

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

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

Signatories Present:

Benjamin Muller, Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pam Haznar, 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

Others Present:

Michael Damon, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Glenn Geiler, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Brandon Wilcox, FHWA
Tim Kochan, MassDOT District 5
Charles Kilmer, Old Colony Planning Council
Kyle Mowatt, Old Colony Planning Council
Shawn Bailey, Old Colony Planning Council
Bill McNulty, Old Colony Planning Council
Ray Guarino, Old Colony Planning Council
Jimmy Pereira, Old Colony Planning Council
Bruce Hughes, Old Colony Planning Council
Lisa Sullivan, Old Colony Planning Council

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chairperson Ray Ledoux called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 at this time.

3. Minutes of the October 16, 2018 Meeting

Vice Chairperson Ray Ledoux asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting. The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the October 16, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Vice Chairperson Ray Ledoux provided an update on BAT activities:

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- Ridership through October was level by the end of the month. The Ashmont Ridership is up about 2.5%. In a fare equity study, OCPC predicted ridership would decline 5.9% under a fare increase; however, the actual ridership has not declined as much as predicted. The combination of BAT's Customer Service program and multi-lingual BAT employees helps to encourage and maintain ridership.
- BAT received a grant from MassDOT to study Uber and Lyft impact in the service area. Brockton had 424,000 Uber/Lyft annual trips while Worcester has 875,000 Uber/Lyft annual trips.
- BAT will be applying for a grant to extend the Ashmont service and Stoughton service. Also applying for a grant for automated passenger counters.
- In the spring, BAT will be asking for Technical Assistance from the Commonwealth to update its Comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan (CRTP). BAT will be looking for assistance from OCPC.
- Ray Ledoux stated that he is a member on the Transit Task Force. Pat Ciaramella asked if all the RTAs are on the Task Force. Ray stated that there are six RTAs on the Task Force.

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

Pam Haznar provided a briefing on projects under design or construction. They are as follows:

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

- Bids opened on October 30, 2018
- Low bidder was Lawrence-Lynch Corp.

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

- Bids opening on December 4, 2018

Multiple Towns - Resurfacing on Route 3

- Bids opening on December 18, 2018

Whitman – Traffic Signal Improvements & Related Work on Bedford Street (Route 18) at 2 Locations: Auburn Street (Route 14) & Temple Street (Route 27)

- Bids opening today, November 20, 2018

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

- 100% Design is currently under review

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

- 100% Design Plans are expected on December 7, 2018

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

- Pat Ciaramella thanked MassDOT and District 5 for getting the other phases of the Route 123

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Project completed.

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

- Waiting for an update from the City

Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street

- Design Public Hearing is the next step

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

- Expecting the 75% Design submission in December

Kingston - Bridge Replacement, K-01-014, Smiths Lane over Route 3 (Pilgrim Highway)

- Cross sections have been approved by all parties

Stoughton - Improvements at West Elementary School (SRTS)

- Concepts have been reviewed in District 5 and Boston Office

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

- At 25% Design

Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138

- Expecting 75% Design Plans third week of December

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

- Approved by Project Review Committee (PRC) in Spring
- Waiting for an update from the City

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

- 100% Design submission is expected in April, 2019

6. Draft 2018 Boston Urbanized Area (UZA) Coordination Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- **Review and Potential Endorsement**

Charles Kilmer stated that a review and update to the 2003 Boston Urbanized Area Coordination Memorandum of Understanding was undertaken and a Draft 2018 Boston Urbanized Area Coordination Memorandum of Understanding was prepared, and previously provided to the MPO. The Old Colony MPO is respectfully asked to review the Draft MOU and then consider endorsement of said Draft MOU.

Pat Ciaramella made a motion to endorse the Draft 2018 Boston UZA Coordination MOU. Brandon Wilcox, on behalf of MassDOT, expressed his appreciation of efforts to get this endorsed. Boston MPO recently endorsed the MOU.

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The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to endorse the Draft 2018 Boston UZA Coordination MOU.

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

▪ Goals, Objectives, and Performance Metrics

Bill McNulty provided the Goals, Objectives, and Performance Metrics of the 2020 Old Colony LRTP.

On September 18, 2018, the Old Colony MPO voted to adopt and support MassDOT's performance measurement targets for System Performance Measures (PM3).

- Travel Time Reliability: 68% on Interstates and 80% on non-interstate National Highway System (NHS) roadways by 2022
- Truck Travel Time Reliability: 1.85 by 2022
- Peak Hour Excessive Delay (annual hours per capita): 18.31 by 2022
- Non Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) Travel: 35.1% by 2022

On October 16, 2018, the Old Colony MPO voted to adopt and support MassDOT's performance targets for Pavement and Bridge Performance (PM2).

Pavement Conditions on Interstates

- 70% in Good Condition
- 4% in Poor Condition

Pavement Conditions on Non-Interstate, National Highway System Surfaces

- 30% in Good Condition
- 30% in Poor Condition

Bridges on the National Highway System

- 16% in Good Condition
- 12% in Poor Condition

The following Goals were developed through a collaborative process during the development of the 2016 Old Colony LRTP.

- Goal 1: Safety and Security: To ensure that the transportation system and its users are safe and secure.
- Goal 2: System Preservation: To maintain the transportation system in a state of good repair.
- Goal 3: Regional Mobility and Congestion Management: To reduce congestion, improve mobility, and improve access to critical essential services.
- Goal 4: System Reliability: To improve the reliability of the transportation system.
- Goal 5: Economic Vitality: To ensure a transportation system that provides a viable framework for fostering and supporting regional economic development and economic vitality.
- Goal 6: Environmental Sustainability: To enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.
- Goal 7: Transportation System Equity: To provide comparable transportation access and service quality across the region regardless of income level or minority population.
- Goal 8: Reduced project delivery costs: To reduce project costs through a deliberate and thorough project evaluation process at the MPO planning level of project development.

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

Charles Kilmer stated that there are no known 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)

- MassDOT Draft Massachusetts Municipal Resource Guide for Bikeability
- MassTrails Grant Program

Ben Muller discussed the MassDOT Draft Massachusetts Municipal Resource Guide for Bikeability. The Municipal Resource Guide is a companion document to the Statewide Bicycle Transportation Plan currently in development that will recommend policies, programs, and projects for MassDOT to guide decision making and capital investments with the goals of creating high-comfort connected bike networks for people of all ages and abilities and increase the convenience and attractiveness of biking.

Ben Muller then discussed the MassTrails Grant Program. MassTrails provides matching grants to communities, public entities and non-profit organizations to design, create, and maintain the diverse network of trails, trail networks, and trails experiences used and enjoyed by Massachusetts residents and visitor. Applications are accepted annually for a variety of well-planned trail projects benefiting communities across the state.

Vice Chairperson Ledoux announced and recognized that Eldon Moreira is the longest serving selectmen in the Commonwealth.

Charles Kilmer announced that the next MPO meeting would be on January 15, 2019.

10. Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Ledoux adjourned the meeting at 10:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

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

1. Minutes of October 16, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting
2. Staff Report for November 20, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
3. Draft 2018 Boston Urbanized Area Coordination Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)