

# OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, June 18, 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, 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 Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division  
Glenn Geiler, Representing Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)  
Robert Moran, Representing Christine Joy, President, OCPC

## Others Present:

Joe Scardino, Stoughton  
Noreen O'Toole, Old Colony JTC Chairperson  
Michael Damon, BAT  
Brandon Wilcox, FHWA  
Ben Muller, MassDOT  
Tim Kochan, MassDOT District 5  
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 Stephen Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 May 21, 2019 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting.

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The Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the May 21, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

## 4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Glenn Geiler provided a report on BAT activities:

- BAT received Draft LRTP. BAT will be providing comments during the comment period
- BAT is in the process of implementing Phase 2 of the fare increase. Charlie Card and Pass Fare will increase on July 1, 2019
- BAT increased service to Stoughton will begin on July 1, 2019. There will be 6 additional trips from the BAT Intermodal Centre to Cobbs Corner
- BAT is looking to apply for a MassDOT Work Force Transportation Grant to extend Rockland service to office park near Route 3.

## 5. MassDOT District 5 Update on Projects Under Design or Construction

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

### **Abington/ Brockton - Intersection Improvements at North Quincy Street, Boundary Avenue, and Chestnut Street (FFY 2019)**

- PS&E under review and cost estimate is \$361,000 over TIP budget. Will be looking for cost savings during MassDOT's review

### **East Bridgewater - Resurfacing and Sidewalk Construction on Bedford Street (Route 18), from Whitman Street (Route 106) to Central Street (FFY 2019)**

- At 100% Design and the PS&E is expected on July 14, 2019

### **Pembroke - Resurfacing And Related Work on Route 53 (FFY 2020)**

- At 100% Design and the PS&E is expected on August 9, 2019

### **Brockton - Corridor Improvements on Route 123 (Belmont Street), from Angus Beaton Drive to West Street) (FFY 2020)**

- At 75% Design and the 100% Design is due July 19, 2019

### **Easton - Corridor Improvements on Depot Street (Route 123), from Newell Circle to Washington Street (Route 138) (FFY 2021)**

- At 75% Design (received in March) is under review

### **Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street (FFY 2021)**

- 75% Design was received June 10, 2019 and is under review

### **Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/Quincy Street/Massasoit Boulevard (FFY 2022)**

- City of Brockton is reviewing design alternatives and the 25% Revised Design submission is due September 4, 2020

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## **Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive (FFY 2022)**

- At 25% Design and the Design Public Hearing will be held at the end of 2019

## **Brockton - Intersection Improvements at Centre Street (Route 123) and Plymouth Street (FFY 2023)**

- At pre 25% Design and MassDOT is awaiting design schedule

## **Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) from Route 27 to Route 14 (FFY 2023)**

- At 100% Design (received in April, under review)

## **Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 (FFY 2024)**

- At 25% Design and the next step is a comment resolution meeting and then a design public hearing

Charles Kilmer then asked about the cost increase for Abington/ Brockton - Intersection improvements at North Quincy Street, Boundary Avenue, and Chestnut Street and inquired whether a TIP adjustment or amendment would be needed. Discussion followed.

## **6. Draft FFY 2019 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Reallocation 1**

- **Review, Consultation, and Potential Approval**

Charles Kilmer discussed the Draft FFY 2019 Old Colony UPWP Budget Reallocation 1. OCPC has identified the need for additional funding for Task 2200 - Multi-Modal Data Surveillance and System Monitoring, Task 2500 - Management Systems, and Task 3200 - Local Highway Transportation Technical Assistance due to the underestimation in the levels of effort. As such, the proposed FFY 2019 UPWP Budget Reallocation 1 is as follows:

- 1500 - Title VI and Environmental Justice
  - Existing Amount - \$42,000, Proposed Amount - \$32,000
- 2100 - Demographic Surveillance & Road Inventory
  - Existing Amount - \$25,000, Proposed Amount - \$20,000
- 2200 - Multi-modal Data Surveillance and System Monitoring
  - Existing Amount - \$74,000, Proposed Amount - \$84,000
- 2500 - Management Systems and Travel Demand Modeling
  - Existing Amount - \$85,000, Proposed Amount - \$95,000
- 3200 - Local Highway Transportation Technical Assistance
  - Existing Amount - \$80,000, Proposed Amount - \$90,000
- 3400 - Coordinated Public Transit – HST Plan
  - Existing Amount - \$38,000, Proposed Amount - \$33,000
- 3500 - Performance Management
  - Existing Amount - \$43,000, Proposed Amount - \$33,000

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to approve the Draft FFY 2019 Old Colony UPWP Budget Reallocation 1. A motion was made and was seconded.

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The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to approve the Draft FFY 2019 Old Colony UPWP Budget Reallocation 1.

## 7. Draft FFY 2020 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- **Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Charles Kilmer provided a summary of the Draft FFY 2020 Old Colony UPWP. Charles Kilmer then directed attention to Table 5 - Geographic Distribution of Major UPWP Funded Studies. Charles Kilmer noted that the two communities (Brockton and Stoughton) with the largest Title VI population received the highest number of studies.

Charles Kilmer then described the two corridor studies that OCPC will be undertaking under Element 3000 of the FFY 2020 UPWP. They are as follows:

- 3300 - Main Street Corridor Study (Brockton)
- 3400 - Route 139 Corridor Study (Hanover)

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to release the Draft FFY 2020 Old Colony UPWP to a 21-day public review and comment period. A motion was made and was seconded.

Tim Kochan stated support for the Main Street Corridor as that corridor has several crash locations.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to release the Draft FFY 2020 Old Colony UPWP to a 21-day public review and comment period.

## 8. Draft FFY 2020-2040 Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- **Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Bill McNulty provided a presentation on the Draft FFY 2020-2040 Old Colony LRTP. Bill McNulty stated 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

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- 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

Endorsement of the Final Old Colony LRTP is on schedule for July 16, 2019.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to release the Draft FFY 2020-2040 Old Colony LRTP to a 21-day public review and comment period. A motion was made and was seconded.

Joe Scardino suggested that there should be additional criteria beyond air quality calculations and benefits when determining the selected commuter rail projects as there are other important factors that need to be considered.

Chairperson Woelfel reiterated that the MPO did not pick a specific scenario as the scenarios are used to form strategies. Discussion followed.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to release the Draft FFY 2020-2040 Old Colony LRTP to a 21-day public review and comment period.

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

Dan Salvucci stated that he has received complaints from Whitman residents regarding a traffic light pole where Corthell Avenue leads to the Middle School. They are concerned that the traffic light pole may fall over due the amount that it is leaning. Robert Wheeler stated that MassDOT will look into this.

The next meeting will be held on July 16, 2019.

### 10. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

### List of Documents for the June 18, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting

1. Minutes of May 21, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting
2. Staff Reports for June 18, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
3. MassDOT Look! Share the Road Safety Brochure