

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

**Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, February 19, 2019 - 10:00 A.M.
At Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA**

Signatories Present:

Tobias Cowans, Representing Mayor Bill Carpenter, City of Brockton
James Downey, 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
Bryan Pounds, Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pam Haznar, Representing Jonathan L. Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Michael Lambert, Representing Ray Ledoux, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Pat Ciaramella, Representing Frank Staffier, President, OCPC

Others Present:

Chike Odunukwe, Brockton
Joe Scardino, Stoughton
Glenn Geiler, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Brandon Wilcox, FHWA
Bryan Bjorklund, Independence Associates
Mary Ellen DeFrias, MassDevelopment
Ben Muller, MassDOT
Tim Kochan, MassDOT District 5
Noreen O'Toole, Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)
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 Bryan Pounds called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 January 15, 2019 Meeting

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Chairperson Bryan Pounds asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting. There was none. The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the January 15, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert provided an update on BAT activities:

- Ridership is currently even with last year despite the fare increase
- The second part of the fare increase will occur in July for the Charlie Card and pass rates
- The RTA Task Force continues to meet to discuss funding and performance metrics
- BAT has started their internal CIP scoring, with Glenn Geiler leading the effort
- BAT is beginning their budget preparation for the upcoming fiscal year

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:

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

- At 100% design and the PS&E is due in April 2019

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

- At 100% design

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

- At 75% design

Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street

- At 25% design and the Design Public Hearing is set for February 25, 2019

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

- At 25% design and the 75% design is due in March 2019

Stoughton - Improvements at West Elementary School (SRTS)

- Expecting 25% design in May 2019

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

- At 25% design and the Comment Resolution Meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2019

Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138

- At 25% design and the Town has submitted comments on the design

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

- Waiting for schedule from City of Brockton

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

- 100% Design submission is expected in April, 2019

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

- At 25% design and awaiting direction from City of Brockton
- Chike Odunukwe stated that a meeting was held last week regarding this project. Chike Odunukwe will get the update to Pam Haznar

Avon - Stoughton - Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 24

- Working towards 25/ 75% design

Brockton - Improvements and Related Work on Crescent Street (Route 27), including Replacement of Grove Street Bridge, B-25-005, over Salisbury Plain River

- At 25% design

Easton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 including Intersection Improvements at Route 138 (Washington Street) and Elm Street

- At 25% design

Hanson - Corridor Improvements on Route 14 (Maquan Street), from the Pembroke T.L. to Indian Head Street and Related Work

- A Designer is on board and a kickoff meeting was recently held

Pembroke - Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 53

- At 100% design

6. Performance Based Planning Agreement

- **Review and Discussion**

Chairperson Bryan Pounds provided an overview and summary of the Draft Performance Based Planning Agreement that is attached to the staff report. The 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.

Following review, discussion, and the opportunity to provide comment, a Revised Draft Performance Based Planning Agreement will be prepared and presented in April to the Old Colony MPO for potential endorsement.

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Charles Kilmer stated that the Agreement will be reviewed every four years, and it brings together different divisions of planning.

Brandon Wilcox appreciates the work done so far.

Pat Ciaramella asked if this Agreement will be included in the STIP. Chairperson Bryan Pounds stated that it will not be in the STIP, but you may see some language from the Agreement in the STIP.

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

▪ Amendment 1 (5310 Grant Awards) - Public Comments and Potential Endorsement

Charles Kilmer reported that FY 2019-2023 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1 adds five (5) projects that were awarded as part of the 2019 Community Transit Grant Program. Charles Kilmer then discussed Amendment 1 and provided a summary of the public comments received.

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)
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)

Chairperson Bryan Pounds asked if there is a motion endorse Amendment 1. A motion was made and was seconded. The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously to endorse Amendment 1.

8. Development of FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

▪ Universe of Projects and Results of TIP Readiness Day

Charles Kilmer discussed the projects located in the Universe of Projects and summarized the results

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of TIP Readiness Day. The Universe of Projects is as follows:

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

- FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2020; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2020

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

- FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2020; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2022
- Pam Haznar stated that MassDOT needs an updated design schedule for this project

Easton - Route 123 (Depot Street) Reconstruction from Newell Circle to Route 138

- FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2021; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2022

Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138

- FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2022; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2022

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

- FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2022; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2022

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

- FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2023; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2023

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

- FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2023; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2022

Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street

- FFY 2019-2023 TIP is 2020; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2020

Stoughton - Improvements at West Elementary School (SRTS)

- FFY 2019-2023 TIP is 2021; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2021

Chairperson Bryan Pounds then provided an overview of the TIP Readiness Day process and outcomes.

Charles Kilmer inquired if it possible to keep the Easton - Route 123 (Depot Street) Reconstruction from Newell Circle to Route 138 Project in 2021 instead of 2022 if the 75% design plan are submitted in March. Pam Haznar stated that it would be easier to make that decision when they receive the 75% design plans, which are due March 8.

Charles Kilmer then reviewed the list of projects being considered for addition to the financially constrained TIP. Due to financial constraint, only some of the projects can actually be programmed at this time.

1. Brockton - Improvements And Related Work on Crescent Street (Route 27), Including Replacement of Grove Street Bridge, B-25-005, over Salisbury Plain River

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2. Easton - Corridor Improvements On Route 138 including Intersection Improvements at Route 138 (Washington Street) and Elm Street
3. Pembroke - Resurfacing And Related Work On Route 53
4. Duxbury - Signal Installation @ Route 3 (NB & SB) Ramps & Route 3A (Tremont Street)
5. Stoughton - Reconstruction of Turnpike Street

Brandon Wilcox stated that it is good that OCPC shows a list of the draft projects for review. It shows that the region has needs.

Tobias Cowans stated that Brockton is in full support of the Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/ Quincy Street/ Massasoit Boulevard Project, and then stated that Brockton would not like to see this project move out two years to 2022.

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

Charles Kilmer stated that at the January MPO meeting, Ray Ledoux asked if the number of speed and alcohol related fatal crashes are provided with the data for the Performance Safety Measures (PM1) for Calendar Year 2019. The requested data is attached to the staff report.

Dan Salvucci expressed concern about some non-motorists not abiding by the rules of the roads. Discussion followed.

Pam Haznar stated that MassDOT has new Massachusetts Bicycle Transportation Plan that will be released soon.

Charles Kilmer stated that Governor Baker recently filed legislation to improve road safety. The proposal makes a number of changes recommended in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan and updates existing statutes that were drafted before recent advances in various forms of mobility.

Pat Ciaramella inquired about the Chapter 90 Bond Bill. Chairperson Bryan Pounds was not sure on the timeline of that bill.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Bryan Pounds adjourned the meeting at 11:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt.

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the February 19, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of January 15, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for February 19, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- Traffic Safety Performance (Core Outcome) Measures for Massachusetts, NHTSA