

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 February 7, 2019 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	John Stone	MassDOT District 5	Tim Kochan
Abington	Bruce Hughes	MassDOT	Ben Muller
Avon	Bill Fitzgerald	MassDOT	Emmanuel Russell
Avon	Brian Martin	MassDOT	Michelle Danila
Bridgewater	Robert B. Wood	MassDOT	Jackie DeWolfe
Brockton	Shane O'Brien	Office of State Representative Kathy LaNatra	Meghan Cleaves
Easton	Greg Swan	MassDevelopment	Mary Ellen DeFrias
Hanson	Donald Howard	MassDOT SRTS	Emily Budzynkiewicz
Kingston	Rob Downey	MassDOT SRTS	Omar Mejia
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Stoughton	Craig Horsfall	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Stoughton	Marc Tisdelle	OCPC	Laurie Muncy
Stoughton	Joe Scardino	OCPC	Bill McNulty
West Bridgewater	Chris Iannitelli	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Lisa Sullivan
BAT	Mike Damon	OCPC	Pat Ciaramella
BAT	Michael Lambert		

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chairperson Dan Salvucci called the meeting to order at 12:00 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

Vice Chairperson Salvucci announced that Noreen O'Toole is now retired from the Town of Stoughton. Dan Salvucci will be chair of the meeting today.

3. Minutes of the December 6, 2018 Meeting

Vice Chairperson Salvucci asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the December 6, 2018 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the December 6, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting.

4. Communications

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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 Stephanie Pollack Regarding MARPA Representation on the Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board
- Notice of Grant Opportunity - Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program
- Flyer for the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative 2019 Annual Conference
- Announcement for the MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference
- Announcement Regarding FHWA's New Published Resource - Transportation Safety Planning and the Zero Deaths Vision: A Guide for MPOs and Local Communities
- Informational Bulletin on the 2018 Massachusetts Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- Announcement Regarding a Municipality Webinar for the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Michael Lambert reported on the following BAT activities:

- Ridership has been up through December, and overall ridership is about even with last year.
- BAT is under budget for the year so far.
- BAT applied for discretionary grants for Bridgewater and Ashmont service
- The RTA task force on performance and funding continues and they are seeking to make the mid-February deadline. The Task Force had votes on several items and adopted several statements, measures and work plans.

Charles Kilmer reported that at the January 2019 BAT Advisory Meeting, Michael Lambert was appointed as the next BAT Administrator effective May 1, 2019.

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 OCPC has invited Jean Fox of MassDOT to speak at our next JTC Meeting.

6. Old Business

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

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

FFY 2019 Projects:

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- ABINGTON/BROCKTON – NORTH QUINCY STREET, CHESTNUT STREET, AND BOUNDARY AVENUE ROUNDABOUT AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (608143)
 - MassDOT comments on the 100% Package have been returned to the Design Engineer (as of 12/11/2018)
 - Tim Kochan stated that PS&E is due April 1, 2019.
- EAST BRIDGEWATER – RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18), FROM WHITMAN STREET (ROUTE 106) TO CENTRAL STREET (607941)
 - 100% Package received by MassDOT (as of 01/29/2019)

FFY 2020 Projects:

- BROCKTON – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (608088)
 - 75% Package received by MassDOT (as of 01/08/2019)

FFY 2022 Projects:

- STOUGHTON – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403)
 - 25% Package received by MassDOT (as of 12/24/2018)

7. New Business

- A. **MassDOT Separated Bike Lane Planning & Design Guide, and Draft Statewide Bicycle Plan**
 - **Michelle Danila, P.E., PTOE, MassDOT; and Jacqueline DeWolfe, MassDOT**

Michelle Danila and Jacqueline DeWolfe provided a presentation on the MassDOT Separated Bike Lane Planning & Design Guide, and Draft Statewide Bicycle Plan. The MassDOT Separated Bike Lane Planning & Design Guide presents considerations and strategies for the development of separated bike lanes. The Guide provides a framework for determining when separated bike lanes are appropriate and feasible. It also presents design guidance for separation strategies, bike lane configuration, and considerations for transit stops, loading zones, utilities, drainage, parking, and landscaping.

The Draft Statewide Bicycle Plan defines a vision for Massachusetts in which people have a safe and comfortable cycling option for short trips. The goal is to have a plan, which presents an action-oriented strategy that will lead to increased use of trails for short trips made by bicycling.

Sid Kashi asked if there is a lane width requirement to install separated bike lanes. Michelle Danila stated that it depends on the classification of the road. Typically, 10-12 feet is required.

Don Howard asked what kind of funding is available. Jacqueline DeWolfe stated that it depends on jurisdiction. There is Complete Streets, if it is close to schools there is Safe Routes to School (SRTS), Etc. There are many funding programs outside of the TIP Program.

Bob Wood stated he does not want the bike lane on the train tracks in Bourne. Tim Kochan stated that

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the bike lane would run beside the rail.

B. FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1

Charles Kilmer discussed the FFY 2019-2023 TIP Amendment 1. The Amendment 1 is as follows:

1. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AVON-STOUGHTON SERVICE
 - COST IS \$52,000 (\$26,000 FEDERAL; \$26,000 LOCAL)
2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND
 - COST IS \$100,000 (\$50,000 FEDERAL; \$50,000 LOCAL)
3. OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (VTP)
 - COST IS \$64,000 (\$32,000 FEDERAL; \$32,000 LOCAL)
4. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT SSCAC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
 - COST IS \$90,000 (\$45,000 FEDERAL; \$45,000 LOCAL)
5. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT VAN (7)
 - COST IS \$446,600 (\$357,280 FEDERAL; \$89,320 LOCAL)

Vice Chairperson Salvucci asked if there is a motion to approve the FFY 2019-2023 TIP Amendment 1. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the FFY 2019-2023 TIP Amendment 1.

C. MBTA Better Bus Project

Paul Chenard reported on the MBTA Better Bus Project. The MBTA's Better Bus Project is a study that seeks to improve bus service throughout the MBTA's service area. As a part of the \$8 Billion system modernization program, this study seeks to align the bus system to meet the needs of a changing demographic, replacement of the current fare system, and bring capital assets to a state of good repair.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

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A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

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

Brockton

- Road Safety Audit for North Main Street at Oak Street and Howard Street: Data collection in progress

Halifax

- Plymouth Street Traffic Data and Crosswalk Location Analysis: Data collection in progress

Hanover

- Traffic Study for Winter Street: Analysis and report development underway
- Traffic Study for Hanover Street (Route 139) at Hanover Town Hall: Staff to meet with Town officials to discuss scope of Study

Kingston

- 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

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: Audit completed on February 6, 2019. Report in development.
- Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Study for State Street and Peters Drive: Report in development

Whitman

- Traffic Study for Pleasant Street, and Intersection of Franklin Street (Route 27), South Avenue (Route 27), and Pleasant Street: Staff to meet with Town officials to discuss scope of Study

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 January 23, 2019

EEA #15957 - Seawalls Phase 1 and Revetment Footing Protection (Duxbury) (ENF)

The project is located at the north end of Duxbury Beach. There are two sections of seawall, which make

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up the Duxbury Beach Seawalls. There are two parts to the project, first is replacement of the sections of seawall that have failed (about 800 linear feet) and are unable to provide the protection they were designed to provide. The second part of the project is to construct a revetment on the seaward side of the remainder of the unprotected seawall (approximately 2,175 linear feet) to protect the footing of the wall from undermining and failure.

EEA #415959 - Peterson Pond Dam Removal (Hanover and Norwell) (ENF)

This removal of the dam is being considered for both dam safety and stream restoration purposes. Removal of the entire horizontal extent of the dam will not be required. The project includes a proposed channel condition that would consist of removing the remaining concrete and stone portions of the primary spillway and cutting back the embankment portion to the left and right of the spillway such that the remaining channel has the capacity to safely pass, at minimum, the 100-year and 500-year floods without significant re-impoundment in the area upstream for the former dam site.

MEPA Certificates

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

Sid Kashi stated that the Town of Plymouth applied for Safe Routes to School Infrastructure funding. Should hear the decision at the March Project Review Committee (PRC) Meeting.

Vice Chairperson Dan Salvucci stated that the Town of Whitman had an issue with the MBTA gates at some railroad crossings not going back up after a train crosses. It has now be repaired.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for February 7, 2019 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the December 6, 2018 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for February 7, 2019, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
- Presentation on MassDOT Separated Bicycle Lane Planning and Design Guide, and Draft Statewide Bicycle Plan