

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, October 17, 2017 - 10:00 A.M.
At Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

Members Present:

Bill Carpenter, Mayor, City of Brockton
Lee Hartmann, Town of Plymouth, Representing Kenneth Tavares, Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Eldon Moreira, Chairman, West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chairman, Whitman Board of Selectmen
Stephen Woelfel, Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pamela Haznar, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director, OCPC, Representing Frank Staffier, President, OCPC
Ray Ledoux, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Nelson Hoffman, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Others Present:

Bill Shine, Independence Associates
Nick Palantzas, Massasoit Community College
Noreen O'Toole, Town of Stoughton
Timothy Kochan, MassDOT District 5
Chike Odunukwe, City of Brockton
Valerie Massard, Town of Duxbury
Derek Krevat, MassDOT
Quinn Molloy, MassDOT
Bill McNulty, Old Colony Planning Council
Charles Kilmer, Old Colony Planning Council
Kyle Mowatt, Old Colony Planning Council
Ray Guarino, Old Colony Planning Council
Shawn Bailey, Old Colony Planning Council
Jimmy Pereira, Old Colony Planning Council
Paul Chenard, Old Colony Planning Council
Laurie Muncy, Old Colony Planning Council

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement and Title VI Notice of Protections Statement. Those in attendance then introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes of the May 16, 2017 Meeting

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Chairman Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting. The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the May 16, 2017 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Vice-Chairman Ray Ledoux provided a report on BAT activities:

- Ridership on Paratransit and fixed route service is down slightly. This is happening throughout the state currently.
- BAT recently hosted a Road Safety Audit. BAT would really like to host another one in the future.
- The limited English proficiency office at the BAT Centre is currently under renovation.
- BAT will be utilizing the WeDriveU Services to provide transportation to people going to the Amazon site in Stoughton. There will be 5 trips in the morning, afternoon, and evening. WeDriveU will be providing BAT with ridership reports for those trips.

5. Election of Old Colony MPO Vice-Chairman

Lee Hartmann nominated Ray Ledoux as the Old Colony MPO Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Woelfel asked if there is a motion to elect Ray Ledoux as the Old Colony MPO Vice-Chairman. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to elect Ray Ledoux as the Old Colony MPO Vice-Chairman.

6. MassDOT District 5 Briefing on Projects Under Construction or Design

Pam Haznar provided a briefing on projects under construction or design.

BROCKTON - SIGNAL & INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET)/ LINWOOD STREET/ LORRAINE AVENUE

- Utilities are being relocated
- Drainage to be redesigned

AVON - INSTALLATION OF A MEDIAN BARRIER ON HARRISON BOULEVARD

- Construction has started
- Over 600 Feet was installed in one evening

PLYMOUTH - RESURFACING & RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 3

- Main line has been milled
- Drainage structures are being constructed
- Bridge work will be done next Spring

WEST BRIDGEWATER - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, W-18-012, ROUTE 106 (WEST CENTER STREET) OVER THE HOCKOMOCK RIVER

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- This project is complete
- Eldon Moreira thanked MassDOT for getting this project done

PEMBROKE - RECONSTRUCTION ON ROUTE 14, FROM THE HANSON T.L. TO WASHINGTON STREET (ROUTE 53)

- Drainage being constructed
- Meeting with town and local legislature on how roadway will be secured for winter
- Looking at sub-service utility exploration. This could save money in the long run.

BROCKTON - SIGNAL UPGRADES AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), V.A. HOSPITAL & THE ROUTE 123/MANLEY STREET INTERSECTION

- Paving begins tonight on Manley Street

PLYMOUTH, KINGSTON, CARVER, PLYMPTON - RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 44 (FROM MM 28.8 TO 36.4)

- At PS&E Design Stage

EASTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT WASHINGTON STREET (ROUTE 138) AND UNION STREET

- At 100% Design Stage

PLYMOUTH - IMPROVEMENTS ON OBERY STREET, FROM SOUTH STREET TO A.C. CARANCI WAY/PLYMOUTH NORTH H.S. DRIVE INTERSECTION

- At 100% Design Stage

WHITMAN - TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS & RELATED WORK ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18) AT 2 LOCATIONS: AUBURN STREET (ROUTE 14) & TEMPLE STREET (ROUTE 27)

- At 100% Design Stage

BROCKTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET

- At 25% Design Stage

BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT NORTH QUINCY STREET, BOUNDARY AVENUE AND CHESTNUT STREET

- Commented on 25% Design
- Design public hearing in next couple of months

BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/ QUINCY STREET/ MASSASOIT BOULEVARD

- Waiting for updated schedule from Designer

EAST BRIDGEWATER - RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18, FROM WHITMAN STREET (ROUTE 106) TO CENTRAL STREET

- Working towards 75% Design Stage

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AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HARISON BOULEVARD AND POND STREET

- At 25% Design Stage
- Town has interest in expanding the Pond Street leg to add lane to go to industrial park. Waiting to hear from town regarding this

EASTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON DEPOT STREET (ROUTE 123), FROM NEWELL CIRCLE TO WASHINGTON STREET (ROUTE 138)

- Waiting for revised schedule from designer

STOUGHTON - IMPROVEMENTS AT WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SRTS)

- Waiting on 25% Design Plans

STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138

- Waiting on 25% Design Plans

STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE

- Waiting for Design Schedule

7. Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1

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

Charles Kilmer reviewed the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1. The FFY 2018-2022 TIP Amendment 1 adds the Brockton Main Street Circulation Study (Federal Earmark MA-214) Funding for Design Project, and adds six (6) projects that were awarded as part of the 2017 Community Transit Grant Program.

1. CITY OF BROCKTON

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - MA-214, BROCKTON MAIN STREET CIRCULATION STUDY (FEDERAL EARMARK) FOR DESIGN
- COST IS \$476,691.99 (\$381,353.59 FEDERAL; \$95,338.40 CITY OF BROCKTON)

2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS (7)
- COST IS \$462,800 (\$370,240 FEDERAL; \$92,560 STATE)

3. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AVON-STOUGHTON SERVICE
- COST IS \$52,000 (\$26,000 FEDERAL; \$26,000 LOCAL)

4. 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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5. OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (VTP)
- COST IS \$64,000 (\$32,000 FEDERAL; \$32,000 LOCAL)

6. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT SSCAC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
- COST IS \$80,000 (\$40,000 FEDERAL; \$40,000 LOCAL)

7. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT VAN (7)
- COST IS \$449,400 (\$359,520 FEDERAL; \$89,880 LOCAL)

Mayor Bill Carpenter stated that money has finally been approved for the design of a project to make two way traffic on Main Street in Brockton. The City of Brockton requests that this project be added to the TIP Amendment so we can utilize these dollars.

Dan Salvucci asked if the one-way pattern on Main Street is hurting businesses. Mayor Bill Carpenter responded that a two-way traffic pattern would be more advantageous to the businesses.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1 and to release it for a 21-day public review and comment period. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to endorse the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1 and to release for a 21-day public review and comment period.

8. **Massachusetts Project Intake Tool (MaPIT) Overview and Presentation**

▪ **Quinn Molloy, MassDOT-Office of Transportation Planning**

Quinn Molloy provided an overview and presentation on the Massachusetts Project Intake Tool (MaPIT). The new Project Intake Tool is a web-based application that streamlines the process of completing Project Need Forms (PNFs) and the Project Initiation Form (PIFs).

The MaPIT tool populated information compiled by MassDOT through GIS and screens for information relative to condition of assets, mobility and bikes, safety, and economic, social equality and environmental issues. MaPIT will expedite project initiation, environmental permitting, scoring and project delivery, according to MassDOT. Features and benefits of MaPIT include:

- Automatic Project Need Form screening against all relevant GIS layers:
 - Existing facility information
 - Condition of assets
 - Mobility & Bike/Ped

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- Safety
 - Economic
 - Social Equity
 - Environmental
- Maps project location for MassDOT and public viewing
 - Automatic transfer of information from PNF to PIF
 - Saves additional PIF time, allowing proponent to reference geoprocessing
 - Paperless and easy to track where the proponent is in the approval process
 - Once approved, project is assigned a number and information is automatically transferred to the MassDOT Project Info Software System
 - Expedites Project initiation, environmental permitting, scoring, and project delivery

Pat Ciaramella commended MassDOT for putting this tool together. This is a great opportunity for MassDOT and communities to minimize errors in the project initiation process.

Charles Kilmer stated that this concept is consistent with USDOTs Everybody Counts Initiative.

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

Charles Kilmer highlighted two items in the staff report. MassDOT Highway ADA Transition Plan Public Meeting will be held at Independence Associates in East Bridgewater on October 26, at 4:30 p.m. There will be a Transportation Sector Emissions Listening Session on November 9, at 6:00 p.m. at the West Middle School in Brockton.

The next Old Colony MPO meeting will be held on November 21, 2017.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the October 17, 2017 Old Colony MPO Meeting

Minutes of May 16, 2017 Old Colony MPO Meeting
Staff Report for October 17, 2017 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
MassDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Look! Brochure
Communications Package
Transportation Sector Emissions Listening Sessions Handout