulty reported on a concern that Dan Salvucci had received in regards to the grade crossing on Franklin Street near the Whitman/ Hanson Line. Recently, a train passed and traffic proceeded across the grade crossing. Within one minute, another train passed through from the other direction with traffic still between the gates. Bill McNulty stated that OCPC would contact the MBTA Hotline in regards to this issue.

3. Minutes of the October 4, 2018 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the October 4, 2018 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the October 4, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting.

4. Communications

Kyle Mowatt highlighted 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 from Easton to OCPC requesting traffic counts on Central Street
- Safe Routes to School 2018 Fall Forum - Engineering - November 9, 2018
- CPTC Course - How to Read a Subdivision Plan - November 13, 2018
- Rail Vision Advisory Committee Meeting - November 14, 2018
- Notice of MassDOT Draft Massachusetts Municipal Resource Guide for Bikeability Availability
- 2020 Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - Public Workshops

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiler stated that OCPC recently held LRTP Public Outreach Sessions at the BAT Centre. BAT assisted and was pleased to provide the assistance with the public participation effort. Glenn Geiler then reported that BAT is working on its Capital Investment Plan, and that several BAT staff members attended the Moving Together Conference last Thursday.

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

Paul Chenard stated that GATRA was awarded its grant to collaborate with ride hailing apps such as Uber and Lyft to increase service availability in South Plymouth.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard stated that on October 25 there was a public meeting in Freetown to discuss the Phase 1 status of South Coast Rail. In early fall, a new fact sheet will be published on the project status.

6. Old Business

A. FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Charles Kilmer discussed the changes in the FFY 2019-2023 TIP. They are as follows:

FFY 2019 Projects:

- EAST BRIDGEWATER - RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18), FROM WHITMAN STREET (ROUTE 106) TO CENTRAL STREET (607941)
 - MassDOT comments on the 75% Package have been returned to the Design Engineer

7. New Business

A. MassDOT Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Development Process and Opportunities to Participate - Benjamin Muller, MassDOT-Office of Transportation Planning (OTP)

Benjamin Muller provided an overview of the MassDOT Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Development Process and Opportunities to Participate. As the 2020-2024 CIP is developed, MassDOT will provide several methods to participate in its development. These methods include:

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- An online mapping tool containing all CIP-funded projects. These projects will soon be posted to the CIP website, where one can view and comment on projects
- The CIP email address will also be monitored for public comments (MassCIP@dot.state.ma.us). There will soon be a CIP mailing list. Please email the address above to receive updates.
- MassDOT staff will be attending various community meetings throughout the fall and winter to present on the CIP and how to participate.
- In May, MassDOT will hold 10-12 public meetings across the Commonwealth to solicit feedback on the draft 2020-2024 CIP. A schedule will be announced in January or February 2019.

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

▪ Goals, Objectives, and Performance Metrics

Bill McNulty provided an overview of the 2020 Old Colony LRTP Goals, Objectives, and Performance Metrics.

On October 16, 2018, the Old Colony MPO voted to adopt and support MassDOT's performance targets for Pavement and Bridge Performance (PM2).

Pavement Conditions on Interstates

- 70% in Good Condition and 4% in Poor Condition

Pavement Conditions on Non-Interstate, National Highway System Surfaces

- 30% in Good Condition and 30% in Poor Condition

Bridges on the National Highway System

- 16% in Good Condition and 12% in Poor Condition

On September 18, 2018, the Old Colony MPO voted to adopt and support MassDOT's performance measurement targets for System Performance Measures (PM3).

- Travel Time Reliability: 68% on Interstates and 80% on non-interstate National Highway System (NHS) roadways by 2022
- Truck Travel Time Reliability: 1.85 by 2022
- Peak Hour Excessive Delay (annual hours per capita): 18.31 by 2022
- Non Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) Travel: 35.1% by 2022

The following Goals were developed through a collaborative process during the development of the 2016 Old Colony LRTP and are being assessed for inclusion in the 2020 LRTP.

- Goal 1: Safety and Security: To ensure that the transportation system and its users are safe and secure.
- Goal 2: System Preservation: To maintain the transportation system in a state of good repair.
- Goal 3: Regional Mobility and Congestion Management: To reduce congestion, improve mobility, and improve access to critical essential services.
- Goal 4: System Reliability: To improve the reliability of the transportation system.
- Goal 5: Economic Vitality: To ensure a transportation system that provides a viable framework for fostering and supporting regional economic development and economic vitality.
- Goal 6: Environmental Sustainability: To enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.
- Goal 7: Transportation System Equity: To provide comparable transportation access and service

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quality across the region regardless of income level or minority population.

- Goal 8: Reduced project delivery costs: To reduce project costs through a deliberate and thorough project evaluation process at the MPO planning level of project development.

C. Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) Traffic Counting Program

Kyle Mowatt provided an overview of the OCPC Traffic Counting Program. OCPC is actively involved in traffic data collection. 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 use this data. 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 (30 Years).

Data is collected in a variety of ways. OCPC utilizes Automatic Traffic Recorders (ATRs) to conduct counts of traffic volume, speed, and classification for a predetermined length of time. Turning Movement Counts (TMCs) are used to determine traffic movements through intersections. OCPC has recently launched its Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program and will be collecting data across the region to determine where new or upgraded bicycle/ pedestrian infrastructure should be established.

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 Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion (HCVE) Application for Birch Street - Data Collection completed; Analysis and report preparation underway

Brockton

- Pine Street and Thatcher Street Traffic Study - Road Safety Audit completed; Report in preparation
- North Cary Street at Ames Street Road Safety Audit - Road Safety Audit completed; Report in preparation
- Belmont Street (Route 123) at Pearl Street Road Safety Audit - Road Safety Audit completed; Report in preparation
- North Cary Street Road Safety Audit - Road Safety Audit completed; Report in preparation
- North Quincy Street at Toby Road Safety Audit - Road Safety Audit completed; Report in preparation
- West Chestnut Street at Ash Street Road Safety Audit - Road Safety Audit completed; Report in preparation

Hanover

- Traffic Study for Winter Street - Winter Street data collected. Additional data collection planned for spring 2019

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Kingston

- Traffic Study for Kingston Historic District - Data collected; Analysis and report preparation underway
- Traffic Study for Smith's Lane at Crescent Street and Main Street (Route 3A), and Howland Lane Traffic and Speed Analysis - Data collected; Analysis and report preparation underway
- Traffic Counts for Cranberry Road - Data collection and analysis in progress

Plymouth

- Traffic Study for State Road (Route 3A) and Herring Pond Road, Plymouth - Data collection completed; Awaiting crash reports; Coordinating with MassDOT District 5 and Town of Plymouth

Pembroke

- Pembroke Center Traffic Study - Data collected; Analysis and report preparation underway

Plymouth

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

Plympton

- Main Street Traffic Study - Data collection complete

Stoughton

- Traffic counts for Peters Drive and Station Street - Data collection scheduled

Bill McNulty thanked Massasoit Community College for hosting one of the Road Safety Audits.

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 October 15, 2018

EEA #15916 - Foothills Preserve and West Beaver Dam Brook Ecological Restoration (Plymouth) ENF

This project builds on lessons learned from the other projects in the region that have restored retired cranberry bogs to diverse wetlands and streams. Many of the same design and construction elements completed on these other similar projects are proposed for this project including removal of valley-spanning berms, removal of two obsolete small dams, reconstruction of a new sinuous stream channel, installation of large wood for channel construction and aquatic and terrestrial habitat, development of microtopography throughout the wetland surfaces, and planting of native trees and shrubs.

EEA #15929 - Plymouth Inner Harbor Dredging Program (Plymouth) ENF

Plymouth proposes to conduct dredging at five locations within the inner harbor area between the Plymouth Harbor Boat Ramp to the north of Town Wharf and the floats at Brewers Marine. Disposal of

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the dredged material is proposed to occur at a combination of onshore and offshore disposal sites.

MEPA Certificates

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

The Jones River, located in Kingston, is a low gradient river typical of many of the coastal systems in southeastern Massachusetts. The river is the largest drainage to Cape Cod Bay. Like many New England rivers, 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.

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.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Rob May stated that it is a good opportunity to become more involved in the rail vision planning process.

Bob Wood expressed concerns he has for the Bourne Rail Trail. Tim Kochan stated that MassDOT is working with Bourne. Phase 1 of this project will be brought to Pre-PRC on December 6.

Pat Ciaramella stated that the following communities were awarded MassWorks Grants: Bridgewater - \$3 million; Kingston - \$3 million; and, Plymouth - \$1 million. The town of Easton is awaiting a decision on their application for \$3 million.

Bob Moran asked for an update on the Belmont Street Project in Brockton. Tim Kochan stated that Phase 1 and 2 are on schedule and resurfacing will be completed very soon. Tim Kochan stated that 75% Design plans for Phase 3 are due just before Christmas.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for November 8, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the October 4, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for November 8, 2018, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items