

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting held on March 16, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Via Zoom

Signatories Present:

Mayor Robert Sullivan, City of Brockton
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chairman, Whitman Board of Selectmen
Lee Hartmann, Representing Chairman Kenneth Tavares, Plymouth Board of Selectmen
Stephen Woelfel, Representing Jamey Tesler, Acting Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pam Haznar, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Christine Joy, President, OCPC

Others Present:

Bill Fitzgerald, Avon
Kerry Richards, Brockton
Raisa Saniat, Brockton
David Field, Easton
Jamison Shave, Hanson
Glenn Geiler, BAT
Kelly Forrester, BAT
Greg Lucas, BETA Group
Andrew Reovan, FHWA
Michelle Ho, MassDOT
Ben Muller, MassDOT
Bryan Pounds, MassDOT
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT District 5
Rob Cahoon, VHB
Shawn Bailey, OCPC
Ray Guarino, OCPC
Charles Kilmer, OCPC
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC
Mary Waldron, OCPC

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 there is a quorum. Seven of the eight members are present.

2. Public Comments

Christine Joy provided congratulations and then provided a presentation recognizing Charles Kilmer on his 25 years of service at OCPC.

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Chairperson Woelfel then congratulated Charles Kilmer on his 25 years at OCPC.

Dan Salvucci then stated that Charles Kilmer does an outstanding job at OCPC.

Pam Haznar then stated that it has always been a pleasure working with Charles Kilmer and she does not know anybody more dedicated.

Michael Lambert then stated that Charles Kilmer has been a great supporter and assistant to transit in the region.

3. Minutes of the February 16, 2021 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the Old Colony MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting. Charles Kilmer stated that there is one change regarding the identification of Matthew Rushton. He is identified as the Councilor-At-Large for the Town of Bridgewater.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call vote to endorse the revised minutes of the February 16, 2021 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert stated that all of BAT staff is present and accounted for. BAT has been able to obtain vaccinations for all their workers who are either 65 and older or have 2 or more morbidities. Gratitude is given to both the State and to Brockton Board of Health for assistance in the vaccinations.

Ridership continues to range between 40-50% down from last year. With the emergence of better weather, we are hoping to see an increase.

BAT has successfully installed heaters at the BAT Centre platform and outside of the BAT Centre thanks to a grant from MassDOT.

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

Charles Kilmer stated that there are no items for this meeting.

6. Development of FFY 2022-2026 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

▪ Scenarios and Potential Determination of Preferred Set of Projects

Charles Kilmer presented the four TIP programming scenarios.

Scenario 1:

- Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) From Route 27 to Route 14 - FFY 2022
- Stoughton - Intersection Improvements on Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive - FFY 2023

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- Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 AC Phase 1 of 2 - FFY 2023
- Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 AC Phase 2 of 2 - FFY 2024
- Brockton - Route 123 (Centre Street) at Plymouth Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements - FFY 2024
- Abington - Intersection Improvements at Hancock Street and Chestnut Street - FFY 2025
- Brockton - Intersection Improvements at Lyman Street/Grove Street/Summer Street & Replacement of Grove Street Bridge - FFY 2025
- Duxbury - Signal Installation at Route 3 (NB & SB) Ramps & Route 3A (Tremont Street) - FFY 2025
- Easton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 Including Intersection Improvements at Route 138 (Washington Street) and Elm Street - FFY 2026

Scenario 2:

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- Hanson - Corridor Improvements on Route 14 (Maquan Street), from the Pembroke T.L. to Indian Head Street and Related Work AC Phase 2 of 2 - FFY 2026

Scenario 3:

- Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) From Route 27 to Route 14 - FFY 2022
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Scenario 4:

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Statewide Funded Projects:

- Avon & Stoughton - Pavement Preservation and Related Work on Route 24 - FFY 2022
- Brockton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Centre Street (Route 123), Cary Street and Lyman Street - FFY 2023
- Plympton - Bridge Replacement, Winnetuxet Road Over Winnetuxet River - FFY 2024

Charles Kilmer then offered that the staff, with due consideration given to project readiness and evaluation criteria, recommends Scenario 3. Discussion followed regarding the four scenarios.

Pam Haznar stated that MassDOT supports the Hanson Route 14 Project, but there is a concern with an 1885 water line. MassDOT wants to make sure that this utility issue is resolved as the project moves ahead.

The Old Colony MPO Signatories then agreed and then selected Scenario 3 as their Preferred Set of Projects.

Glenn Geiler then provided an overview of the transit projects. In summary, they include 14 replacement buses, keeping up with state of good repair targets, the continuation of BAT's vehicle overhaul program, safety and technology improvements, updated flooring for maintenance facility, new phone system, efficient bus washer, bathroom improvements, passenger amenities.

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Michael Lambert stated that electric buses and service are not yet included. That is an ongoing conversation going on with MassDOT.

7. Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statements

▪ Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process - Review and Potential Endorsement

Charles Kilmer discussed the Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statements.

The Self Certification Compliance Statement certifies that the conduct of the metropolitan transportation planning process complies with all applicable requirements, which are listed below, 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.

1. 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303
2. Sections 174 and 176 c and d of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 USC 7504, 7506 c and d and 40 CFR Part 93 regarding conformity in maintenance areas and for applicable State Implementation Plan Projects
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 USC 2000d-1) and 49 CFR Part 21
4. 49 USC 5332, prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity.
5. Section 1101 (b) of the Fast Act (Pub. L. 114-94) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in U.S. DOT-funded projects
6. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38
7. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 USC 6101), prohibiting discrimination based on age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.
8. Section 324 of Title 23 USC regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender
9. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794) and 49 CFR Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities
10. Anti-Lobbying restrictions found in 49 USC Part 20. No appropriated funds may be expended by a recipient to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, or a member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of any federal contract

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to approve the Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statements. A motion was made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously via roll call vote to endorse the Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statements.

Mary Waldron recognized that the Mayor Robert Sullivan of Brockton has joined the meeting.

Mayor Robert Sullivan thanked everyone at OCPC and then stated that OCPC is a wonderful partner

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for the City of Brockton.

8. FFY 2022 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

▪ Universe of Projects

Charles Kilmer presented and discussed the Universe of Projects for the FFY 2022 Old Colony UPWP.

Draft Universe of Projects for Element 3000:

1. Brockton - Route 27 (Reynolds Memorial Highway) Corridor Study
2. Duxbury - Route 14 Corridor Study from Pembroke Town Line to Route 3A
3. Plymouth - Long Pond Road Corridor Study from Obery Street to Drew Road
4. Regional - 2023 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation (HST) Plan
5. Regional - Corridor Profile Study
6. Regional - Freight Study and Action Plan
7. Regional - Road Safety Audits (RSAs) at Multiple Locations
8. Regional - Major Bottleneck Identification Study
9. Regional - Route 3 Safety and Mobility Study
10. Regional - Route 24 Safety and Mobility Study

Dan Salvucci had a question regarding the Freight Study and Action Plan. Is this due the increase of online shopping and the increase of vehicle navigation system sending drivers through residential areas? Charles Kilmer stated that the navigation issues has come up in several settings. The freight study would examine existing and potential routes, identify potential layover facilities, and determine a listing of recommended improvements to the infrastructure network.

Lee Hartmann asked why projects 1 through 6 do not check off the criteria of Environmental and Climate Change as it seems as though they would have benefits in that area. Charles Kilmer stated that OCPC will take a second look at that to make sure it is accurate.

Mayor Robert Sullivan then presented Charles Kilmer with an official Mayoral Citation. The Mayor recognized Charles Kilmer for his 25 years of service at the Old Colony Planning Council.

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

Date and Time of Next Old Colony MPO Meeting(s)

The Old Colony MPO members are respectfully requested to schedule the date and time of their next meeting(s):

- April 20, 2021 at 10 AM
- May 18, 2021 at 10 AM
- June 15, 2021 at 10 AM

Charles Kilmer announced two events upcoming up:

- CEDS Committee Meeting and Webinar: Community One Stop for Growth - March 16 at 12:00 PM

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- MassDOT Innovation Conference - May 2021

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:47 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the March 16, 2021 Old Colony MPO Meeting

1. Minutes of February 16, 2021 Old Colony MPO Meeting
2. Staff Report for March 16, 2021 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items