

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, January 21, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.
At Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

Signatories Present:

Robert Sullivan, Mayor, 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
David Mohler, Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pam Haznar, Representing Jonathan L. Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Mary Waldron, Representing Christine Joy, President, OCPC

Others Present:

Councilor Jack Lally, Brockton City Council
Michele Grenier, Hanover
Joe Scardino, Stoughton
Tegin Teich, Boston MPO
Brandon Wilcox, FHWA
Ben Muller, MassDOT
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT District 5
Shawn Bailey, OCPC
Paul Chenard, OCPC
Ray Guarino, OCPC
Bruce Hughes, OCPC
Charles Kilmer, OCPC
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC
Jimmy Pereira, OCPC

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson David Mohler called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 19, 2019 Meeting

Chairperson Mohler asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting.

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There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the November 19, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert stated that BAT has received grants to continue the Stoughton/ Avon Service and the Rockland Flex Route. BAT is seeking to extend the Rockland Flex Route to the downtown area and also to the Park & Ride.

BAT has received funding from MassDOT for three Discretionary Grants. The first grant will be for automatic passenger counters on the BAT buses. The second will be for a mobile ticketing option. The third grant will be for feasibility of a potential transit connection between Brockton and Taunton.

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

Pam Haznar provided an update on projects under design or construction. They are as follows:

Pembroke - Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 53

- Programmed in FFY 2020
- Advertised for construction bids and the bid opening is scheduled for March 2020

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

- Programmed in FFY 2020
- At 100% Design and the PS&E is due in February 2020

Brockton, Bridgewater, Raynham - Pavement Preservation and Related Work on Route 24

- Programmed in FFY 2020
- At 75% Design

Kingston - Systematic Bridge Preservation, K-01-011 (AGD), Route 3 Over Jones River

- Advertised and bid opening scheduled for February 2020

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

- Programmed in FFY 2021
- 100% Design due in February 2020

Stoughton - Improvements at Richard L. Wilkins Elementary School (SRTS)

- Programmed in FFY 2021
- Waiting to have Design Public Hearing

Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street

- Programmed in FFY 2021
- At 100% Design

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

- Programmed in FFY 2022
- No Update

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

- Programmed in FFY 2022
- Design Public Hearing was held in October 2019, and the 75% Design is due in February 2020

Brockton & Abington - Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Route 123

- Less than 25% Design

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

- Programmed in FFY 2023
- Less than 25% Design

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

- Programmed in FFY 2023
- PS&E has been received by MassDOT

Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138

- Programmed in FFY 2024
- At 25% Design

Dan Salvucci stated that at Route 14/18 Intersection in Whitman that there needs to be stop lines on the pavement for cars to give trucks more turning room.

6. Draft Barnstable Urbanized Area (UZA) Coordination Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- **Review and Discussion**

Charles Kilmer provided a summary of the Draft Barnstable UZA Coordination MOU. The Draft 2020 Barnstable UZA Coordination MOU provides the framework for a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) transportation planning process across the three MPOs of the Barnstable Urbanized Area. The MOU addresses the division of responsibilities related to the coordination requirements referenced in the regulations. More specifically and to an appropriate extent, the agreement addresses coordination of the following areas: data collection/sharing and analysis, including planning assumptions for population growth, employment, and land use; coordinated decision-making, i.e., for key transportation assets/ services spanning MPO boundaries; dispute resolution; congestion management process; performance-based planning, reporting, and target-setting.

The Old Colony MPO is respectfully asked to review the Draft 2020 Barnstable UZA Coordination MOU and then consider endorsement of said Draft MOU in February 2020.

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7. FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustments and/ or Amendments

- **Adjustment 1 - Review and Potential Endorsement**
- **Amendment 1 - Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

ADJUSTMENT 1

Ben Muller stated that the Raynham - Bridgewater - West Bridgewater-Brockton - Pavement Preservation and Related work on Route 24 (608820) (\$19,753,431) (NHPP) Project would be moving out of the Old Colony MPO TIP and into the Statewide TIP (STIP).

Chairperson Mohler asked if there is a motion to endorse Adjustment 1. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to endorse Adjustment 1.

AMENDMENT 1

Charles Kilmer reported that the FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony TIP Amendment 1 adds eight (8) projects that were awarded as part of the 2020 Community Transit Grant Program. They are as follows:

1. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS (6)
 - COST IS \$406,800 (\$325,440 FEDERAL; \$81,360 STATE)
2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE - AVON/ STOUGHTON
 - COST IS \$52,000 (\$26,000 FEDERAL; \$26,000 LOCAL)
3. 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)
4. OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (VTP)
 - COST IS \$60,000 (\$30,000 FEDERAL; \$30,000 LOCAL)
5. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT SSCAC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
 - COST IS \$100,000 (\$50,000 FEDERAL; \$50,000 LOCAL)

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6. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT VAN (7)
 - COST IS \$474,600 (\$379,680 FEDERAL; \$94,920 LOCAL)
7. TOWN OF PLYMPTON
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY VAN FOR SVC EXPANSION (1)
 - COST IS \$125,600 (\$100,480 STATE; \$25,120 LOCAL)
8. CARDINAL CUSHING CENTERS
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT BUS (4)
 - COST IS \$398,240 (\$318,592 STATE; \$79,648 LOCAL)

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

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

8. Main Street Corridor Study (Brockton) - Status Report

Ray Guarino provided a state report on the Main Street Corridor Study (Brockton). The study commenced in fall 2019 with the data collection phase, (compilation of crashes, peak hour turning movement counts at key locations, and documentation of existing physical conditions such as signal and traffic control operations and signage). The study's public outreach is also underway with the solicitation of input from key stakeholders and an online survey. Background information on ongoing and planned development along the corridor is also being compiled and reviewed (such as the new downtown parking garage and the plans to revert the one-way system to two-way). A public workshop will be scheduled in the latter part of January or the beginning of February to garner further public input.

Dan Salvucci stated that parking for businesses is an issue in Whitman. Whitman paved the area behind the businesses so employees do not park on the street. Discussion followed.

9. Route 139 Study (Hanover) - Status Report

Bill McNulty provided a status report on the Route 139 Corridor Study (Hanover). To date, all traffic data has been collected and processed for the Route 139 Corridor Study. Next steps include forecasting future conditions, including anticipated increased trip generation from nearby developments, and working with the Town on preferred alternatives for traffic control and flow. Meetings with the Town and MassDOT will take place in February and March, including a presentation to the public on initial findings. Development of this Corridor Study is on schedule, and a release of a final report to the Town and MassDOT is anticipated late spring or early summer.

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

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Brandon Wilcox provided an update on the status of the Certification Review. The federal team is in the process of preparing the draft report. The draft report will be shared likely later in January.

Mary Waldron thanked Mayor Robert Sullivan for attending the Old Colony MPO Meeting.

Mayor Robert Sullivan thanked everybody for the warm welcome. Mayor Sullivan then stated that he is proud to be the new Mayor of the City of Brockton and he is looking forward to working with everyone on improving the City of Brockton, and also collaborating with the communities across the region.

The next meeting of the Old Colony MPO will be held on February 18, 2020.

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Mohler adjourned the meeting at 10:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the January 21, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting

1. Minutes of November 19, 2019, Old Colony MPO Meeting
2. Staff Report for January 21, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items