

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
January 9, 2020 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	MassDOT District 5	Bob Wheeler
Abington	John Stone	MassDOT District 5	Barbara Lachance
Bridgewater	Robert Wood	Howard Stein Hudson	Paul Nelson
Brockton	Rob May	Independence Associates	Griffin Leistinger
Brockton	Robert Moran	WATD News	David Cedrone
Brockton	Kerry Richards	McMahon Associates	Jonathan Church
Brockton	Mayor Robert Sullivan	Independence Associates	Bryan Bjorklund
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Mary Waldron
Hanson	Jamison Shave	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Hanson	Matthew Cahill	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Hanson	Don Howard	OCPC	Pat Ciaramella
Plymouth	James Downey	OCPC	Laurie Muncy
Stoughton	Joe Scardino	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Paul Chenard
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
BAT	Michael Lambert		

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Those present then introduced themselves.

Chairperson O'Toole then asked for a moment of silence for Pat Ciaramella's brother, Dominic Ciaramella, who passed away in December.

2. Public Comments

Don Howard welcomed Matthew Cahill, who is the new Highway Director for the Town of Hanson.

3. Minutes of the December 5, 2020 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the December 5, 2019 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the December 5, 2019 Old Colony JTC Meeting.

4. Communications

Shawn Bailey reviewed the contents of the communications staff report. Included were letters of

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correspondence, as well as notices of workshops and conferences. They are as follows:

- Announcement from the Baker-Polito Administration Regarding Transit Grant Program Awards for Communities and Organizations
- MassDOT Highway Division Announcement Regarding Bids List for Project 607941 in East Bridgewater
- MassDOT Highway Division Announcement Regarding Bids List for Project 608143 in Abington

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Michael Lambert stated that BAT has received three discretionary grants from MassDOT. 1.) Automated passenger counters for buses; 2.) Implement a pay by phone application, and change current student fare pass to student monthly pass at a reduced amount; and 3.) Conduct a study on the potential for a transit connection between Brockton and Taunton.

Dan Salvucci inquired about the senior discount Charlie Card. Michael Lambert stated that they may be acquired at the BAT Centre.

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

Paul Chenard stated that GATRA has selected its new Administrator. There will be an official announcement in the future.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard stated that culvert and track work is progressing, and that the anticipated start of service is in 2023.

6. Old Business

A. FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Charles Kilmer discussed the changes in the FFY 2020-2024 TIP. They are as follows:

FFY 2020 Projects:

- BROCKTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (608088)
 - 100% Package received by MassDOT (as of 12/23/2019)

FFY 2021 Project:

- AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HARRISON BOULEVARD AND POND STREET (608086)
 - MassDOT comments on the 100% Package returned to the Design Engineer (as of 01/02/2020)

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Charles Kilmer stated that there was training earlier in the week for an electronic STIP. This will allow for enhanced coordination between MassDOT and its regional partners.

7. New Business

A. Main Street Corridor Study (Brockton) – Status Report

Ray Guarino provided a status report on the Main Street Corridor Study (Brockton).

The study commenced in the fall of 2019 with the data collection phase, (compilation of crashes, peak hour turning movement counts at key locations, and documentation of existing physical conditions such as signal and traffic control operations and signage). The study's public outreach is also underway with the solicitation of input from key stakeholders and an online survey. Background information on ongoing and planned developments along the corridor is also being compiled and reviewed (such as the new downtown parking garage and the plans to revert the one-way system to a two-way system). A public workshop will be scheduled in the latter part of January or the beginning of February to garner further public input.

Dan Salvucci stated that the idea behind the two-way conversion is to improve storefront business access along Main Street.

Dan Salvucci expressed his concern about pedestrian and bicycle safety. Ray Guarino stated that the bicycle lanes would be protected bicycle lanes to protect them from traffic.

Joe Scardino expressed concern that not enough money in TIP projects are allocated for education and outreach. Discussion followed.

Chairperson O'Toole extended a congratulations and welcome to Brockton's new Mayor, Robert Sullivan. Mayor Sullivan then thanked OCPC for their efforts and stated that the City looks forward to collaborating on the study.

B. Route 139 Corridor Study (Hanover) – Status Report

Bill McNulty provided a status report on the Route 139 Corridor Study (Hanover).

To date, all traffic data has been collected and processed for the Route 139 Corridor Study. Next steps include forecasting future conditions, including anticipated increased trip generation from nearby developments, and working with the Town on preferred alternatives for traffic control and flow. Meetings with the Town and MassDOT will take place in February and March, including a presentation to the public on initial findings. Development of this Corridor Study is on schedule, and a release of a final report to the Town and MassDOT is anticipated late Spring or Early Summer.

C. MassDOT IMPACT Crash Data Portal

Bill McNulty provided a demonstration on the MassDOT IMPACT Crash Data Portal.

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IMPACT is designed to encourage public safety initiatives and awareness specific to crash information. Within IMPACT you can engage with crash related data through easy to understand pre-built reports, interactive dashboards, or conduct your own self-driven analysis.

OCPC Staff routinely use IMPACT as a tool for data extraction in preparing local and regional traffic studies, as well as for tracking metrics about safety performance management. The tool is available to all, and all are encouraged to explore and use the tool however, they find useful.

Joe Scardino asked what the definition of a crash is. Bill McNulty stated that they use the insurance threshold, which is over \$1,500 in property damage.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

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

Easton

- Belmont Street (Route 123) Traffic Counts: Data collection planned for Spring 2020

Hanson

- Route 58 Traffic Study: Report in development

Plymouth

- Intersection Traffic Study of Court Street (Route 3A) at Cherry Street and Prince Street
 - Data collection in progress
- Intersection Traffic Study of Carver Road and Montgomery Drive
 - Data collection planned for Spring 2020

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 December 23, 2019

EEA #14139 - T-Wharf Reconstruction (Plymouth) (NPC)

The proposed project change consists of the reconstruction of the existing municipal boat ramp off Water Street as an interim phase of the T-wharf reconstruction project. The reconstructed boat ramp will be finished with a 1.5% steeper slope than the existing ramp and will extend 15 feet further seaward from the existing toe.

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MEPA Certificates

EEA #16032 - Hanover Crossing (Hanover) (EIR)

The proposed project entails the removal of the majority of the existing enclosed mall and the construction of a new missed-use lifestyle center consisting of approximately 506,035 s.f. of retail, and approximately 92,500 s.f. grocery store, and a 297 multi-family residential units in four four-story buildings with total parking of 3,700 spaces.

EEA #16104 - Kingston Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project (Kingston) (EENF)

The Town of Kingston proposes to construct wastewater system improvements in two phases. The first phase includes expansion of an existing wastewater treatment plant to increase its capacity from 375,000 gallons per day to 700 gallons per day and construction of one half mile of sewer main, two pumping stations, and a force main to connect the Kingston Collection mall. Phase 2 includes construction of additional effluent recharge basins to increase discharge of treated wastewater to groundwater by 200,000 gpd.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Dan Salvucci expressed concern about the lane restriction at Grove Street Bridge in Brockton, and noted that the traffic backs up a lot in this area. Mayor Robert Sullivan stated that there is a bridge construction project going on at that location.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

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Transportation Planner

List of Documents for January 9, 2020 Old Colony JTC Meeting

1. Minutes of the December 5, 2019 Old Colony JTC Meeting
2. Staff Report for January 9, 2020 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items