

# OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, January 15, 2019 - 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 L. 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  
Brandon Wilcox, FHWA  
Mary Ellen DeFrias, MassDevelopment  
Ben Muller, MassDOT  
Tim Kochan, MassDOT District 5  
Bill Mitchell, Massasoit Community College  
Noreen O'Toole, Stoughton  
Gerard Cassidy, State Representative, 9<sup>th</sup> Plymouth District  
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  
Jimmy Pereira, Old Colony Planning Council

## 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson David Mohler 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 at this time.

## 3. Minutes of the November 20, 2018 Meeting

Chairperson David Mohler asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the November 20, 2018 meeting.

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Brandon Wilcox had one correction on Page 3 of the November 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Please change “Brandon Wilcox, on behalf of MassDOT” to “Brandon Wilcox, on behalf of FHWA.”

The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the revised minutes of the November 20, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

### **4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report**

Ray Ledoux provided a briefing on BAT activities and provided a fare analysis results summary handout.

- The Fare Analysis Study prepared by OCPC predicted that the fixed route revenue would increase 7.01%. It is currently up 6.27%
- The fare analysis also forecast the Fixed route ridership would decline by -5.19%, but the actual decline has been -1.2%
- Forty-six percent (46%) of passengers are using electronic fare media
- Parking rates have increased by \$1.00. Parking utilization is up by 24%

Chairperson Mohler, on behalf of MassDOT, recognized Ray Ledoux’s upcoming retirement and then stated that it has been great working with Ray Ledoux.

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

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

#### **FFY 2018**

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

- Construction contract awarded on January 2, 2019

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

- Construction contract awarded on November 29, 2018

#### **FFY 2019**

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

- At 100% design and MassDOT is expecting the PS&E on January 22, 2019

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

- At 75% design and MassDOT is expecting 100% design on January 22, 2019

#### **FFY 2020**

##### **Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street**

- At 25% design

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

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## Street

- MassDOT has recently received the 75% design plans

## FFY 2021

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

- At 25% design and 75% design plans are due in January 2019

### **Stoughton - Improvements at West Elementary School (SRTS)**

- 75% design plans are due in May 2019

## FFY 2022

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

- At 25% design

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

- At 25% design and the next step is a field meeting and design public hearing

## FFY 2023

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

- MassDOT is awaiting the 25% design submission

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

- 100% Design submission is expected in April, 2019

Pat Ciaramella asked if there are any update on the Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/ Quincy Street/Massasoit Boulevard Project. Robert Wheeler stated that that project no new status. MassDOT is awaiting for the revised 25% Design Plans.

## **6. Performance Based Planning and MassDOT Performance Safety Measures (PM1) for Calendar Year 2019**

- **Presentation, discussion, and possible adoption of the proposed set of federally required performance measures pertaining to Highway Safety**

Ben Muller discussed the Performance Based Planning and MassDOT Performance Safety Measures (PM1) for Calendar Year 2019.

Ray Ledoux asked if the number of speed and alcohol related fatal crashes are provided with the data. Bill McNulty stated that road conditions and weather are in the data that is received. Charles Kilmer then stated that the data related to speed and alcohol related fatal crashes would be sought.

David Mohler asked if there is a motion to adopt the proposed set of federally required performance measures pertaining to Highway Safety (PM1) for Calendar Year 2019. A motion was made and was seconded.

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*The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to adopt the proposed set of federally required performance measures pertaining to Highway Safety Highway Safety (PM1) for Calendar Year 2019.*

## **7. Performance Based Planning Agreement**

### **▪ Review and Discussion**

Charles Kilmer provided the context and requirement for the Performance Based Planning Agreement.

MassDOT, the MPOs, and the providers of public transportation must jointly agree upon and develop written provisions in accordance with 23 CFR 450.314 (h) for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, the selection of performance targets, the reporting of performance targets, the reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO, and the collection of data for the State asset management plan for the NHS.

These written provisions are required to be developed according to a phase-in schedule described in the final planning rule.

A Draft Agreement is scheduled to be presented to the Old Colony MPO in March 2019 for consultation, review, and comment. Following review and the opportunity to provide comment, a Revised Agreement will be prepared and presented to the Old Colony MPO in April 2019 for potential endorsement.

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

### **▪ Amendment 1 (5310 Grant Awards) - Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Charles Kilmer presented and discussed Amendment 1. The FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1 adds five (5) projects that were awarded as part of the 2019 Community Transit Grant Program.

1. 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)
  
2. 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)
  
3. 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)

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## 4. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT SSCAC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
- COST IS \$90,000 (\$45,000 FEDERAL; \$45,000 LOCAL)

## 5. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT VAN (7)
- COST IS \$446,600 (\$357,280 FEDERAL; \$89,320 LOCAL)

David Mohler asked if there is a motion to release the Amendment 1 to a public review and comment period. A motion was made and was seconded.

*The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to release the Amendment 1 to a public review and comment period.*

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

### ▪ Review of Public Outreach and Initial Results

Paul Chenard discussed the Public Outreach efforts and included with the staff report was a listing of outreach events undertaken.

A major component of the LRTP is the extensive outreach program. The LRTP outreach program engages the public in the transportation planning process and seeks their needs, concerns, priorities, and understanding of the transportation system. As such, the MPO has embarked on a region wide public outreach efforts seeking public involvement in the LRTP planning processes through a series of workshop and table events, with the main purpose of promoting participation in an online survey.

The 2020 LRTP survey has been drafted to assist in obtaining the public transportation issues and needs via direct input from members of the public. While the survey is still open for public participation, the following are some key findings collected to date.

- Improving Intersection Safety
- Improving Pedestrian Safety
- Increasing alternative transportation options (bike and walking)
- Implementing projects that improve quality of life and livability
- Maintaining transportation in a good state of repair
- People in region are using Ride Hail Apps

Chairman Mohler recognized and commended the outreach efforts to date.

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

The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2019.

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## 11. Adjournment

Chairperson David Mohler adjourned the meeting at 10:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

### List of Documents for the January 15, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting

1. Minutes of November 20, 2018 Old Colony MPO Meeting
2. Staff Report for January 15, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
3. Summary of Results of Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Fare Increase