

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting held on January 19, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Via Zoom

Signatories Present:

Lee Hartmann, Representing Chairman Kenneth Tavares, Chairman, Plymouth Board of Selectmen
Daniel Salvucci, Vice-Chairman, Whitman Board of Selectmen
Meredith Anderson, Member, West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen
Stephen Woelfel, Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pamela Haznar, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Charles Kilmer, Representing Christine Joy, President, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)

Others Present:

Bruce Hughes, Abington
Jamison Shave, Hanson
Glenn Geiler, BAT
Andrew Reovan, FHWA
Mary Ellen DeFrias, MassDevelopment
Ben Muller, MassDOT
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT District 5
Lisa Sherman, CDM Smith
Kim Tran, CDM Smith
Rob Cahoon, VHB
Shawn Bailey, OCPC
Paul Chenard, OCPC
Ray Guarino, OCPC
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC
Unidentified Caller #1

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel 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. Charles Kilmer then conducted the roll call. Charles Kilmer then reported that 7 of the 8 Signatories are present.

2. Public Comments

Charles Kilmer asked for a moment of silence for Mary Waldron's Mother, Angela Przybylowicz, who recently passed away. The Old Colony MPO then observed a moment of silence.

3. Minutes of the December 15, 2020 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting. There were not any changes.

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The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call vote to endorse the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert reported on the following BAT items:

- Staff continues to maintain their health and safety
- BAT received grant awards through the MassDOT Community Transit Grant Program (CTGP) BAT received continued funding for Avon/ Stoughton Service, continued funding for the Rockland Flex Ride Service, and funding for nine Dial-A-BAT Vans.
- BAT received a MassDOT Shared Streets Grant, which will make transit use more comfortable during the winter. The grant was for 10 new shelters and heaters for the BAT Centre platform.
- BAT has worked with transit providers within the Boston UZA to divide up the second round of Federal relief.

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

Barbara LaChance provided updates on several projects under design or construction. The updates are as follows:

Construction:

Abington & Brockton - North Quincy and Chestnut Intersection Improvements

- Paved base course and intermediate course project wide; Street lighting is up, and roundabout is functional; Utility locations are complete; and construction is shut down for winter

Brockton - Route 123 Phase 3

- Contractor received notice to proceed in October 2020; Currently laying out baselines and utility relocations underway

East Bridgewater - Route 18 Roadway Reconstruction and Related Work

- Contractor is working on headwall on Route 18

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

- Construction Bids opened on January 12, 2021, and the low bidder is RJV Construction Corporation

Hanover - Route 3 Hanover

- Contractor has submitted lighting plan; Milling operations have been done in the northern section; and construction is shut down for winter

Pembroke - Route 53 Roadway Resurfacing Project

- Tree trimming was completed in December and construction is shut down for the winter

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Whitman - Route 18 at 14 and Route 18 at Route 27 Intersection Improvements

- Locations 1 and 2 have been paved to intermediate course and temporary markings were installed prior to winter; Construction is shut down for winter

Projects Under Design:

FFY 2022

Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 from Route 14 to Route 27

- There was a second utility meeting last week; MassDOT is waiting for the revised PS&E
- Project is scheduled to be advertised in December 2021

FFY 2023

Brockton - Intersection Improvements at Centre Street & Plymouth Street

- 25% Design is due in June 2021

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

- 25% Design Review has been completed; Next steps include a comment resolution meeting, design public hearing, and utility site walk

FFY 2023 and 2024

Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138

- 25% Design under review

FFY 2025

Abington - Intersection Improvements at Hancock Street & Chestnut Street

- Pre 25% Design has been reviewed and 25% Design is due in March 2021

Brockton - Intersection Improvements at Lyman, Grove, Summer (Including Grove Street Bridge)

- Revised 25% Design is due in September 2021

Duxbury - Signal Improvements at Route 3 and Route 3A

- MassDOT is awaiting on Town of Duxbury for information on design

6. FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and/ or Adjustments

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

Chairperson Woelfel reported that there are not items ready for this agenda item at this time, and that that this agenda item will be included on next month's meeting.

7. Performance Based Planning and MassDOT Proposed Calendar Year 2021 Highway Safety

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Performance Measure Targets (PM1)

- **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Set of Federally Required Performance Measure Targets Pertaining to Highway Safety**

Ben Muller provided a presentation on the MassDOT Calendar Year 2021 Highway Safety Performance Measure Targets (PM1).

Total Fatalities: The CY 21 target of 339 was set to reflect an anticipated decrease in fatalities. The target of 339 was set to reflect an anticipated decrease in fatalities due to joint initiatives across MassDOT related to sustainable transportation; commitment to several FHWA Every Day Counts (EDC) initiatives (e.g., reducing rural roadway departures); and strategies and legislative proposals that were part of the 2018 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), such as the primary seat belt and hands-free driving laws.

Fatality Rate: The CY 21 target of 0.55 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled reflects an overall reduction from previous years. MassDOT's long-term goal is to move towards zero deaths.

Total Serious Injuries: The CY 21 target is 2,580. It is anticipated that there will be an overall decrease in the number of serious injuries due to a continual downward trend line as well as the implementation of countermeasures that are being developed as part of the 2018 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The CY 2021 target of 2,580 was set to reflect this trend. For this performance measure, it is important to note that on January 1, 2019, Massachusetts moved from the term "incapacitating injuries" to "serious injuries," per federal requirements.

Serious Injuries Rate: Similar to the fatality rate, it is anticipated that the downward trend line will result in a drop in the rate of serious injuries from 4.35 per 100 million VMT between 2016–2020 to 4.23 between 2017-2021.

Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries: The most recent data for non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries indicates that the previously increasing trend decreased in 2017 and has continued to decrease since then. The CY 2021 target has been set to reflect continued projected reductions in non-motorized fatalities and injuries due to a number of multi-disciplinary and multi-agency implementation strategies contained within the Statewide Bike Plan, Statewide Pedestrian Plan, and Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

Dan Salvucci asked that if MassDOT recognizes an area with a high percentage of crashes, do they contact OCPC to let them know. Ben Muller stated that the MassDOT Safety Group works every year to update the top crash intersections across the State, and then works with the MassDOT Districts and MPOs to set up Road Safety Audits. Discussion followed.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse and accept the MassDOT Proposed Calendar Year 2021 Highway Safety Performance Measure Targets (PM1). A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO unanimously voted via roll call to endorse and accept the MassDOT Proposed

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Calendar Year 2021 Highway Safety Performance Measure Targets (PM1).

8. FFY 2021 UPWP Update - Road Safety Audits (RSAs) at Multiple Locations

Bill McNulty provided an update on the RSAs at Multiple Locations. Through Task 3300 of the FFY 2021 Old Colony UPWP, OCPC will be conducting Road Safety Audits at Multiple Locations throughout the region. Road safety audits have been proposed for 27 locations, grouped into 15 road safety audit meetings. These locations have been selected based on consultation with the municipalities, MassDOT, and the Old Colony MPO's Safety management system which ranks intersections based on the Equivalent to Property Damage Only (EPDO) value. EPDO is a weighted value which accounts for crash severity in addition to overall crash count for 2017 through 2019.

The Road Safety Audits will be conducted in conjunction with the municipalities and MassDOT throughout the program year, beginning in February 2021 and continuing through August 2021. The Audits will be conducted virtually, with video and photography from study sites made available to RSA participants. OCPC will have staff in the field at each audit to answer any questions and provide a live feed. Data and analysis will be provided to participants in advance of each Audit.

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

The next meetings of the Old Colony MPO are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, and June 15.

Charles Kilmer then provided a summary of the following upcoming events:

- Expanding Mobility with the Community Transit Grant Program Webinar - January 26
- Dementia Friendly Transportation Drive Training - March 3 and March 9
- Massachusetts Service Alliance Covid-19 Resiliency Grants - Proposals must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on February 5
- Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program

Chairperson Woelfel then adjourned the meeting at 10:32 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the January 19, 2021 Old Colony MPO Meeting

1. Minutes of December 15, 2020 Old Colony MPO Meeting
2. Staff Reports for January 19, 2021 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
3. Presentation on MassDOT Calendar Year 2021 Highway Safety Performance Measure Targets (PM1)