

# 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 6, 2020 at 12:00 P.M.

### ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	MassDOT District 5	Cheryll-Ann Senior
Avon	Bill Fitzgerald	CDM Smith	Dan Murphy
Bridgewater	Bob Wood	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Brockton	Chike Odunukwe	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Brockton	Mayor Robert Sullivan	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Hanson	Don Howard	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Plymouth	James Downey	OCPC	Mary Waldron
Stoughton	Joe Scardino	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Stoughton	John Charbonneau	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Joanne Zygmunt
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Laurie Muncy
BAT	Glenn Geiler		

### 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 welcomed Joanne Zygmunt to OCPC.

### 2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

### 3. Minutes of the January 9, 2020 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the January 9, 2020 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:

- MassDOT Announcement Regarding Traffic and Construction Updates for Route 18 TIP Project
- Public Information Meeting on February 11, 2020 for the Exit Renumbering Project - Boston
- Public Information Meeting on March 10, 2020 for the Exit Renumbering Project - New Bedford
- Flyer for OCPC Main Street Corridor Study Public Meeting on February 18, 2020

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## 5. Reports

### A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiler stated that ridership has been up across the board in January. BAT is working on an expanded student pass program. BAT has been awarded a Workforce Transportation Grant from MassDOT to expand its Rockland Flex Ride Service.

Dan Salvucci asked if BAT could look into adding a route that would run from Bridgewater to Weymouth along Route 18.

Don Howard asked if Hanson still has a bus trips. Glenn Geiler stated that Hanson has a trip on Mondays. The residents are able to call Dial-A-BAT or Council on Aging for a ride. There are many trips to Target since the Hanover mall is under construction.

Mayor Sullivan is the Chairman of the BAT Advisory and seeks to have a conference with the elected officials of the communities in the service area to share ideas so that nothing is lost in translation. Such a conference could happen within the next 3 to 4 weeks.

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

Paul Chenard stated that GATRA is the recipient of \$150,000 grant to implement micro transit operations in Plymouth. Paul Chenard then noted that the pilot program with Lyft has been seeing a steady growth in ridership. Next, Paul Chenard noted that there would be a change in leadership as a Frank Gay will be retiring.

### C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard stated that culvert and track work is progressing.

### D. MBTA Rail Vision

Paul Chenard provided an overview of the MBTA Rail Vision. Over the past year, the Rail Vision team has focused on learning about effective commuter rail service around the world, identifying service models we can test on our system, and understanding the constraints and opportunities with our current infrastructure. On November 4, 2019, six Rail Vision alternatives were presented to the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board for discussion and review. The Board voted to support the Urban Rail alternative, with electric locomotives being desirable. The Board also supported a resolution of electrifying the Providence/Stoughton lines, Fairmount Lines, and the Lynn to Boston Lines.

The Old Colony Planning Council and the City of Brockton submitted letters to the MBTA expressing their support in improving Commuter Rail service to the City of Brockton and the Old Colony region. It is the opinion of the City of Brockton and the Old Colony Planning Council that Alternative Six Full Transformation should be the preferred alternative.

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Mayor Sullivan stated that he just returned from the national Mayor's conference in Washington D.C. The Mayors from Massachusetts met to discuss Rail Vision and there was a shared vision amongst them.

## 6. Old Business

### A. FFY 2020-2

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

#### FFY 2020 Projects:

- RAYNHAM - BRIDGEWATER - WEST BRIDGEWATER - BROCKTON PAVEMENT PRESERVATION AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 24 (608820)
  - Final Package delivered to Federal Aid Programming and Reimbursement Office (FAPRO) (as of 02/03/2020).

Charles Kilmer stated that WBZ News reported on Route 24. Bill McNulty provided crash data and studies that OCPC has done in the past. Charles Kilmer thanked MassDOT for all the improvements along the corridor over the years.

Bill Fitzgerald reported on the Harrison Boulevard project. The project has been extended down to Bodwell Avenue. There will be a special town meeting on February 24 regarding this project.

## 7. New Business

### A. FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1

Charles Kilmer reported on the FFY 2020-2024 TIP Amendment 1. The Amendment is as follows:

#### AMENDMENT 1

The FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1 adds eight (8) projects that were awarded as part of the 2020 Community Transit Grant Program. They are as follows:

1. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
  - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS (6)
  - COST IS \$406,800 (\$325,440 FEDERAL; \$81,360 STATE)
2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
  - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE - AVON/STOUGHTON
  - COST IS \$52,000 (\$26,000 FEDERAL; \$26,000 LOCAL)
3. 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)

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4. OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)
  - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (VTP)
  - COST IS \$60,000 (\$30,000 FEDERAL; \$30,000 LOCAL)
5. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)
  - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT SSCAC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
  - COST IS \$100,000 (\$50,000 FEDERAL; \$50,000 LOCAL)
6. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)
  - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT VAN (7)
  - COST IS \$474,600 (\$379,680 FEDERAL; \$94,920 LOCAL)
7. TOWN OF PLYMPTON
  - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY VAN FOR SVC EXPANSION (1)
  - COST IS \$125,600 (\$100,480 STATE; \$25,120 LOCAL)
8. CARDINAL CUSHING CENTERS
  - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT BUS (4)
  - COST IS \$398,240 (\$318,592 STATE; \$79,648 LOCAL)

Chairperson O'Toole asked if there is a motion to approve the FFY 2020-2024 TIP Amendment 1. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the FFY 2020-2024 TIP Amendment 1.

### **B. Massachusetts Jobs Access Data Dashboard**

Bill McNulty provided a presentation on the Massachusetts Jobs Access Data Dashboard. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has released the Access to Jobs Dashboard, an online tool that facilitates quick reference of the number of jobs reachable from individual census blocks across multiple modes of travel, travel speed, and time of day. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' statewide economic development plan, Opportunities for All, states a goal that transportation provides strong connections employment, reliability, and access to workers in all regions and of all incomes. This tool aids MPOs in scoring projects concerning access to jobs. It is also useful on corridor planning, by providing the ability to determine the number of jobs accessible from different modes.

Glenn Geiler asked if BAT is included in the algorithms. Bill McNulty stated that he would contact MassDOT and find out.

### **C. Draft Barnstable Urbanized Area (UZA) Coordination Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Charles Kilmer provided a summary of the Draft Barnstable UZA Coordination MOU. The Draft 2020 Barnstable UZA Coordination MOU provides the framework for a continuing, cooperative, and

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comprehensive (3C) transportation planning process across the three MPOs of the Barnstable Urbanized Area. The MOU addresses the division of responsibilities related to the coordination requirements referenced in the regulations. More specifically and to an appropriate extent, the agreement addresses coordination of the following areas: data collection/sharing and analysis, including planning assumptions for population growth, employment, and land use; coordinated decision-making, i.e., for key transportation assets/ services spanning MPO boundaries; dispute resolution; congestion management process; performance-based planning, reporting, and target-setting.

Chairperson O'Toole asked if there is a motion to approve the Draft Barnstable UZA Coordination MOU. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the Draft Barnstable UZA Coordination MOU.

### 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

##### Hanover

- Walnut Hill Neighborhood Traffic Study - Data collection schedule for Summer 2020 (Tentative)

##### Hanson

- Route 58 Traffic Study - Report in development

##### Plymouth

- Intersection Traffic Study of Carver Road and Montgomery Drive - Data collection planned for Spring 2020

Old Colony Planning Council completed a traffic study of Cherry Street at Standish Avenue and Cherry Street at Court Street (Route 3A) in Plymouth. The results of this traffic study have been distributed to Plymouth.

#### 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.

#### MEPA Certificates

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## 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.

### **C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues**

Dan Salvucci stated that Bill McNulty's presentation on the Massachusetts Job Access Data Dashboard shows that transportation is needed on Route 18 and for other areas.

Jimmy Pereira stated that the survey for the Main Street Corridor Study is up on the OCPC Website.

Charles Kilmer questioned if in the Job Access Dashboard it includes the ferry services out of the South shore and the ones connecting Martha's Vineyard to Woods Hole, and Hyannis to Nantucket.

Mary Waldron stated that OCPC attended a joint MARPA and MassDOT meeting. Mary Waldron stated that Charles Kilmer's capabilities and expertise are incredible and that the staff is terrific and responsible.

Bruce Hughes stated that there would be a Citizen Planner Training Collaborative Conference on March 21, 2020 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

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Senior Transportation Planner

### **List of Documents for February 6, 2020 Old Colony JTC Meeting**

1. Minutes of the January 9, 2020 Old Colony JTC Meeting
2. Staff Report for February 6, 2020, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items