

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, February 18, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.
At Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

Signatories Present:

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
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:

John Charbonneau, Stoughton
Joe Scardino, Stoughton
Noreen O'Toole, Whitman
Glenn Geiler, BAT
Brandon Wilcox, FHWA
Mary Ellen DeFrias, MassDevelopment
Ben Muller, MassDOT
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT District 5
Shawn Bailey, OCPC
Paul Chenard, OCPC
Bruce Hughes, OCPC
Charles Kilmer, OCPC
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC
Laurie Muncy, OCPC
Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC

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 January 21, 2020 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting. There being none, the Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the

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January 21, 2020 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 to continue and expand the Rockland Flex route to the downtown area and to the Park & Ride. Michael Lambert then noted that BAT is requesting several TIP changes. There are changes today for endorsement today and others for release to public review and comment. BAT appreciates the support on those.

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; Bid opening is scheduled for March 2020

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

- Programmed in FFY 2020; 100% submission was reviewed and comments were sent to design engineer; MassDOT is expecting the PS&E shortly

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

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

Stoughton - Improvements at Richard 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

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

- Programmed in FFY 2022; Waiting on input from City of Brockton

Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Route 27, Central Street, and Tosca Drive

- Programmed in FFY 2022; Design Public Hearing was held in October; Expecting 75% Design in February

Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 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

Brockton & Abington - Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Route 123

- Waiting for 25% Design Submission

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Brockton - Intersection Improvements at Route 123 and Plymouth Street

- Waiting for 25% Design Submission

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

- Review and Potential Endorsement

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.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse the Draft Barnstable Urbanized Area Coordination MOU. A motion was made and was seconded. The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously to endorse the Draft Barnstable Urbanized Area Coordination MOU.

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

- Amendment 1 - Review and Potential Endorsement
- Amendment 2 - Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period

Charles Kilmer provided details and comments received on Amendment 1 and Amendment 2.

AMENDMENT 1

Amendment 1 adds eight (8) projects that were awarded as part of the 2020 Community Transit Grant Program.

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)

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

AMENDMENT 2

Amendment 2 changes five (5) projects in FFY 2020 and two (2) projects in FFY 2021.

FFY 2020

1. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
 - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST FOR PROJECT - (4) VEHICLE OVERHAUL (UP TO 20% VEHICLE MAINTENANCE) (2) HYBRID (2) DIESEL GILLIG LOWFLOOR
 - COST IS \$815,000 (\$640,000 FEDERAL; \$175,000 STATE)
2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE
 - COST IS \$4,500,000 (\$2,250,000 FEDERAL; \$2,250,000 STATE)
3. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE
 - COST IS \$162,796 (\$81,398 FEDERAL; \$81,398 STATE)
4. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
 - AMENDMENT: REMOVE PROJECT - ACQUIRE - PARATRANSIT BUS FARE COLLECTION

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EQUIPMENT

- COST IS \$75,000 (\$60,000 FEDERAL; \$15,000 STATE)

5. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - ACQUIRE - MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT
- COST IS \$393,750 (\$315,000 FEDERAL; \$78,750 TDC)

FFY 2021

1. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)

- AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST - OPERATING ASSISTANCE - OPERATING/PM/ADA
- COST IS \$5,000,000 (\$2,500,000 FEDERAL; \$2,500,000 STATE)

2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)

- AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST - BUY REPLACEMENT 40-FT BUS (4) EQUIPMENT
- COST IS \$2,250,000 (\$1,800,000 FEDERAL; \$450,000 STATE)

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to release Amendment 2 to a 21-day public review and comment period. A motion was made and was seconded. The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to release Amendment 2 to a 21-day public review and comment period.

8. Development of FFY 2021-2025 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

▪ Universe of Projects and Results of TIP Readiness Day

Charles Kilmer discussed the Universe of Projects and the Results of TIP Readiness Day.

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

- Proposed FFY - 2021; TIP Day FFY - 2021

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

- FFY to be determined

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

- Proposed FFY - 2022; TIP Day FFY - 2022

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

- Proposed FFY - 2023; TIP Day FFY - 2023

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

- Proposed FFY - 2023; TIP Day FFY - 2022

Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138

- Proposed FFY - 2024; TIP Day FFY - 2024

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Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street

- Proposed FFY - 2021; TIP Day FFY - 2021

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

- Proposed FFY - 2021; TIP Day FFY - N/A

Stoughton - Improvements at Richard Wilkins Elementary School (SRTS)

- Proposed FFY - 2021; TIP Day FFY - 2021

Plympton - Bridge Replacement, Winnetuxet Road Over Winnetuxet River

- Proposed FFY - 2024; TIP Day FFY - N/A

Pam Haznar stated that the Stoughton- SRTS Project and the Stoughton- Intersection Improvements at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive Project might be combined into the same year since they adjoin each other.

9. 2020 Old Colony Annual Title VI Report

Paul Chenard provided a summary of the 2020 Old Colony Annual Title VI Report. Complying with Federal and MassDOT regulations, the MPO submits annually a Title VI report outlining how it meets the requirements to make sure it is federally funded planning activities are executed in a manner that is free of any discrimination. The Title VI reporting document describes how the MPO goes about making contact and encouraging individuals from minority or disadvantage groups to participate in the planning process.

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

- Charles Kilmer stated that the next MPO meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2020.
- Charles Kilmer stated that on March 24, 2020, the RTA Council would be meeting here at OCPC.
- Charles Kilmer offered a belated congratulation to MassDOT on their 10th anniversary since they were created.

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the February 18, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting

1. Minutes of January 21, 2020, Old Colony MPO Meeting
2. Staff Report for February 18, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
3. 2020 Old Colony Annual Title VI Report