

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, March 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
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
Stephen Woelfel, Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pam Haznar, Representing Jonathan L. Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Ray Ledoux, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director, OCPC, Representing Frank Staffier, President, OCPC

Others Present:

Noreen O'Toole, Old Colony JTC Chairperson
Joe Scardino, Stoughton
Glenn Geiler, BAT
Brandon Wilcox, FHWA
Shannon Mckeown, MassDOT
Ben Muller, MassDOT
Shawn Bailey, Old Colony Planning Council
Paul Chenard, Old Colony Planning Council
Ray Guarino, 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
Lisa Sullivan, Old Colony Planning Council

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel 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 February 19, 2019 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting. There was none.

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The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Ray Ledoux provided a report on BAT activities:

- BAT has been awarded three discretionary grant awards and they will provide for expanded service to Stoughton, increased service to Ashmont, and increased service to Bridgewater State University.
- The Task Force on Regional Transit Authority Performance and Funding has issued a Draft Report and it includes the recommendation of \$90.5 million annually for RTA operating expenses with a funding escalator applied to each annual future year amount. Three public meetings coming up in Worcester, Hyannis, and UMass Amherst. Comments can also be offered through MassDOT's website.
- The RTA Council has not met in some time. Secretary Pollack has recommended that the Task Force be reinvigorated.

5. Draft Performance Based Planning Agreement

- **Continued Review and Discussion**

Charles Kilmer stated that the Draft Performance Based Planning Agreement was presented at the last MPO Meeting, and then summarized the Agreement. Timeline for endorsement of this document will be at the next MPO Meeting in April.

Brandon Wilcox asked if this document has been posted on the OCPC website. Charles Kilmer stated that it has been circulated through email.

Ray Ledoux stated that performance based planning will require additional work by OCPC, and that BAT will be asking OCPC to assist them with the greenhouse gas emissions calculations.

6. Draft Conduct of Air Quality Planning and Coordination for Transportation Conformity Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- **Review and Discussion**

Charles Kilmer stated that a Draft Conduct of Air Quality Planning and Coordination for Transportation Conformity MOU is attached for review, discussion, and comment. Charles Kilmer then summarized the Draft MOU. A revised Draft MOU will then be prepared and presented to the Old Colony MPO for potential endorsement.

7. Development of FFY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- **Universe of Projects**

Charles Kilmer reported that OCPC is developing the FFY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program and is seeking MPO input on the Element 3000 Projects. Charles Kilmer then discussed the potential projects located in the Universe of Projects Element 3000.

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The Universe of Projects is as follows:

1. Avon and Brockton - West Main Street in Avon from Harrison Boulevard to Brockton City Line, and North Main Street in Brockton from Avon Town Line to Route 27 (Pleasant Street)
2. Brockton - Route 27 (Reynolds Memorial Highway) Corridor Study
3. Brockton - South Main Street Corridor Study from Route 123 (Belmont Street) to West Bridgewater Town Line
4. Duxbury - Route 14 Corridor Study from Pembroke Town Line to Route 3A
5. Hanover - Route 139 Corridor Study from Rockland Town Line to Route 53/139 at Pembroke Town Line
6. Plymouth - Long Pond Road Corridor Study from Obery Street to Drew Road
7. Regional - Brockton Shuttle Service Connections to Logan Airport and T.F. Green Airport
8. Regional - Brockton to Taunton Transit Connection Study
9. Regional - Improving the Resiliency and Reliability of the Transportation System and Reducing and/ or Mitigating Impacts of Surface Transportation
10. Regional - Route 24 Safety and Mobility Study
11. Regional - Route 3 Safety and Mobility Study

Charles Kilmer stated that OCPC would be choosing two of these projects for the FFY 2020 UPWP. Ray Ledoux asked that the BAT Comprehensive Regional Transit Plan (CRTP) be added to the list.

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

- **Preferred Set of Projects**

Charles Kilmer presented the Draft Preferred Set of Projects for MPO review and confirmation. The regional target funded project and statewide funded projects are as follows:

FFY 2020

Bridgewater - Brockton - Pavement Preservation and Related work on Route 24

- Pre-25% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$17,851,040

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

- 75% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$7,350,265

Pembroke - Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 53

- 100% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$2,725,075

FFY 2021

Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street

- 25% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$3,521,954

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Avon - Stoughton - Pavement Preservation and Related work on Route 24

- Pre-25% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$6,312,800

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

- 75% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$8,052,916

Stoughton - Improvements at West Elementary School (SRTS)

- Pre-25% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$2,982,944

FFY 2022

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

- 25% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$5,520,744

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

- 25% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$3,347,449

FFY 2023

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

- Pre-25% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$1,680,000

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

- 75% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$8,902,501

FFY 2024

Plympton - Bridge Replacement, Winnetuxet Road Over Winnetuxet River

- Pre-25% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$2,223,024

Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138

- 25% Design
- Cost Estimate is \$9,155,544

Pam Haznar stated that with increasing scopes and higher costs of projects, fewer project could only be funded in a given year. As such, it is suggested that identifying some smaller projects would be beneficial so that more projects can be advertised in any given fiscal year.

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Brandon Wilcox inquired about the remaining funding balances in the Draft TIP. Charles Kilmer replied that leaving a cushion helps to cover cost increases in projects over the upcoming year. If the funding target is fully programmed one year in advance, and there are increases in project costs, it would be likely that projects may have to move out of the current year to maintain fiscal constraint. Discussion followed.

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

Charles Kilmer stated that the next meeting would be held on April 16, 2019.

Pat Ciaramella stated that on March 21, 2019, there would be an Old Colony Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting at OCPC at 12:00 pm.

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel announced that MassDOT's Eighth Annual Transportation Innovation Conference would take place on April 9-10 in Worcester.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

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

Minutes of February 19, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting

Staff Report for March 19, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items