

# OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, October 16, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.  
At Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

## Signatories Present:

David Mohler, Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT  
Robert Wheeler, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division  
Eldon Moreira, Vice-Chairman, 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, Representing Chairman Kenneth Tavares, Plymouth Board of Selectmen

## Others Present:

Glenn Geiler, BAT  
Chike Odunukwe, Brockton  
Ed Thorne, Pembroke  
Noreen O'Toole, Stoughton  
Cassandra Gascon, MassDOT  
Derek Krevat, MassDOT  
John Moran, MassDOT  
Ben Muller, MassDOT  
Tim Kochan, MassDOT District 5  
Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber of Commerce  
Charles Kilmer, Old Colony Planning Council  
Kyle Mowatt, Old Colony Planning Council  
Shawn Bailey, Old Colony Planning Council  
Bill McNulty, Old Colony Planning Council  
Paul Chenard, Old Colony Planning Council  
Ray Guarino, Old Colony Planning Council  
Jimmy Pereira, Old Colony Planning Council  
Bruce Hughes, Old Colony Planning Council

## 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Mohler called the meeting to order at 10:04 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

Charles Kilmer welcomed Ben Muller as the new MPO Liaison and thanked the outgoing MPO Liaison Derek Krevat for his many efforts and professionalism during his time as the liaison.

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## 3. Minutes of the September 18, 2018 Meeting

Chairperson Mohler asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting. The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the September 18, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

## 4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

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

- Ray Ledoux has been appointed on the task force for Performance and Funding for Regional Transit Authorities. There are 16 members on this task force, and the meetings occur every week
- BAT may apply for funding to extend the service with Bridgewater State University
- BAT is looking to acquire an automated passenger counter
- There is a 1.5% decline in ridership through the beginning of this month. This may be a temporary decline due to the fare increase
- BAT has put twenty (20) new transit coaches in service. BAT is working to sustain and generate additional ridership.

## 5. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure Application Process

Cassandra Gascon provided an overview on the SRTS Infrastructure Application Process.

Safe Routes to School is a federally funded program established in 2005 as part of SAFETEA-LU. SRTS today is funded with Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds.

The application period for SRTS is coming in November 2018, and there will be a new application format utilizing the Massachusetts Project Intake Tool (MaPIT). This format streamlines and simplifies the application process. The application period is open for 45 days. Submissions are reviewed by SRTS Project Selection Committee, which is comprised of various MassDOT main office staff. Selected projects will advance to complete PNF & PIF. Projects will then be presented to Project Review Committee for approval.

Vice-Chairperson Ray Ledoux asked if MassDOT is willing to collaborate with BAT to help at their Bike Rodeo, which is scheduled to take place on April 7, 2019. Cassandra Gascon stated that MassDOT would definitely collaborate with BAT.

Dan Salvucci asked who would be applying for these funds. Cassandra Gascon stated that the school would be the applicant. Dan Salvucci then asked if this includes state highways. Cassandra Gascon stated that it does include state highways. The project area just has to be within 2 miles of the school.

## 6. Performance Based Planning and MassDOT Proposed PM3 Targets

- **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Set of Federally Required Performance Targets Pertaining to Bridge and Pavement Conditions on the National Highway System (NHS) Performance Measures (PM2)**

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Jack Moran provided a presentation on the proposed set of federally required performance targets pertaining to bridge and pavement conditions on the NHS PM2.

The State targets for NHS Bridge Condition are as follows:

Measure	Current Condition	2020	2022
% Good	15.22	15	16
% Poor	12.37	13	12

The State targets for NHS Pavements are as follows:

## Interstate (FHWA Full Distress)

Measure	Current Condition	2020	2022
% Good	74.2	70	70
% Poor	0.1	4	4

## Non-Interstate (FHWA IRI only)

Measure	Current Condition	2020	2022
% Good	32.9	30	30
% Poor	31.4	30	30

Conservative targets are chosen to account for risks associated with new measure (single year of data, unknown variability). Mid performance period will provide three years of condition data upon which future targets can more accurately be determined.

Ray Guarino asked if there is an interactive map to show road conditions. John Moran stated that MassDOT has PSI in the road inventory file. What we do not have yet is a means to translate our data to the federal measures. Federal highway is currently working on that. All data is located on the GeoDOT website.

Chairperson Mohler asked if there is a motion to adopt the proposed set of Federally Required Performance Targets Pertaining to Bridge and Pavement Conditions on the National Highway System (NHS) Performance Measures (PM2). A motion was made and was seconded.

*The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to adopt MassDOTs proposed set of Federally Required Performance Targets Pertaining to Bridge and Pavement Conditions on the National Highway System (NHS) Performance Measures (PM2).*

## 7. Development of 2020 Old Colony Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- **Public Outreach Schedule**
- **Socio-Economic Forecasts**

Bill McNulty provided the Public Outreach Schedule and Socio-Economic Forecasts for the 2020 Old

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Colony Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Dates for Informational Table Events are as follows:

- Brockton Area Transit Intermodal Centre – Dates to be Determined
- Downtown Brockton Festival – September 29, 2018
- Old Colony YMCA Open House – October 8, 2018
- Easton Bike Rodeo – October 13, 2018
- Bridgewater State University Homecoming and Family Day – October 13, 2018
- Metro South Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Expo (Brockton) – November 14, 2018

Dates for Public Workshops are as follows:

- Hanson Public Library – October 30, 2018
- Ames Free Library (Easton) – November 7, 2018
- Plymouth Main Library – November 20, 2018

The Old Colony Region has been one of the faster growing regions in the Commonwealth during the last two census periods (2000, 2010), and growth is forecast to continue through 2040. Overall, the University of Massachusetts' Donahue Institute expects about a 9.4% increase in population for the Old Colony region through 2040.

## **8. FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustments and/ or Amendments**

Charles Kilmer stated that there are no Adjustments and/ or Amendments for the FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony TIP at this time.

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

- **Draft 2018 Boston Urbanized Area (UZA) Coordination Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Charles Kilmer stated that the Draft 2018 Boston Urbanized Area (UZA) Coordination MOU is attached to the staff report and then provided an overview of the MOU. At a future meeting, the revised draft will be considered for endorsement.

Charles Kilmer stated that the next meeting would be held on November 20, 2018.

## **10. Adjournment**

Chairperson Mohler adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

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## **List of Documents for the October 16, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting**

1. Minutes of September 18, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting
2. Staff Report for October 16, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
3. Draft 2018 Boston Urbanized Area (UZA) MOU
4. Safe Routes to School Program Overview/Infrastructure Funding Slideshow
5. Massachusetts National Highway System Bridge and Pavement Condition Performance Targets Slideshow