

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, September 15, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

Signatories Present:

Danielle Littman, Representing Mayor Sullivan, City of Brockton
Lee Hartmann, Representing Chairman Kenneth Tavares, Plymouth 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
Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Mary Waldron, Representing Christine Joy, President, OCPC

Others Present:

Ann Lee, Hanover
Becky Coletta, Pembroke
Mary Holland, Whitman
Kelly Forrester, Brockton Area Transit Authority
Glenn Geiler, Brockton Area Transit Authority
Linda Sacchetti, Brockton Area Transit Authority
Ben Muller, MassDOT
Mary Ellen DeFrias, MassDevelopment
Michelle Ho, MassDOT
Elizabeth Williams, MassDOT
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT District 5
Dan McCormack, BETA Group
Shawn Bailey, Old Colony Planning Council
Ray Guarino, Old Colony Planning Council
Paul Chenard, Old Colony Planning Council
Charles Kilmer, Old Colony Planning Council
Bill McNulty, Old Colony Planning Council
Kyle Mowatt, Old Colony Planning Council

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel called the virtual meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Charles Kilmer then conducted the roll call.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

3. Minutes of the June 16, 2020 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the Old Colony MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting. There were no comments or changes. The Old Colony

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MPO then unanimously endorsed the minutes of the June 16, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting via roll call vote.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- Workforce is healthy and service is running regularly on a half hour schedule. Fares are now being collected.
- Recently implemented technology improvements: Rolled out new mobile friendly website, automated fare collection for Paratransit, BAT along with Pioneer Valley Transit Authority became first two transit agencies in MA to introduce mobile ticketing for buses.
- Continue to make progress on two of our planning studies along with MassDOT and OCPC. These two studies are the Comprehensive Regional Transit Plan and the other is studying the potential for a connection between Brockton and Taunton.

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

Charles Kilmer reported that there are no TIP Adjustments or Amendments at this time.

6. Performance Based Planning and Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Transit State of Good Repair Targets

- **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Adoption of the Proposed set of Federally Required Performance Targets Pertaining to Transit State of Good Repair**

Kelly Forrester presented and then discussed the Performance Based Planning and BAT's Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Transit State of Good Repair Targets.

The FY 2021 Transit Asset Management State of Good Repair Targets is as follow:

- **Buses** - 16% of fleet exceeds default Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)
- **Cutaway Buses** - 30% of fleet exceeds default ULB
- **Vans** - 20% of fleet exceeds default ULBs
- **Non-Revenue Service Automobile** - 35% of non-revenue service vehicles exceeds default ULB of 8
- **Non-Revenue Service Truck** - 40% of non-revenue service vehicles exceeds default ULB of 8
- **Admin/Maintenance Facility** - 0% of facilities rated under 3.0 on TERM Scale

Chairperson Woelfel then asked for a motion to approve BATs Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Transit State of Good Repair Targets. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve BATs Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Transit State of Good Repair Targets.

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7. Performance Based Planning and MassDOT Proposed Calendar Year 2022 Congestion Targets

- **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Set of Federally Required Performance Targets Pertaining to Congestion (Non-SOV and Emissions)**

Ben Muller presented and then discussed the MassDOT Proposed Calendar Year 2022 Congestion Targets. For Non-SOV Travel, it is proposed to revise the four-year target from 35.1% to 35.8%. Ben Muller explained that the number of people who drove alone dropped from 67.3% in 2014 to 65.4% in 2018. Public Transportation increased from 13.3% in 2014 to 14.3% in 2018.

Ben Muller then provided an Emissions Reductions Description. The on-road mobile source emissions measure provides an assessment of the CMAQ Program through the measurement of total emissions reductions from CMAQ-funded projects. This measure is calculated by summing two and 4-year totals of emissions reductions in kilograms per day for all CMAQ funded projects located in municipalities classified as air quality maintenance areas (Waltham, Lowell, Worcester, and Springfield) or non-attainment areas (Oak Bluffs). Only CMAQ funded projects in air quality maintenance or non-attainment areas programmed between 2018 and 2021 were used to calculate the four-year targets.

8. FFY 2020 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Project Updates

- Main Street (Brockton) Corridor Study - Status Report and Next Steps
- Route 139 (Hanover) Corridor Study - Status Report and Next Steps

Ray Guarino reported on the Main Street (Brockton) Corridor Study. On Wednesday September 9, 2020, a virtual public meeting was held in collaboration with Brockton Mayor Sullivan to present the study recommendations. A video of the meeting is available for viewing on the OCPC web page. Several recommendations were presented including signaling three intersections in the corridor (Main Street at Hayward Avenue, Main Street at Nilsson Street and East Nilsson Street, and Main Street at Forest Avenue and Martin Place.) A summary of the recommendations is this report, which includes corridor-wide improvements to lighting and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, follows this update. In addition to the public meeting, a draft report has been distributed to stakeholders for comment and review. Comments are due to OCPC by close of business on September 25, 2020.

Bill McNulty reported on the Route 139 (Hanover) Corridor Study. Old Colony Planning Council is conducting a planning level corridor study of the Route 139 Corridor in Hanover, from Columbia Road (Route 53) to the Rockland Town Line.

A Draft Final Report has been completed, and will be released to a 2-week public review period following a public presentation. The public presentation will be conducted via a webinar on September 17, 2020, and will present a recap of the Study to date, a summary of its findings, and provide potential recommended improvements. Potential Improvements include:

- Road Safety Audits at various intersections
- Re-design of Hanover Center to alleviate congestion and improve mobility and safety

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- Improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure along the corridor is recommended to improve both regional bicycle mobility and local connections to recreation for improved community health and lifestyle
- Lighting, roadway striping, and signage have been evaluated along the corridor, and recommendations for upgrading these facilities are being made where appropriate to improve safety.

Pam Haznar asked when the RSAs would be scheduled. Bill McNulty replied that there is a UPWP study in FFY 2021 coming up to look at high crash locations. The locations from this study may be included. Bill McNulty stated that they are not scheduled yet.

Pam Haznar stated that there are a few locations on the Top 200 Crash list where MassDOT will be conducting RSAs.

9. MassDOT Mobility Dashboard

Elizabeth Williams provided a presentation on the MassDOT Mobility Dashboard. MassDOT is continually monitoring the impacts of COVID-19 on the state's transportation network, including roadways, transit services, and Registry transactions. The MassDOT Mobility Dashboard is an interactive roundup of key indicators that reflect **how much** people are traveling, **how** they are getting around, and **where** they are going. This data is updated weekly *unless otherwise noted*.

The Mobility Dashboard compiles and visualizes data from a variety of sources and links to additional relevant dashboards. Sources for data are noted in each section. The Dashboard is available at <https://mobility-massdot.hub.arcgis.com/>

Mary Waldron stated that OCPC shared this Dashboard during the Main Street Public Hearing last week.

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

Charles Kilmer extended sympathies to Glenn Geiler for the passing of her Father, Peter Barrows and then the MPO observed a moment of silence.

Charles Kilmer announced some upcoming events:

- Bay State Bike Month
- OCPC Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Tuesday, September 22 at 10 AM
- 2020 Moving Together Conference - November 17-19
- MassDOT Shared Streets and Spaces Funding Program - Every Municipality is eligible and encouraged to apply for funding under this program.

The date of the next MPO Meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2020.

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11. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the September 15, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting

1. Minutes of June 16, 2020, Old Colony MPO Meeting
2. Staff Reports for September 15, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items