

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

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	BAT	Mike Damon
Abington	John Stone	MassDOT	Ben Muller
Bridgewater	Robert B. Wood	MassDOT District 5	Tim Kochan
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	Safe Routes to School	Emily Budzynkiewicz
Brockton	Chike Odunukwe	McMahon Associates	Alex Bulhoes
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Hanson	Donald H. Howard	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Hanson	Jamison Shave	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Pembroke	Brandon Gulnick	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Plymouth	James Downey	OCPC	Laurie Muncy
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Stoughton	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Lisa Sullivan
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Pat Ciaramella

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:05 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 at this time.

3. Minutes of the November 8, 2018 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the November 8, 2018 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the November 8, 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 Shahpar Negah from Daniel Murphy, Jr. Regarding 100% Submission Package for North Quincy Street/ Chestnut Street/ Boundary Avenue Project in Abington and Brockton
- Letter to Pat Ciaramella from Marc Tisdelle Regarding a Request for Technical Assistance
- MassTrails Grant Program Overview

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- MassDOT Blog Post Regarding New Safe Routes to School Program Funding

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiler stated that BAT has recently submitted applications for four grants:

1. Applied for funds for a project identified in the CRTP.
2. Increase service to Ashmont and Stoughton.
3. Increase service from BAT Centre to Bridgewater State University.
4. Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs) for all BAT Buses.

Glenn Geiler then reported that BAT recently participated in a Climate Change Preparedness workshop.

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

Paul Chenard stated that fixed route fares for GATRA will be raised from \$1.00 to \$1.50; Dial-A-Ride fare will increase from \$1.25 to \$1.75; and ADA Paratransit fares will increase from \$1.25 to \$3.00.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard stated that on October 25, there was a meeting in Freetown to discuss the Phase 1 status of South Coast Rail.

6. Old Business

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

Charles Kilmer provided a report on the project changes in the FFY 2019-2023 TIP. They are as follows:

FFY 2019 Projects:

- ABINGTON/BROCKTON - NORTH QUINCY STREET, CHESTNUT STREET, AND BOUNDARY AVENUE ROUNDABOUT AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (608143)
 - 100% Package received by MassDOT (as of 11/02/2018)

FFY 2022 Projects:

- STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE (608279)
 - MassDOT comments on the 25% Package have been returned to the Design Engineer (as of 11/08/2018)

7. New Business

- ### A. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program and Infrastructure Application Process
- Emily Budzynkiewicz, Massachusetts Safe Routes to School, MassDOT

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Emily Budzynkiewicz provided a presentation on SRTS and Infrastructure Application Process. Highlights from the presentation included:

- A variety of project types are eligible and awards may range from \$100,000 to \$1 Million Project Funding
- Sidewalk improvements, traffic calming, crossing improvements, on and off street bicycle & pedestrian facilities, traffic diversion
- Massachusetts Project Intake Tool (MaPIT) streamlines and simplifies the application process
- Submissions reviewed by Project Selection Committee
- Selected projects advance to complete Project Need Form (PNF) and Project Initiation Form (PIF)
- Projects presented to Project Review Committee and then programmed into State Transportation Improvement Program for design and construction

Dan Salvucci asked about the eligibility of Whitman-Hanson High School and its sidewalks. Emily Budzynkiewicz replied that this school would not be eligible because it is a high school. Discussion followed.

B. Development of FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- **Updates from Project Proponents (Communities, Consultants, and MassDOT) on Projects Under Design**

Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street

- Tim Kochan reported that the utility field meeting is required prior to scheduling the design public hearing. Tim Kochan then noted that the 25% Design plans were received at the end of November 2018.

Brockton - Corridor Improvements on Route 123 (Belmont Street), from Angus Beaton Drive to West Street

- Tim Kochan reported that the project is at 25% Design and that the 75% Design are due before Christmas.

Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/ Quincy Street/ Massasoit Boulevard

- Chike Odunukwe reported that the appraisal of properties is underway and that a preferred design is to be determined.

Brockton - Improvements and Related Work on Crescent Street (Route 27), Including Replacement of Grove Street Bridge, B-25-005, Over Salisbury Plain River

- Chike Odunukwe reported that CDM Smith is working on design and that MassDOT has requested the conduction of a hydraulic analysis. Tim Kochan then noted that MassDOT is awaiting utility plans from the design engineer.

Brockton - Intersection Improvements at Centre Street (Route 123) and Plymouth Street

- Chike Odunukwe reported that CDM Smith is the consultant and the 25% Design will be submitted in Spring, 2019.

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- Tim Kochan noted that MassDOT does not have design schedule for this project as of yet.

Duxbury - Signal Installation @ Route 3 (NB & SB) Ramps & Route 3A (Tremont Street) (606002)

- Tim Kochan reported that the project is not currently programmed and that VAI may be the design consultant.

Easton - Corridor Improvements on Depot Street (Route 123), from Newell Circle to Washington Street (Route 138)

- David Field reported that the design public hearing has been held and that the 75% Design will be submitted in February 2019. Tim Kochan then noted that an updated project design schedule is needed.

Easton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 Including Intersection Improvements at Route 138 (Washington Street) and Elm Street

- David Field reported that the 25% Design was submitted in August 2018 and that a Design Public hearing will be held in early 2019.

Easton - Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 138 (Roosevelt Circle to Stoughton Town Line) (608585)

- Tim Kochan reported that MassDOT would be preparing the design for this project.

Easton - Intersection Improvements at Route 138 (Washington Street) and Turnpike Street

- Tim Kochan reported that the revised alternative was generated in October 2017 and a preferred alternative has been selected.

Hanover - Resurfacing & Related Work Route 53 (607715)

- Tim Kochan reported that there were no updates at this time.

Hanson - Corridor Improvements on Route 14 (Maquan Street), from the Pembroke T.L. to Indian Head Street and Related Work (608506)

- Tim Kochan reported that the MassDOT needs a project design schedule from the consultant.

Kingston - Bridge Replacement, K-01-014, Smiths Lane over Route 3 (Pilgrim Highway)

- Tim Kochan reported that MassDOT is waiting for the 25% Design Plans. They were due in October, 2018

Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) from Route 27 to Route 14)

- Tim Kochan reported that the 100% design plans are expected April 5, 2019

Pembroke - Resurfacing and related work on Route 53

- Tim Kochan reported that MassDOT received 100% Design in the middle of September, 2018

Stoughton - Improvements at West Elementary School (SRTS)

- Noreen O'Toole reported that the conceptual design with two alternatives has been received by the Town and are under review.

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Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138

- Noreen O'Toole reported that the preferred alternative has been presented to Board of Selectmen, and that the 25% Design plans are due September 21, 2019.

Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive

- Noreen O'Toole reported that the project is at 25% Design, and that the next step is a comment resolution meeting on the 25% Design, and then a utility meeting.

Stoughton - Reconstruction of Turnpike Street

- Noreen O'Toole reported that the preferred alternative was presented to Board of Selectmen, and that the Town did a temporary repair of the pavement surface in November.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

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

Brockton

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

East Bridgewater

- East Street Traffic Study - Data collection in progress

Hanover

- Traffic Study for Winter Street - Data collection in progress

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

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Plymouth

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

Pembroke

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

Stoughton

- Road Safety Audit for Island Street - Crash data requested; Road Safety Audit to be scheduled

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 November 21, 2018

EEA #15939 - High Street Water Treatment Plant (Bridgewater) (ENF)

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing outdated water treatment facilities (at the well houses) with a modern facility that will provide finished water meeting all Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and U.S. EPA primary and secondary water quality standards and associated maximum contaminant levels (MCL).

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

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

MEPA Certificates

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

This project builds on lessons learned from the three other projects in the region that have restored retired cranberry bogs to diverse wetlands and streams (Eel River and Tidmarsh Farms in Plymouth, and Coonamessett River in Falmouth). 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

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microtopography throughout the wetland surfaces, and planting of native trees and shrubs.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Bob Wood stated that Howard Street might be getting some improvements in Bridgewater.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

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Transportation Planner

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

1. Minutes of the November 8, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting
2. Staff Report for December 6, 2018, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
3. Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program Presentation