

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Remote Meeting, March 24, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.
Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

Signatories:

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 Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Glenn Geiler, Representing Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Mary Waldron, Representing Christine Joy, President, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)

Others:

Imaikalani Aiu, Easton
Dottie Fulginiti, Easton
Vivian Ortiz, Livable Streets Alliance
Eva Birk, FHWA
Bryan Pounds, MassDOT
Ben Muller, MassDOT
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT District 5
Charles Kilmer, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC
Jimmy Pereira, OCPC

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel called the remote meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and then conducted a roll call of Signatories. Chairperson Stephen Woelfel then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement, and then reviewed the remote meeting protocols.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

3. Minutes of the February 18, 2020 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting. There being none, the Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Glenn Geiler stated that BATs Operation Team is doing a great job keeping service going. Any service changes are being provided on BATs Facebook page and website. BAT is currently running on a

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reduced fixed route schedule. Ashmont is running on a regular schedule except no express busses. Dial-A-BAT is running on a critical trip schedule.

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

- **Amendment 2 - Review and Potential Endorsement**
- **Amendment 3 - Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Charles Kilmer presented and discussed Amendment 2 and Amendment 3. They are as follows:

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 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)

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Charles Kilmer stated that Amendment 2 was released for public review and comment period at last MPO Meeting. The comments received were then discussed.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse Amendment 2. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to endorse Amendment 2.

AMENDMENT 3

The FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony TIP Amendment 3 involves the following two (2) changes in FFY 2020.

FFY 2020

1. BROCKTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (608088)
 - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST - Increase cost from \$7,350,265 to \$7,778,744 and REMOVE Statewide CMAQ Funding Source (Cost increase and removal of funding source covered by adding \$2,510,407 to Regional Target STBG funding).
 - COST is \$7,778,744 (\$6,261,689 Federal; \$1,517,055 STATE)

2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
 - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - EXPANDED ROCKLAND SERVICE OPERATING ASSISTANCE
 - COST IS \$250,000 (\$200,000 FEDERAL; \$50,000 ROCKLAND AND BAT)

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to release Amendment 3 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 3 to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

6. FFY 2021-2025 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- **Scenarios and Preferred Set of Projects**

Charles Kilmer presented and discussed the six (6) FFY 2021-2025 Old Colony TIP Scenarios.

Pam Haznar stated that the Brockton - Massasoit Boulevard Project has had no progress in recent years, and that are other projects moving ahead and it might be time to give some other projects a chance.

Dan Salvucci stated that the traffic signals at Massasoit Boulevard and Crescent Street (Route 27) should be looked at to make sure traffic flow is moving quickly and safely. Dan Salvucci then noted that the Summer Street and Grove Street Intersection and Bridge project is a priority due to safety

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issues.

Glenn Geiler then presented and reviewed the proposed transit projects for BAT.

Following discussion, the MPO selected Scenario 6 as the preferred scenario. Scenario 6 is as follows:

FFY 2021

- Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street
- Easton - Route 123 (Depot Street) Reconstruction from Newell Circle to Route 138
- Stoughton - Improvements at Richard Wilkins Elementary School (SRTS)

FFY 2022

- Avon, Stoughton - Pavement Preservation and Related work on Route 24
- Brockton - Intersection Improvements and Related work at Centre Street (Route 123), Cary Street, and Lyman Street
- Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) from Route 27 to Route 14

FFY 2023

- Brockton - Route 123 (Centre Street) at Plymouth Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements
- Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 AC Phase 1 of 2 (Total cost is \$13,351,414)
- Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive

FFY 2024

- Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 AC Phase 2 of 2
- Plympton - Bridge Replacement, Winnetuxet Road Over Winnetuxet River

FFY 2025

- Abington - Intersection Improvements at Hancock Street and Chestnut Street
- Brockton - Improvements and Related Work on Crescent Street (Route 27), Including Replacement of Grove Street Bridge, B-25-005, Over Salisbury Plain River
- Duxbury - Signal Installation @ Route 3 (NB & SB) Ramps & Route 3A (Tremont Street)

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to set Scenario 6 as the Preferred Set of Projects for the FFY 2021-2025 TIP. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to approve Scenario 6 in the FFY 2021-2025 TIP.

7. Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statements

- **Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process - Review and Potential Endorsement**

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- **Air Quality Planning for State Regulation 310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act - Review and Potential Endorsement**

Charles Kilmer presented and discussed the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self Certification Compliance Statement. The Self Certification Compliance Statement certifies that the conduct of the metropolitan transportation planning process complies with all applicable requirements, and that this process includes activities to support the development and implementation of the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination, the Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self Certification Compliance Statement. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to endorse the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self Certification Compliance Statement.

Charles Kilmer discussed the Air Quality Planning for State Regulation 310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Self Certification Compliance Statement. The Self Certification Compliance Statement certifies that the Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan is in compliance with all applicable requirements in the State Regulation 310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements for the Transportation Sector and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse the Air Quality Planning for State Regulation 310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Self Certification Compliance Statement. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to endorse the Air Quality Planning for State Regulation 310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Self Certification Compliance Statement.

8. FFY 2021 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- **Universe of Projects**

Charles Kilmer presented and discussed the Universe of Projects.

- Brockton - Route 27 (Reynolds Memorial Highway) Corridor Study
- Duxbury - Route 14 Corridor Study from Pembroke Town Line to Route 3A
- Plymouth - Long Pond Road Corridor Study from Obey Street to Drew Road
- Regional - Road Safety Audits (RSAs) at Multiple Locations
- Regional - Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study
- Regional - Climate Change Transportation Impact and Resiliency Study
- Regional - Route 24 Safety and Mobility Study

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- Regional - Route 3 Safety and Mobility Study

Charles Kilmer stated that since all of these projects cannot be undertaken, OCPC staff recommends the three following projects to be included in the FFY 2021 UPWP:

- Regional - Road Safety Audits (RSAs) at Multiple Locations
 - Charles Kilmer stated that OCPC will identify locations in proximity to transit, environmental justice areas, schools, and other area of emphasis
- Regional - Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study (to be named Transportation Network Study)
- Climate Change Transportation Impact and Resiliency Study

Glenn Geiler asked what happens to the projects that are not recommended for UPWP this year. Charles Kilmer stated that the remaining projects would remain in the universe of projects and be reconsidered next year.

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

- **Old Colony MPO Transportation Planning Certification Review**

Charles Kilmer reported that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have determined that the transportation planning process of the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which encompasses the Boston, MA-NH-RI Transportation Management Area substantially meets the Metropolitan Planning Rule requirements subject to resolution of two corrective actions (23 CFR Part 450 Subpart C and 49 CFR Part 613). FHWA and FTA conditionally certify the transportation planning process of the MPO, effective February 24, 2020.

Dan Salvucci asked Charles Kilmer if a full MPO Packet could be emailed or mailed out. Charles Kilmer stated that he will do that.

Charles Kilmer then reported that the next meeting of the MPO is scheduled for 10 A.M. on April 21, 2020.

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the March 24, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting

1. Minutes of February 18, 2020, Old Colony MPO Meeting
2. Staff Report for March 24, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items