

# OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, 10:00 A.M, July 17, 2018  
At Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

## Members Present:

Stephen Woelfel, Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT  
Robert Wheeler, Representing Jonathan L. Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division  
Lee Hartmann, Representing Chairman Kenneth Tavares, Plymouth Board of Selectmen  
Eldon Moreira, Vice-Chairman, West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen  
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chairman, Whitman Board of Selectmen  
Michael Lambert, Representing Ray Ledoux, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)  
Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director, OCPC, Representing Frank Staffier, President, OCPC  
Nelson Hoffman, Representing Jeff McEwen, MA Division Administrator, FHWA

## Others Present:

Paul Umano, Brockton  
Dottie Fulginiti, Easton, Board of Selectmen  
Heather Hamilton, BSC Group  
Bill Shine, Independence Associates  
Mary Ellen DeFrias, MassDevelopment  
Tim Kochan, MassDOT District 5  
Derek Krevat, MassDOT-OTP  
Emily Budzynkiewicz, MassDOT SRTS  
Moss Lynch, MassDOT SRTS  
Shawn Bailey, Old Colony Planning Council  
Paul Chenard, Old Colony Planning Council  
Ray Guarino, Old Colony Planning Council  
Bruce Hughes, Old Colony Planning Council  
Charles Kilmer, Old Colony Planning Council  
Bill McNulty, Old Colony Planning Council  
Kyle Mowatt, Old Colony Planning Council  
Laurie Muncy, Old Colony Planning Council  
Jimmy Pereira, Old Colony Planning Council  
Lisa Sullivan, Old Colony Planning Council

## 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. and then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Those in attendance then introduced themselves. Chairperson Woelfel then asked for a moment of silence for the Weymouth Police Officer and the Weymouth resident.

## 2. Public Comments

Charles Kilmer recognized BAT for their continued efforts regarding bicycle and pedestrian safety.

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## 3. Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the Old Colony MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting. The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the May 15, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

## 4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert provided a report on BAT activities:

- A fare increase and service changes went into effect on July 1, 2018.
- Working with OCPC on developing the annual ridership report.
- Preparing NTD data submittal to assist with the determination of federal funding allocation.

## 5. MassDOT District 5 Briefing on Projects under Design and Construction

Robert Wheeler provided a briefing on projects under design and construction. They are as follows:

### 2018

#### **Pembroke - Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 53**

- Project was advertised for construction bids in March
- Construction bids were opened in June and P.A. Landers was the low bidder

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

- Project is at 100% Design
- Advertisement date is August 18, 2018

#### **Easton - Intersection Improvements at Washington Street (Route 138) and Union Street**

- MassDOT has completed review of the PS&E
- Advertisement date is September 8, 2018

### 2019

#### **Abington/Brockton - Intersection Improvements at North Quincy Street, Boundary Avenue, and Chestnut Street**

- MassDOT received 75% Design Plans earlier this month and they are under review

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

- MassDOT has received the 75% Design Plans on June 14, 2018 and they are under review

### 2020

#### **Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/ Quincy Street/ Massasoit**

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## **Boulevard**

- Project is at 25% Design

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

- Design Public Hearing took place in April
- MassDOT is awaiting the 75% Design Plans, which are currently overdue

## **2021**

## **Easton - Corridor Improvements on Depot Street (Route 123), from Newell Circle to Washington Street (Route 138)**

- The Design Public Hearing was held in June
- MassDOT is awaiting the 75% Design Plans

## **2022**

## **Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive**

- MassDOT has received 25% Design Plans and they are under review

## **Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138**

- 25% Design Plans are due in September

## **2023**

## **Brockton - Intersection Improvements at Centre Street (Route 123) and Plymouth Street**

- The MassDOT Project Review Committee (PRC) approved this project in March
- MassDOT is awaiting the 25% Design Plans

## **Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) from Route 27 to Route 14**

- Project is at 75% Design
- MassDOT is awaiting the 100% Design Plans

Dan Salvucci asked about the Whitman - Traffic Signal Improvements & Related Work on Bedford Street (Route 18) at 2 Locations: Auburn Street (Route 14) & Temple Street (Route 27) Project. Robert Wheeler replied that the project would likely be starting in the Spring 2019, as the project is scheduled to be advertised at the end of August 2018.

## **6. Old Colony MPO Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive (3C) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update**

Charles Kilmer provided an update on the Old Colony MPO Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive (3C) MOU. The existing 2011 Old Colony MPO MOU calls for the periodic review of its contents, and the updating as may be mutually agreeable. As such, a review and update process has commenced and a

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Draft MOU has been prepared. Following review and comment, the Draft MOU will be revised, and subsequently circulated to chief elected officials, BAT, GATRA, MassDOT, FHWA, FTA, JTC, and the MPO for additional review. Following the second review, a revised Draft MOU will be prepared and presented to the MPO for consideration of endorsement.

### **7. 2016 Old Colony Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment 1**

#### **▪ Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Charles Kilmer presented and discussed the 2016 Old Colony RTP Amendment 1, and referenced the attached Air Quality Conformity determination prepared by MassDOT and the MPOs. Amendment 1 was necessitated because since the endorsement of the RTP in 2015, new guidance has been released by the FHWA and the FTA regarding transportation conformity requirements.

The United States Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit issued a decision in the South Coast Air Quality Management District v. EPA, which struck down portions of the 2008 Ozone NAAQS SIP Requirements Rule concerning the ozone NAAQS. Because of this new court ruling, Massachusetts is required to perform a transportation conformity determination on the 2016 RTP, and on any new RTP and transportation improvement program (TIP), updates, and amendments that include the addition of a project that is not exempt (also known as a regionally significant project) from transportation conformity.

As such, the Old Colony MPO is respectfully asked to review and subsequently release the 2016 RTP Amendment 1 to a 21-day public review and comment period.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to release the 2016 RTP Amendment 1 to a 21-day public review and comment period. A motion was made and then seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to release the 2016 RTP Amendment 1 to a 21-day public review and comment period.

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

#### **▪ Adjustment 3 - Review and Potential Approval**

Charles Kilmer presented and discussed TIP Adjustment 3. The Adjustments are as follows:

1. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - ACQUIRE - MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT
  - ADJUSTMENT: INCREASE COST - Increase Total Cost from \$80,000 to \$150,000; Increase State Funds from \$16,000 to \$86,000.
2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - ACQUIRE REPLACEMENT 40-FT BUSES (4)
  - ADJUSTMENT: DECREASE COST - Decrease Total Cost from \$2,050,000 to \$1,851,020; Decrease State Funds from \$1,640,000 to \$1,441,020.
3. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - ACQUIRE 35-FT BUSES FOR EXPANSION (2) HYBRID

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- ADJUSTMENT: DECREASE COST - Decrease Total Cost from \$1,400,000 to \$1,374,980; Decrease State Funds from \$1,120,000 to \$1,094,980.
4. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - REHAB/RENOVATE - BUS TERMINAL - Concrete, pavers, pavement
- ADJUSTMENT: INCREASE COST - Increase Total Cost from \$50,000 to \$204,000; Increase State Funds from \$10,000 to \$164,000.
5. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - ACQUIRE REPLACEMENT 35-FT BUSES (6)
- ADJUSTMENT: DECREASE COST - Decrease Total Cost from \$3,000,000 to \$2,925,000; Decrease State Funds from \$2,400,000 to \$2,325,000.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to approve the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony TIP Adjustment 3.

A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously to approve the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony TIP Adjustment 3.

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

Charles Kilmer stated that the next MPO Meeting would be held on August 21, 2018.

### 10. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

### List of Documents for the July 17, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of May 15, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Reports for July 17, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items