

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

**Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, April 18, 2017 - 10:00 A.M.
At Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA**

Members Present:

David Mohler, 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 Frank Staffier, President, OCPC
Glenn Geiler, Representing Ray Ledoux, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chairman, Whitman Board of Selectmen
Ken Miller, FHWA, Massachusetts Division

Others Present:

Bill Shine, Independence Associates
Phil Sheppard, Massasoit Community College
Noreen O'Toole, Stoughton
Gary St. Fleur, MassRIDES
Shaun D. Handy, MassDOT District 5
Timothy Kochan, MassDOT District 5
Bruce Hughes, Old Colony Planning Council
Bill McNulty, Old Colony Planning Council
David Nolan, Old Colony Planning Council
Charles Kilmer, Old Colony Planning Council
Kyle Mowatt, Old Colony Planning Council
Ray Guarino, Old Colony Planning Council

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Mohler 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.

3. Minutes of the March 21, 2017 Meeting

Chairman Mohler asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting. The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the March 21, 2017 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Glenn Geiler invited everyone to the unveiling of BAT's new transit coaches on May 5th at the BAT Intermodal Centre. Short rides on the buses will be provided.

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The BAT Advisory Board recently accepted the Title VI Report completed by OCPC. Glenn Geiler thanked Paul Chenard for his work on the report.

5. Draft FFY 2018 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- **Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Charles Kilmer discussed the Draft FFY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Two projects that OCPC is looking to include in Element 3000 is the Route 106 Corridor Study from Route 3A in Kingston to Route 28 in West Bridgewater, and an update of the Old Colony Regional Policy Plan.

Ken Miller stated that under Task 3500 it would be good to see something specifically related to FHWA Performance Management Rules in the document.

Chairman Mohler asked if the two vacancies at OCPC will be filled. Pat Ciaramella stated that they will be filled.

Chairman Mohler asked if there is a motion to release the Draft FFY 2018 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to a 21-day public review and comment period. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to release the Draft FFY 2018 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to a 21-day public review and comment period.

6. Draft FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1

- **Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Charles Kilmer discussed the Draft FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1 regarding the Brockton - Stormwater Improvements along Route 28 Project (608134). Amendment 1 is as follows:

- Remove Project as it is being deactivated and is being replaced by Marlborough-Sudbury Stormwater Improvements along Route 20 (608217) which will be programmed in the Boston MPO's TIP.

Chairman Mohler asked if there is a motion to release the Draft FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1 to a 21-day public review and comment period. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to release the Draft FFY 2017-2021 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1 to a 21-day public review and comment period.

7. Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- **Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

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Charles Kilmer provided an overview of the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony TIP and then described the highway and bridge. The highway and bridge are as follows:

2018

1. Easton - Route 138 @ Union Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements (607438)
 - o \$2,160,421
2. Pembroke - Route 53 at Pleasant Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements (607337)
 - o \$2,264,709
3. Plymouth - Improvements on Obery Street, from South Street to A.C. Caranci Way/Plymouth North H.S. Drive Intersection (606264)
 - o \$4,800,000
4. Whitman - Traffic Signal Improvements & Related Work on Bedford Street (Route 18) at 2 Locations: Auburn Street (Route 14) & Temple Street (Route 27) (607860)
 - o \$3,994,260

2019

1. Abington/ Brockton - North Quincy Street, Chestnut Street, and Boundary Avenue Roundabout and Geometric Improvements (608143)
 - o \$1,208,902
2. Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street (608086)
 - o \$1,907,558
3. Brockton - Corridor Improvements on Route 123 (Belmont Street), from Angus Beaton Drive to West Street (608088)
 - o \$4,609,131
4. East Bridgewater - Resurfacing and Sidewalk Construction on Bedford Street (Route 18), from Whitman Street (Route 106) to Central Street (607941)
 - o \$5,371,668

2020

1. Easton - Route 123 (Depot Street) Reconstruction from Newell Circle to Route 138 (607217)
 - o \$7,890,479

2021

1. Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/ Quincy Street/ Massasoit Boulevard (606143)
 - o \$4,271,388
2. Kingston - Bridge Replacement, K-01-014, Smiths Lane over Route 3 (Pilgrim Highway) (608615)
 - o \$11,024,500
3. Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 from Lincoln Street to Central Street, Including Intersection Improvements @ Route 138 & Central Street (607403)
 - o \$5,040,000

2022

1. Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) from Route 27 to Route 14 (600380)

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- \$8,039,445

Ken Miller stated that it seems as though that from 2019 and later, all of the projects are in the \$4-6 Million range. It would make sense to try and identify \$1-2 Million projects to fully utilize the target funding. Discussion followed.

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The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to release the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to a 21-day public review and comment period.

8. Proposed Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFCS) and Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCS)

- **Review and potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Ray Guarino provided an overview of the proposed CRFCS and CUFCS.

The National Highway Freight Network is made up of four components:

1. **The Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS)**: The most critical highway portions of the U.S. freight transportation system. 41,518 centerline miles (37,436 Interstate centerline miles; 4,082 non-Interstate centerline miles)
2. **The Remaining portion of Interstate roads not included in the PHFS**: 9,511 Interstate centerline miles
3. **Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRSCs)**: Public roads not in an urbanized area which provide access and connection to the PHFS and the Interstate with other important ports, public transportation facilities, or other intermodal freight facilities
4. **Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCS)**: Public roads in urbanized areas which provide access and connection to the PHFS and the Interstate with other ports, public transportation facilities, or other intermodal transportation facilities

Massachusetts is allocated 150 miles of Critical Rural Freight Corridor (CRFC) mileage and 75 miles of Critical Urban Freight Corridor Mileage (CUFC). Old Colony is allocated 0.84 miles of CRFC and 3.44 miles of CUFC. This is based on Old Colony's centerline mileage as a percentage of Massachusetts as a whole.

Chairman Mohler asked if there is a motion to release the Proposed Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFCS) and Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCS) to a 21-day public review and comment period. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to release the Proposed Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFCS) and Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCS) to a 21-day public review and comment period.

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

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Eldon Moreira asked Pam Haznar if she has any updates on the West Bridgewater Bridge Replacement Project on Route 106 as it is impacting local businesses. Pam Haznar stated that she does not have any specifics, but knows that there will be a three week closure of the bridge and detour.

Charles Kilmer noted that there is a GATRA list of projects in the back of Agenda Item 7. This list of projects will be included in the appendices of the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Discussion followed

The next meeting will be on May 16th at 10:00 AM.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Mohler adjourned the meeting at 10:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the April 18, 2017 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of March 21, 2017 Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for April 18, 2017 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- MassDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Look! Brochure