

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)



Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, April 19, 2016 - 10:00 A.M. At Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

Signatories Present:

Stephen Woelfel, Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pamela Haznar, Representing Thomas Tinlin, P.E., Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Eldon Moreira, Vice-Chairman, West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen
Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director, OCPC, Representing Lee Hartmann, President, OCPC
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chairman, Whitman Board of Selectmen

Others Present:

State Senator Michael Brady
Glenn Geiler, BAT
Kathy Riddell, BAT
Annie Lemelin, Conservation Law Foundation
Bill Shine, Independence Associates
Pine duBois, Town of Kingston
Phil Sheppard, Massasoit Community College
Timothy Kochan, MassDOT District 5
Trey Wadsworth, MassDOT
Sid Kashi, Town of Plymouth
Eric Arbeene, Old Colony Planning Council
Shawn Bailey, Old Colony Planning Council
Paul Chenard, Old Colony Planning Council
Charles Kilmer, Old Colony Planning Council
Kyle Mowatt, Old Colony Planning Council
Ray Guarino, Old Colony Planning Council
Bill McNulty, Old Colony Planning Council
Pat Ciaramella, Old Colony Planning Council
Jimmy Pereira, Old Colony Planning Council

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and then read the meeting accessibility statement. Those in attendance then introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

3. Minutes of the March 15, 2016 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the Signatories for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting. Dan Salvucci abstained. The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the March 15, 2016 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

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4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

There was no BAT report provided at this time.

5. MassDOT District 5 Briefing on Highway and Bridge Projects Under Design and Construction in the Old Colony Region

Pamela Haznar provided a briefing on Highway and Bridge Projects under Design and Construction in the Old Colony Region.

2016

Brockton – Signal & Intersection Improvements @ Route 123 (Belmont Street)/Linwood Street/Lorraine Avenue

- Project is at 100% Design and expecting PS&E in April

Brockton – Route 28 Stormwater Improvements

- Design Public Hearing recently held

Pembroke – Reconstruction on Route 14, from the Hanson T.L. to Washington Street (Route 53)

- Project construction is underway

Plymouth - Resurfacing & Related Work on Route 3

- Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) have been received

2017

Easton – Route 138 @ Union Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements

- Revised 25% design plans submitted in March

Pembroke – Route 53 @ Pleasant Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements

- At 75% Design

Whitman – Traffic Signal Improvements & Related Work on Bedford Street (Route 18) at 2 Locations: Auburn Street (Route 14) & Temple Street (Route 27)

- At 25% Design and Design Public Hearing this Spring

Dan Salvucci inquired about the No Right Turn on Red signs. Charles Kilmer replied that these are typically deployed as a low cost safety countermeasure.

Pine duBois inquired about the activity at Route 3 Bridge over the Jones River in Kingston and noted that a barge is in the river near the structure. Pam Haznar replied that she would look into the activity.

6. Development of the FFY 2016-2019 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2

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Charles Kilmer stated that the FFY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment 2 seeks to amend the cost increases for two projects. The Amendment also seeks to amend the funding programs for the two projects. They are as follows:

1. AVON – INSTALLATION OF A MEDIAN BARRIER ON HARRISON BOULEVARD (608085)
 - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST AND CHANGE FUNDING PROGRAMS – Amend cost from \$460,000 to \$2,316,349 and change funding program from HSIP to STP and Other TBD.
2. BROCKTON – SIGNAL & INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET)/LINWOOD STREET/ LORRAINE AVENUE (606036)
 - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST AND FUNDING PROGRAMS – Amend cost from \$3,541,396 to \$4,237,493 and change funding program from CMAQ only to CMAQ and HSIP.

Eldon Moreira questioned the drastic increase for the Avon project. Pam Haznar stated the original amount was just for the median barrier. Leveling and drainage structures had to be installed to prevent flooding around the barrier. This extra work was not anticipated at the beginning of the project.

Charles Kilmer stated that OCPC is working with MassDOT on funding options on how to fund these projects. There is not enough regional target funds to accommodate cost increases for both projects.

7. Development of the FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Charles Kilmer provided an overview on the development of the FFY 2017-2021 TIP, and then provided descriptions of the projects. The FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony TIP Development Schedule is as follows:

1. Outreach and Data Collection (December – February)
2. Evaluation of Projects (February – March)
3. Staff Recommendations and Draft TIP (March – April)
4. TIP Day Consultation with MassDOT (April)
5. Public Review and Endorsement (April – June)

Easton – Route 138 @ Union Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements

- Charles Kilmer stated that MassDOT is recommending this project be moved to 2018. OCPC does not support this.
- Pam Haznar stated that there has not been a design public hearing yet and the right of way plans have not been accepted. MassDOT is willing to meet with the town to talk about the status. Discussion followed.

Plymouth – Reconstruction of Taylor Avenue, from White Horse Road to Manomet Point Road, Includes P-13-010

- Sid Kashi asked to keep this project in 2017 instead of moving to 2018, which is MassDOT's recommendation. The consultant recently met with the town and reported that they are on

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track to make 2017.

- Pam Haznar asked Sid Kashi to provide MassDOT with specific schedule when they expect things to be done to give MassDOT some security that the project can make 2017.

Whitman – Traffic Signal Improvements & Related Work on Bedford Street (Route 18) at 2 Locations: Auburn Street (Route 14) & Temple Street (Route 27)

- The right of way plans have to be accepted by this December to make advertisement in 2017. May need to move this to 2018 if town cannot keep the schedule and design consultant.

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

- 2019 was recommended
- 25% design plans not due until September

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

- Recommended for 2018 but may need to move back to 2019
- Two full right of way takings needed by the City.

Plymouth – Improvements on Obery Street, from South Street to A.C. Caranci Way/Plymouth North H.S. Drive Intersection

- Recommended for 2018 but may need to move back to 2019

Avon – Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street

- Programmed in 2019 but could be a 2017 project

State Senator Michael Brady then expressed his support for the Brockton and Easton Projects.

8. Development of the FFY 2017 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Charles Kilmer summarized the Universe of Projects located in the staff report. Charles Kilmer then stated that the Brockton Shuttle Service Connections to Logan Airport and T.F. Green Airport was a recent addition. Chairperson Woelfel asked who would run the service for the Brockton Shuttle Service Connections. Bill McNulty stated that it is non-specific who would run the shuttle service at this time.

Discussion followed.

9. Administrative Matters, Other Business, and Date and Time of Next Meeting(s)

- Eldon Moreira suggested we go around the room again and introduce ourselves for State Senator Michael Brady.
- State Senator Michael Brady asked if the Quincy Street, Crescent Street and Massasoit Boulevard project is on schedule. Pam Haznar stated that it is on schedule.
- Charles Kilmer announced that on Thursday, May 12, the Plymouth County Development Council will hold its 33rd Annual Transportation Breakfast at the Plymouth Country Club

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- The next MPO meetings will be on May 17 and June 21

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 11:03 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner