

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, March 20, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.
At Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

Members Present:

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:

Bill Fitzgerald, Avon
Ed Thorne, Pembroke
Marc Tisdelle, Stoughton
Chris Iannitelli, West Bridgewater
Glenn Geiler, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Amy Lavra Cahn, Conservation Law Foundation (CLF)
Derek Krevat, MassDOT
Timothy Kochan, MassDOT District 5
Charles Kilmer, Old Colony Planning Council
Shawn Bailey, Old Colony Planning Council
Paul Chenard, Old Colony Planning Council
Bruce Hughes, Old Colony Planning Council
Lisa Sullivan, Old Colony Planning Council
Raymond Guarino, 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 the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Those in attendance then introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes of the January 16, 2018 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting. The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the January 16, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

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4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Vice-Chair Ledoux provided a report on BAT activities:

- BAT is reviewing certain technologies that are being deployed across the country. One technology is an early warning device for pedestrians and vehicles that they are testing on their fleet.
- BAT provided a handout announcement for three (3) upcoming public meetings regarding potential fare and service reductions. The dates and locations of the meetings are Thursday, March 29th at Stoughton Town Hall and Wednesday, April 4th & Monday April 23rd, both at the BAT Intermodal Centre. BAT's last fare increase was seven (7) years ago. BAT states that upcoming economic pressures as the reason for the fare increase. BAT is looking to increase its fixed-route cash fare from \$1.25 to \$1.50, keep the pass program (including CharlieCard fares) the same for FY19, and increase the pass program in FY20. BAT has engaged OCPC to conduct an equity analysis to determine if there is a disparate impact on minorities or a disproportionate burden on low-income riders. BAT hopes to encourage its passengers who do not currently use electronic fare media to switch to it since it is, and will continue to be, a less expensive fare.
- OCPC is conducting an equity analysis for the service reductions, which will use the Census Tracts, to determine if there is a disparate impact on minorities or a disproportionate burden on low-income riders.

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

Pamela Haznar gave a report of upcoming projects and their status:

- This month's PRC meeting approved the project in Brockton - Plymouth Street and Centre Street improvements. Correspondence will be sent out shortly.
- All of the 2018 projects are in good shape.
- Other Projects:
 - East Bridgewater - Resurfacing and Sidewalk Construction on Bedford Street (Route 18), From Whitman Street (Route 106) to Central Street: Design public hearing has been rescheduled.
 - Brockton - Corridor Improvements on Route 123 (Belmont Street), Phase 3: Has a design public hearing upcoming.
 - Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street: Will extend two-lane cross section across the street. MassDOT is reviewing comments, will receive comments up until next week.
 - Easton - Route 123 (Depot Street) Reconstruction from Newell Circle to Route 138: This project will be at 75% design by this summer.
 - Stoughton - Safe Routes to School: The survey will be released soon.
 - Brockton - Intersection Improvements at Crescent Street (Route 27)/ Quincy Street/ Massasoit Boulevard: There will be a meeting with the city, the project is looking to advance

- Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138: 25% design submission will be received in May.
- Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) From Route 27 to Route 14: The project is moving along.
- Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive: MassDOT is waiting for a schedule.

Charles Kilmer asked if anything would hold up any of the 2018 projects. Pamela Haznar replied by stating that everything looks good. Pamela mentioned that the Pembroke and Easton projects are at PS&E, the Obery Street project in Plymouth is looking to secure right-of-way, and that the Whitman project is currently receiving public comments. Discussion followed.

6. FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and/ or Adjustments

▪ Amendment 2 Review and Potential Release to 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period

Charles Kilmer discussed Amendment 2. Amendment 2 follows:

1. WHITMAN- TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS & RELATED WORK ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18) AT 2 LOCATIONS: AUBURN STREET (ROUTE 14) & TEMPLE STREET (ROUTE 27) (607860)
 - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST - Increase cost from \$3,964,260 to \$6,064,548.
2. PLYMOUTH- IMPROVEMENTS ON OBERY STREET, FROM SOUTH STREET TO A.A. CARANCI WAY/PLYMOUTH NORTH H.S. DRIVE INTERSECTION (606264)
 - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST AND ADD FUNDING PROGRAM - Increase cost from \$4,800,000 to \$5,990,816, and add \$330,691 in Statewide STP funding.
3. EASTON- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT WASHINGTON STREET (ROUTE 138) AND UNION STREET (607438)
 - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST AND ADD FUNDING PROGRAM- Increase cost from \$2,160,421 to \$2,659,239, and add \$498,818 in Statewide STP funding.

Dan Salvucci asked about the Whitman project, wondering if the project will increase in cost with water and sewer lines. Pamela Haznar stated that it should not increase the cost. Pamela Haznar then followed up by stating that whatever the estimate is during the development should not affect the bid by the contractor.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to approve Amendment 2. A motion was made and it was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to approve Amendment 2 and release it to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

7. Development of FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

▪ Preferred Set of Projects

Charles Kilmer discussed the Preferred Set of Projects for the FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony TIP, and noted that the MPO will review and release the confirmed list of projects in April. Charles Kilmer also stated that the list of preferred projects would be finalized from today's discussion.

The Preferred set of Draft FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony TIP Projects is as follows:

2019

- **ABINGTON/BROCKTON** - NORTH QUINCY STREET, CHESTNUT STREET, AND BOUNDARY AVENUE ROUNDABOUT AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS
- **EAST BRIDGEWATER** - RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18), FROM WHITMAN STREET (ROUTE 106) TO CENTRAL STREET (\$7,763,091 REGIONAL TARGET: \$3,000,000 STATEWIDE CMAQ)

2020

- **BROCKTON** - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (\$6,219,537 REGIONAL TARGET; \$951,200 STATEWIDE CMAQ)
- **BROCKTON** - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/QUINCY STREET/ MASSASOIT BOULEVARD
- **AVON** – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HARRISON BOULEVARD AND POND STREET

2021

- **EASTON** - ROUTE 123 (DEPOT STREET) RECONSTRUCTION FROM NEWELL CIRCLE TO ROUTE 138
- **STOUGHTON** - IMPROVEMENTS AT WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SRTS)
- **KINGSTON** - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, K-01-014, SMITHS LANE OVER ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY)

2022

- **STOUGHTON** - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138
- **STOUGHTON** - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE

2023

- **PEMBROKE** - REHABILITATION OF ROUTE 36 (CENTER STREET) FROM ROUTE 27 TO ROUTE 14

Derek Krevat asked if the East Bridgewater and Brockton Route 123 projects can incorporate State funds, Charles Kilmer stated that State funds could be used.

Pamela Haznar stated that MassDOT looked at the right of way plans for the East Bridgewater projects and added that it is a straightforward project. Pamela Haznar also mentioned that there are temporary easements on the corridor for utilities, which is the reason why MassDOT recommended programming in 2020.

Pat Ciaramella stated that one problem with shuffling projects around is that there are no projects ready

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that can take their place. Pat Ciaramella stated that no one wants to see the region lose the allocation, and recommend that the Route 18 project be programmed in 2019.

Discussion followed.

8. Development of FFY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

▪ Universe of Projects

Charles Kilmer discussed the contents of the FFY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), including a scope of work and budgetary information for the transportation planning tasks and activities. The list of Element 3000 List of Universal Projects were identified through previous traffic studies and Regional Transportation Plans.

Charles Kilmer summarized the two items that will be brought into the FFY 2019 UPWP, and those projects are the Human Service Coordination Plan and the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Charles Kilmer stated that Element 3000 projects vary each year, while Elements 1000 and 2000 contain similar tasks each.

Pat Ciaramella asked about the upcoming Census and if the State is taking any special initiatives for the Census in regards to total population counts with the issue of immigration and hesitancy to disclose. Pat Ciaramella followed that up by asking if the State anticipates any issues with that. Chairperson Woelfel responded with the State does not anticipate any issues.

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

The next MPO meetings will be held on April 17, 2018 and May 15, 2018.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Bailey

Shawn Bailey, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the March 20, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of January 16, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for March 20, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items