

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, May 17, 2016 - 10:00 A.M. At Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

Signatories Present:

Trey Wadsworth, Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pamela Haznar, Representing Thomas Tinlin, P.E., Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Eldon Moreira, Chairman, West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen
Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director, OCPC, Representing Lee Hartmann, President, OCPC
Nick Giaquinto, Brockton, Representing Mayor Bill Carpenter
Lee Hartmann, Plymouth, Representing Kenneth Tavares, Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Ray Ledoux, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chairman, Whitman Board of Selectmen

Others Present:

Phil Sheppard, Massasoit Community College
Timothy Kochan, MassDOT District 5
Glenn Geiler, BAT
Annie Lemelin, Conservation Law Foundation
Gary St. Fleur, MassRIDES
Richard O'Flaherty, East Bridgewater
David Field, Easton
Bill Shine, Independence Associates
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
Jimmy Pereira, Old Colony Planning Council

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Wadsworth 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 April 19, 2016 Meeting

Chairperson Wadsworth asked the Signatories for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting. The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the April 19, 2016 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

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Vice-Chairman Ledoux stated that BAT is working with OCPC on diving deeper into the Comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan (CRTP). Route modifications will be examined, as well as fare strategy and new Charlie Card opportunities. This is expected to be done in the next 6 weeks.

BAT will be applying for federal funds for OCPC to embark on additional planning efforts for BAT under the UPWP.

BAT will be receiving some capital funds over the next three (3) years to obtain sixteen (16) new busses. An order has been placed for eight (8) of them which will be delivered prior to June 30, 2017. These new busses will have a more modern/European design. WiFi will be offered on all the new busses.

On June 7 and 8, 2016, in Worcester, the 2016 Northeast Transportation Safety Conference is taking place. Along with transit administrators being present, Mayor Carpenter will also be there moderating a session at the conference.

Richard O'Flaherty commented that he understands some routes are more productive than other and that some routes may need to be reduced or eliminated. Where there is an elimination, there could be an opportunity to provide bus service where there currently none exists. As an example, Stonehill College presently has no BAT service within the campus.

Richard O'Flaherty then stated that there is a need for new bus stop identification markers on the telephone poles and on the street. Vice-Chairman Ledoux stated that he will bring this up at the BAT management meeting.

Discussion followed.

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.

2015

Brockton – Signal Upgrades at Route 123 (Belmont Street), V.A. Hospital & The Route 123/Manley Street Intersection

- Notice to Proceed has been issued
- Completion Estimate – November 2017

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

- Notice to Proceed has been issued
- 130 utility poles have to be relocated

Brockton – Pedestrian Improvements at Various Locations

- Completion Estimate – Summer 2016

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2016

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

- Right of Way plans have been accepted
- Awaiting PS&E

Avon – Installation of a Median Barrier on Harrison Boulevard

- At PS&E stage

Plymouth – Resurfacing & Related work on Route 3

- At PS&E stage
- Should be advertised in the next couple months

Brockton – Stormwater Improvements Along Route 28

- Design Public Hearing was recently held
- Moving towards 100% Design

2017

Easton – Intersection Improvements at Washington Street (Route 138) & Union Street

- MassDOT met with the Town of Easton and OCPC regarding this project
- Change in design with a right turn lane added, and revised design plans submitted, thus delaying advancement of project

Pembroke – Route 53 @ Pleasant Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements

- At 75% Design

Plymouth – Reconstruction of Taylor Avenue, from White Horse Road to Manomet Point Road

- Moving to 100% design shortly

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

2018

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

- At 25/75% Design
- Some drainage and traffic issues need to be resolved before project moves ahead

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

- Awaiting for revised Right of Way plans

Phil Sheppard inquired about when does MassDOT start the right of way process and contacts the property owners. Pam Haznar replied that with this project, the City is responsible for the right of way acquisition.

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

- Design consultant onboard and the survey is complete

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Easton – Route 123 (Depot Street) Reconstruction from Newell Circle to Route 138

- Project is at 25% design

Brockton – Intersection Improvements at North Quincy Street, Boundary Avenue and Chestnut Street

- Design consultant onboard
- Setting up kickoff meeting soon

Avon – Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street

- Design consultant onboard
- Survey is complete and moving ahead

East Bridgewater – Resurfacing and Sidewalk Construction on Bedford Street (Route 18), from Whitman Street (Route 106) to Central Street

- In process of securing a design consultant

Bridgewater – Traffic Signal & Intersection Improvements at Broad Street (Route 18) and High Street

- Completion this Spring

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

Charles Kilmer provided an overview of the FFY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment 2.

1. AVON – INSTALLATION OF A MEDIAN BARRIER ON HARRISON BOULEVARD (608085)
 - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST AND CHANGE FUNDING PROGRAM – 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.

Chairperson Wadsworth stated that at this time there is no additional information regarding this amendment. MassDOT is aware of the cost increases and is evaluating all of the options. This problem is occurring statewide. MassDOT is trying to determine what strategy to go with to make sure all projects move forward. At the June MPO meeting there will be more information provided.

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

Charles Kilmer summarized the FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony TIP Development Schedule.

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 (June – June)

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Charles Kilmer then summarized the Draft Old Colony FFY 2017-2021 TIP Projects Table.

Pam Haznar stated that it would be beneficial to have proponents of projects to come to the MPO and JTC meetings to give an update on their projects. Charles Kilmer agreed and suggested that it would take place at the June JTC Meeting.

8. FFY 2016 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Adjustment

Charles Kilmer provided an overview on the FFY 2016 Old Colony UPWP Adjustment that was requested by BAT.

The FFY 2016 UPWP Adjustment is as follows:

TASK 4200 – BAT PLANNING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND STUDIES

- Existing Amount - \$25,000
- Proposed Amount - \$50,000
- Amount Changed - +\$25,000
- Brockton Area Transit (BAT) has requested that Task 4200 be adjusted to include the provision of planning assistance to address/undertake alternatives analysis as identified in the CRTP, and to include additional funding. Task 4200 is funded by BAT.

Chairperson Wadsworth asked if there is a motion to approve the FFY 2016 Old Colony UPWP Adjustment. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to approve the FFY 2016 Old Colony UPWP Adjustment.

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

Chairperson Wadsworth stated that the MassDOT Capital Investment Plan (CIP) public comment period closed last Friday. Over 500 written comments were received in addition to comments that were received at publicly held meetings.

Charles Kilmer stated that the Chapter 90 amount included in the CIP is \$200 Million, and noted that the communities are interested in a higher amount.

The next MPO meetings are scheduled for June 21st and July 26th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner