

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, April 21, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.
Meeting - Held Remotely

Signatories Present:

Lee Hartmann, Representing Kenneth Tavares, Chairman, Plymouth Board of Selectmen
Eldon Moreira, 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 Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Glenn Geiler, Representing Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Mary Waldron, Representing Christine Joy, President, OCPC

Others Present:

Elijah Romulus, Bridgewater
John Charbonneau, Stoughton
Mary Ellen DeFrias, MassDevelopment
Michelle Ho, MassDOT
Ben Muller, MassDOT
Bryan Pounds, MassDOT
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT District 5
Greg Lucas, BETA Group
Al DeGirolamo, Office of State Senator Michael Brady
Shawn Bailey, OCPC
Paul Chenard, OCPC
Ray Guarino, OCPC
Charles Kilmer, OCPC
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC
Unknown Caller 1
Unknown Caller 2
Unknown Caller 3
Unknown Caller 4

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson David Mohler called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. and then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Those in attendance then introduced themselves. Charles Kilmer then read the roll call of Signatories.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

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3. Minutes of the March 24, 2020 Meeting

Chairperson Mohler asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the March 24, 2020 meeting. There being none, the Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse the minutes of the March 24, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Glenn Geiler stated that BAT's Operation Team is doing a great job keeping service going. Any service changes are being updated on BATs Facebook page and website. BATs mission is the same, but the focus has entirely shifted. BAT is trying to drive down ridership in order to keep frontline employees safe. BAT is encouraging the public to reserve bus and public transit for essential travel only. All of the BAT drivers are equipped with masks and disinfectant. The BAT Centre is currently closed to the public. BAT is in the process of coordinating with other transit authorities regarding funding through the CARES Act. This is to make up for lost revenue and other expenses for this year and potentially next year as well.

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

▪ Amendment 3 - Public Comments and Potential Endorsement

Charles Kilmer reported that 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)

Charles Kilmer then stated that the OCPC Executive Board reviewed the Amendment 3 and approved it. This was the one comment received for Amendment 3.

Chairperson Mohler asked if there is a motion to endorse Amendment 3. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously via roll call to endorse Amendment 3.

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

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

Charles Kilmer discussed the projects programmed for the Draft FFY 2021-2025 TIP.

FFY 2021

- Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street (\$4,969,007)
- Easton - Route 123 (Depot Street) Reconstruction from Newell Circle to Route 138 (\$10,502,923)
- Stoughton - Improvements at Richard Wilkins Elementary School (SRTS) (\$3,171,443)

FFY 2022

- Avon & Stoughton - Pavement Preservation and Related work on Route 24 (\$6,314,880)
- Brockton - Intersection Improvements and Related work at Centre Street (Route 123), Cary Street, and Lyman Street (\$3,232,320)
- Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) from Route 27 to Route 14 (\$10,088,920)

FFY 2023

- Brockton - Route 123 (Centre Street) at Plymouth Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements (\$2,523,420)
- Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 AC Phase 1 of 2 (Total cost is \$13,351,414; AC Phase 1 cost is \$5,244,574)
- Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive (\$3,799,916)

FFY 2024

- Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 AC Phase 2 of 2 (Total cost is \$13,351,414; AC Phase 2 cost is \$8,106,840)
- Plympton - Bridge Replacement, Winnetuxet Road over Winnetuxet River (\$2,220,987)

FFY 2025

- Abington - Intersection Improvements at Hancock Street and Chestnut Street (\$2,900,232)
- Brockton - Improvements and Related Work on Crescent Street (Route 27), Including Replacement of Grove Street Bridge, B-25-005, Over Salisbury Plain River (\$4,872,000)
- Duxbury - Signal Installation @ Route 3 (NB & SB) Ramps & Route 3A (Tremont Street) (\$2,784,000)

Glenn Geiler then provided a summary on the Transit Projects.

Charles Kilmer then discussed the Equity and Geographic Analysis of TIP Projects from 2012-2025. This provides a socio-economic profile of the communities along with the percentage of TIP Projects through that year and related expenditures. They are as follows:

- Brockton - 33.3%
- Pembroke - 13.9%

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- Easton - 11.1%
- Plymouth - 8.3%
- Stoughton 8.3%

Pam Haznar asked if Table 8 within the TIP includes Bridge Projects. Charles Kilmer stated that it does not include bridges, but it does include regional target projects and statewide funded projects.

Chairperson Mohler asked if there is a motion to release the FFY 2021-2025 TIP to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted vote unanimously via roll call to release the FFY 2021-2025 TIP to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

7. Update on Brockton - Main Street Brockton Corridor Study

Ray Guarino provided an update and presentation on the Main Street Brockton Corridor Study.

Timeline:

- October 2019 - January 2020 - Existing Conditions and Data Collection
- January 2020 - Stakeholder Meetings
- February 2020 - Public Workshop Meeting #1
- June-July 2020 - Public Workshop #2
- August 2020 - Draft and Final Report

Completed Thus Far:

- Traffic Volumes - 48 Hour Counts, Speeds, Heavy Vehicle Counts at 19 locations
- Peak Hour Turning Movements (Morning and Afternoon) at 25 locations
- Intersection Peak Hour Analysis (Levels-of-Service) at 25 locations
- Safety - Crash experience from the latest three years (2017, 2018, 2019)
- Built Environment - Physical inventories on condition of the road, sidewalks, signage, pavement markings, signal operations
- Transit Operations - Compiled bus ridership data and bus route accommodations
- Bicycle accommodation and amenities (existing and potential)
- Land use, zoning, compiled information on future developments
- Public Outreach

Potential Improvements Summary (Thus Far):

- Corridor Wide - Lighting, update signage and pavement markings, optimize existing traffic signal timing
- Corridor Wide - Improved bicycle lanes or sharrows, expand bicycle parking
- Main Street at Hayward Ave - Signalize
- Main Street at Perkins Ave/South Street - Upgrade signals and timing and phasing
- Main Street at Nilsson Street/East Nilsson Street - Signalize
- Main Street at Forest Ave - Signalize
- Brockton Downtown (Alternative if the City implements the two-way system) - Coordinate Five

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Main Street downtown signals

- Downtown (Alternative if the City maintains the one-way system) - Install overhead signals at Main Street at Belmont and Main Street at Legion Parkway, coordinate signals at 5 downtown Main Street intersections
- Re-Time signal phasing at the Main Street/Oak Street Intersection

Dan Salvucci asked what the average speed was in the downtown section of Main Street. Ray Guarino stated that the 85th Percentile was just over 30 MPH. Dan Salvucci asked because he is concerned about Whitman Center which is having the same issue.

Pam Haznar expressed her appreciation for all the hard work on this project from Ray Guarino and the OCPC Staff. Pam Haznar asked how this project would be coordinated with the Brockton Two-Way Study and how these two projects would mesh together. Ray Guarino stated that he has contacted Rob May of Brockton regarding future developments. The consultant has done all of the analysis for the Two-Way project in 2019. It's up to the City if they want to implement that.

Charles Kilmer stated that the consultant completed their study on the Two-Way Project. BSC Group is working on a project need form on this project right now. The total cost estimate is in excess of \$38 Million.

8. Update on Hanover - Route 139 Corridor Study

Bill McNulty provided an update and presentation on the Route 139 Corridor Study.

Completed to Date:

- Traffic data collection (volumes, speeds, and vehicle classification) from Route 139 and side streets, and peak hour turning movement counts at intersections
- Existing and projected morning and afternoon Level of Service (measure of delay) analysis at intersections
- Calculation of existing crash rates (crashes per million entering vehicles), Crash Data 2015 through 2019
- Updates to Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), Old Colony MPO, and Hanover Traffic Safety Committee, and Hanover Residents

Happening Now and Next Steps:

- Continue to Engage Public and Solicit Input on Potential Improvements - Survey public on priority and interest in potential improvements
- Continue to work with Town on identification of preferred improvement options and scenarios - Hanover Town Center
- Consultation with MassDOT - Corridor is under jurisdiction of MassDOT
- Development and Presentation of Report

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

Charles Kilmer stated that the next meeting will be on May 19, 2020 at 10 AM.

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10. Adjournment

Chairperson Mohler adjourned the meeting at 11:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

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

1. Minutes of March 24, 2020, Old Colony MPO Meeting
2. Staff Report for April 21, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
3. Presentation on the Brockton - Main Street Corridor Study
4. Presentation on the Hanover - Route 139 Corridor Study