

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, November 21, 2017 - 10:00 A.M.
At Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Glenn Geiler, BAT
Chike Odunukwe, City of Brockton
Sara Dewey, Conservation Law Foundation (CLF)
Bill Shine, Independence Associates
Nick Palantzas, Massasoit Community College
Derek Krevat, MassDOT
Timothy Kochan, MassDOT District 5
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
Bruce Hughes, 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, and Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Those in attendance then introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes of the October 17, 2017 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting. The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the October 17,

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4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Ray Ledoux gave a report on BAT activities:

- BAT has engaged OCPC to conduct a fare analysis and fare study. It is probable that fares will be increased for next fiscal year.
- BAT will be looking to enhance the Stoughton and Brockton connection. MBTA is going to be migrating from the Charlie Card system and start using a more modern system. The RTAs will also be looking to migrate to a more modern system.
- BAT is preparing for their Triennial review, which will take place sometime in June.

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

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

2017

PLYMOUTH – RECONSTRUCTION OF TAYLOR AVENUE, FROM WHITE HORSE ROAD TO MANOMET POINT ROAD, INCLUDES BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OF P-13-010

- Bid opening planned for January 23, 2018

2018

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

- At 100% Design

PLYMOUTH – RESURFACING & RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 3

- In Design Phase

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

- At 100% Design
- Town did not vote to take the right of way. There will be another town meeting on December 6th with another vote to take the right of way.

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

Pam Haznar stated that all of the 2019 projects are at 75% Design.

Ray Ledoux inquired about bicycle lane project on Main Street, and the bus shelter component of the Belmont Street Project in Brockton. Pam Haznar stated that she will get back to Ray Ledoux with an update.

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Pat Ciaramella asked if the 1st Phase of the Route 123 Project will be paved this year. Pam Haznar is not sure if the entire area will be paved this year. Pam Haznar will report back about this at the next meeting.

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

- **Public Comments and Potential Endorsement**

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)

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)

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- COST IS \$449,400 (\$359,520 FEDERAL; \$89,880 LOCAL)

Comments Received are as follows:

- Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) Board of Directors - Reviewed and approved the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1.
- Old Colony JTC – Reviewed and approved the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1. 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.

7. Draft FFY 2018 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Adjustment 1

- **Review and Potential Endorsement**

Charles Kilmer discussed the Draft FFY 2018 Old Colony UPWP Adjustment 1. MassDOT has provided a revised FTA 5303 allocation based on the recent full apportionment of the FFY 2017 FTA 5303. The revised FTA 5303 amount is \$3,013, with OCPC providing a match of \$753. As such, there is a need to adjust the FFY 2018 Old Colony UPWP by including the additional funding for Tasks: 1300 – Public Participation Program (PPP); 1400 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); 2100 – Demographic Surveillance & Road Inventory Update; and, 3100 - Regional Traffic Studies, ITS, and, Intermodal Planning. The proposed FFY 2018 UPWP Adjustment 1 is as follows:

- 1300 - Public Participation Program (PPP) - Existing Amount: \$58,889, Proposed Amount: \$59,472
- 1400 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Existing Amount: \$46,284, Proposed Amount: \$46,449
- 2100 - Demographic Surveillance & Road Inventory Update - Existing Amount: \$27,778, Proposed Amount: \$28,598
- 3100 - Regional Traffic Studies, ITS, and, Intermodal Planning - Existing Amount: \$71,111, Proposed Amount: \$73,310

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse the Draft FFY 2018 Old Colony UPWP Adjustment 1. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to endorse the Draft FFY 2018 Old Colony UPWP Amendment 1.

8. Boston Urbanized Area Coordination Memorandum of Understanding Update

Charles Kilmer discussed the Draft Boston Urbanized Area Coordination Memorandum of Understanding.

With the 2010 US Census Urbanized Area Designations, the Boston UZA, now includes seven (7) MPOs in Massachusetts (Boston, Central Mass, Merrimack Valley, Montachusett, Northern

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Middlesex, Old Colony, and Southeastern Massachusetts), three (3) MPOs in New Hampshire, and one (1) in Rhode Island. As such, an update to the 2003 Boston Urbanized Area Coordination Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is underway to include these additional areas.

Charles Kilmer stated that in the 2003 MOU it talks about how the current regional planning boundaries will be maintained in the MPO. This language is not present in the new one. OCPC will recommend that similar language be included in the new MOU. Additionally, it will be recommended to include language regarding that no community can belong to more than one MPO.

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

Dan Salvucci thanked OCPC for re-electing him to the MPO Board.

The next Old Colony MPO meeting will be held on January 16, 2018.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the November 21, 2017 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of October 17, 2017 Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Reports for November 21, 2017 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- MassDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Look! Brochure