

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, May 21, 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
Robert Wheeler, Representing Jonathan L. Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Glenn Geiler, Representing Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Pat Ciaramella, Representing Frank Staffier, President, OCPC

Others Present:

Bill Fitzgerald, Town of Avon
Chike Odunukwe, City of Brockton
Marc Tisdelle, Town of Stoughton
Noreen O'Toole, Town of Whitman
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
Jimmy Pereira, 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 April 16, 2019 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the Old Colony MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting. There were no changes.

The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the April 16, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

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4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Glenn Geiler provided a report on BAT activities:

- Thanked the Old Colony MPO for their support of BATs TIP Projects
- The second phase of the fare increase for BAT will go into effect on July 1, 2019
- BAT has been awarded three MassDOT discretionary grants. These grants awards will provide for expanded service to Stoughton, expanded service to Ashmont, and expanded service to Bridgewater State University (BSU).

5. Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statement

- **Review and Potential Endorsement**

Charles Kilmer discussed and then summarized the Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statement and each of the ten applicable requirements.

The Self-Certification Compliance Statement certifies that the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive performance-based multimodal transportation planning process for the Old Colony MPO is addressing major issues facing the region and certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse the Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statement. A motion was made and then seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to endorse the Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statement.

6. Draft FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustments and Amendments

- **Amendment 2 - Public Comments and Potential Endorsement**

Charles Kilmer discussed the FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony TIP Amendment 2, summarized the public review and comment period, and highlighted the public comments received. Charles Kilmer then noted that the Revised Draft FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony TIP Amendment 2 is attached to the staff report.

The Draft FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony TIP Amendment 2 is comprised of the following two parts:

Part 1

Increases the programmed cost for the following two (2) projects:

FFY 2019

1. ABINGTON/BROCKTON - NORTH QUINCY STREET, CHESTNUT STREET, AND BOUNDARY AVENUE ROUNDABOUT AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (608143)
 - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST - Increase cost from \$1,218,906 to \$2,121,017 (increase covered by adding \$902,111 in Regional Target CMAQ funding)

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2. EAST BRIDGEWATER - RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18), FROM WHITMAN STREET (ROUTE 106) TO CENTRAL STREET (607941)
 - o AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST AND ADD FUNDING PROGRAM - Increase cost from \$7,763,091 to \$9,023,732 (increase covered by adding \$1,260,641 in Regional Target STP funding)

Part 2

Replaces the existing Section 2. FAST Act, National Planning Factors, and Performance Based Planning with an updated Section 2. FAST Act, National Planning Factors, and Performance Based Planning reflective of Performance Based Planning Narrative, Performance Measures and Targets (PM1, PM2, PM3, and TAM), and adoption of said Performance Measures and Targets (PM1, PM2, PM3, and TAM).

Charles Kilmer stated that the OCPC Board of Directors and the Old Colony JTC approved Amendment 2 and their respective public meetings.

Charles Kilmer then noted that John Haines of the East Bridgewater Department of Public Works asked if the East Bridgewater Project is still on track for advertisement in June 2019. OCPC responded by saying that the project is on track for advertisement in the fourth quarter of FFY 2019.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse FFY 2019-2023 Old Colony TIP Amendment 2. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to endorse the TIP Amendment 2.

7. Draft FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

▪ Public Comments and Potential Endorsement

Charles Kilmer discussed the Draft FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony TIP, summarized the public review and comment period, and highlighted the public comments received. Charles Kilmer then noted that the Revised Draft FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony TIP is attached to the staff report. The programmed highway and bridge projects are as follow:

FFY 2020

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

- Pre-25% Design and the cost estimate is \$17,851,040

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

- 75% Design and the cost estimate is \$7,350,265

Pembroke - Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 53

- 100% Design and the cost estimate is \$2,725,075

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FFY 2021

Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street

- 25% Design and the cost estimate is \$3,521,954

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

- Pre-25% Design and the cost estimate is \$6,312,800

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

- 75% Design and the cost estimate is \$8,052,916

Stoughton - Improvements at West Elementary School (SRTS)

- Pre-25% Design and the cost estimate is \$2,982,944

FFY 2022

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

- 25% Design and the cost estimate is \$5,520,744

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

- 25% Design and the cost estimate is \$3,347,449

FFY 2023

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

- Pre-25% Design and the cost estimate is \$1,680,000

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

- 75% Design and the cost estimate is \$8,902,501

FFY 2024

Plympton - Bridge Replacement, Winnetuxet Road Over Winnetuxet River

- Pre-25% Design and the cost estimate is \$2,223,024

Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138

- 25% Design and the cost estimate is \$9,155,544

Charles Kilmer stated that the OCPC Board of Directions and the Old Colony JTC reviewed and approved the Draft FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony TIP at their respective public meetings. Charles Kilmer then reported that David Mohler of MassDOT provided comments and requested editing revisions for the FFY 2020-2024 TIP. OCPC completed those revisions. Charles Kilmer then reported that Bill Fitzgerald from the Avon Department of Public Works had inquired about the Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street and had asked whether it would be possible to program the project in FFY 2020 instead of FFY 2021. Charles Kilmer noted that MassDOT recommended 2021 given the project's state of the design and readiness, and then noted that if the project is advertised in the first quarter of FFY 2021, rather than the last quarter of FFY 2020, the commencement of actual construction could likely be similar.

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Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse the Draft FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony TIP. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to endorse the Draft FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony TIP.

8. Draft Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

▪ Update and Preferred Set of Projects

Bill McNulty provided an update and presentation on the Draft 2020-2040 Old Colony LRTP. The presentation included information on planning for the future and regional challenges, scenario planning, and preferred sets of projects.

Bill McNulty reported that four possible future planning scenarios have been identified. These planning scenarios will have a significant role in determining how transportation funds are applied in the future. The scenarios are as follows:

- Planning Scenario 1: High Level of Investment in All Modes
 - Assumes transportation finance reform and new and/or significantly increased funding sources
 - System-wide improvement of surface transportation network to Excellent and Good Condition
 - Expansion and Modernization of Transit
 - Major Implementation of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans
- Planning Scenario 2: Arterial Focused
 - Focus is placed on improving congestion and safety on arterial routes
 - Intersection Improvements
 - Signal Coordination / Modernization
 - Focus on existing transit level of service vs. system expansion
 - Implementation of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Scenario 3: Transit, Mode Shift, and Ride Share Focus
 - Limited investment in surface transportation network
 - High levels of investment in transit
 - Heavy consideration of creative transit, bicycle and pedestrian, and ride sharing improvements
- Scenario 4: Limited Levels of Investment
 - Highly limited resources vs. system needs
 - Priority place on maintenance of existing network, and state of good repair
 - Only highest priority bicycle, pedestrian, and mode shift projects considered

The Draft Old Colony LRTP is anticipated to be completed by the end of May 2019. The Draft LRTP will be released to a 21 day public review and comment period at the June 18, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting. On July 16, 2019, the Old Colony MPO is scheduled to review the results of the public review and comment period and consider endorsement of the LRTP.

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

Chairperson Woelfel recognized and congratulated Laurie Muncy and Lisa Sullivan on passing the American Planning Association (APA) - American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Exam.

Dan Salvucci inquired about the possibility for BAT to establish a bus route along Route 18 that would connect the multiple health care services and providers. Glenn Geiler thanked Dan Salvucci for the inquired and then noted that this will be looked at during the development of next BAT Comprehensive Regional Transit Plan (CRTP).

The next Old Colony MPO meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, on June 18, 2018.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the May 21, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting

1. Minutes of April 16, 2019, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting
2. Staff Report for May 21, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items