

# OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, April 20, 2021 - 10:00 A.M. Held Via Zoom

## Signatories Present:

Lee Hartmann, Representing Chairman Kenneth Tavares, Plymouth Board of Selectmen  
Meredith Anderson, Vice-Chairman, West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen  
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chairman, Whitman Board of Selectmen  
David Mohler, 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)  
Mary Waldron, Representing Christine Joy, President, OCPC

## Others Present:

Glenn Geiler, BAT  
Kelly Forrester, BAT  
Linda Sacchetti, BAT  
William Chenard, Pembroke  
Ben Muller, MassDOT  
Bryan Pounds, MassDOT  
Rob Cahoon, VHB  
Bill McNulty, OCPC  
Charles Kilmer, OCPC  
Shawn Bailey, OCPC  
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC  
Ray Guarino, OCPC

## 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson David Mohler 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 as 7 of the 8 Signatory Members are present.

## 2. Public Comments

There were no public comments offered at this time.

## 3. Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Meeting

Chairperson Mohler asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call vote to endorse the minutes of the March 16, 2021 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

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## 4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert stated that the ridership is between 50%-60% down. BAT is hoping with the vaccine effort and better weather there will be a rise in ridership.

Michael Lambert then reported that any BAT worker who wanted a vaccine has had their 2<sup>nd</sup> shot. That is about 75% of BAT's workforce. BAT intends to open the BAT Centre on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to the public.

## 5. Election of Old Colony MPO Vice-Chairperson

The current Old Colony MPO Vice-Chairperson is Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit, and the two-year concludes this April 2021.

Mary Waldron made a motion to nominate Michael Lambert to serve as Old Colony MPO Vice-Chairperson. The motion was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously via roll call vote to elect Michael Lambert to serve a two-year term as the Old Colony MPO Vice-Chairperson.

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

### ▪ Amendment 2 - Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period

Charles Kilmer presented discussed Amendment 2. The Amendment is as follows:

#### FFY 2021

- Stoughton - Improvements at Richard Wilkins Elementary School (SRTS) (608829)
  - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST: Increase cost from \$3,171,443 to \$4,650,151
  - ADJUSTMENT: CHANGE DESCRIPTION – Change Description from Stoughton - Improvements at West Elementary School (SRTS) (608829) to Stoughton - Improvements at Richard Wilkins Elementary School (SRTS) (608829)

Chairperson Mohler asked if there is a motion to release the TIP Amendment 2 to a 21-day public review and comment period. A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Lee Hartmann to release Amendment 2 to a 21-day Public Review and Comment Period.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call vote to release Amendment 2 to a 21-day Public Review and Comment Period.

## 7. Draft FFY 2022-2026 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

### ▪ Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period

Charles Kilmer presented and discussed the Draft FFY 2022-2026 Old Colony TIP. Over the upcoming five years, the TIP provides the following funding:

- \$62.0 Million - 11 Road Projects and 1 Bridge Project
- \$45.3 Million - Brockton Area Transit Authority operational and capital assistance (Includes

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replacement of 20 fixed route buses)

The Draft FFY 2022-2026 Old Colony TIP Roadway and Bridge Projects are as follows:

## FFY 2022

- Avon & Stoughton - Pavement Preservation and Related work on Route 24 (\$7,339,593)
- Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) from Route 27 to Route 14 (\$10,160,995)

## FFY 2023

- Brockton - Intersection Improvements and Related work at Centre Street (Route 123), Cary Street, and Lyman Street (\$2,135,071)
- Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 AC Phase 1 of 2 (Total Cost is \$11,485,518 with FFY 2023 Cost of \$6,971,447 and FFY 2024 Cost of \$4,514,071)
- Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive (\$4,596,463)

## FFY 2024

- Brockton - Route 123 (Centre Street) at Plymouth Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements (\$2,523,420)
- Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 AC Phase 2 of 2 (Total Cost is \$11,485,518 with \$5,971,447 in FFY 2023 and \$4,514,071 in FFY 2024)
- Plympton - Bridge Replacement, Winnetuxet Road over Winnetuxet River (\$2,141,666)

## FFY 2025

- Brockton - Intersection Improvements at Lyman Street/ Grove Street/ Summer Street & Replacement of Grove Street Bridge, B-25-005, over Salisbury Plain River (\$4,704,000)
- Easton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 including Intersection Improvements at Route 138 (Washington Street) and Elm Street (608195)

## FFY 2026

- Abington - Intersection Improvements at Hancock Street and Chestnut Street (\$2,900,232)
- Duxbury - Signal Installation @ Route 3 (NB & SB) Ramps & Route 3A (Tremont Street) (\$2,784,000)
- Hanson - Corridor Improvements on Route 14 (Maquan Street), from the Pembroke T.L. to Indian Head Street and Related Work AC Phase 1 of 2 (Total cost is \$11,960,783 with \$5,464,471 in FFY 2026 and \$6,496,312 in FFY 2027)

## FFY 2027

- 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 (Total cost is \$11,960,783 with \$5,464,471 in FFY 2026 and \$6,496,312 in FFY 2027)

Glenn Geiler then provided a summary of the Transit Projects in the TIP. The focus is maintaining the BAT fleet in a state of good repair. Additionally, there is focus is on bus replacement, continuation of vehicle overhaul program, improvements to BAT's maintenance facility, parking garage, Intermodal

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Centre, and administrative offices, and projects provide the capacity to explore fleet electrification in the future.

Chairperson Mohler asked if there is a motion to release the Draft 2022-2026 TIP to a 21-day Public Review and Comment Period. Dan Salvucci made a motion and was seconded by Mary Waldron.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously via roll call vote to release the Draft 2022-2026 TIP to a 21-day Public Review and Comment Period.

### 8. Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statements

#### ▪ Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process – Review and Potential Endorsement

Charles Kilmer reviewed the Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statements. Charles Kilmer stated that a line was omitted from the Compliance Statements presented to the MPO at the March meeting, and then thanked Ben Muller of MassDOT for the assistance with the statements. The following is the complete list:

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 on the basis of 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. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
7. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38
8. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 USC 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance
9. Section 324 of Title 23 USC regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender
10. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794) and 49 CFR Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities

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11. 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 Mohler asked if there is a motion to endorse the Old Colony MPO Self Certification Compliance Statements. A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Lee Hartmann.

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

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

Charles Kilmer provided the Data and Time of Next Old Colony MPO Meetings(s):

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

Chairperson Mohler stated that MassDOT is preparing for a reauthorization of the federal transportation bill. The reauthorization is a separate bill from the currently proposed infrastructure bill. The House Transportation Committee has reinstated the earmarking process. As part of the earmarking requirement, if a requested project is not on the TIP, the proponent needs a letter from the Chair of the MPO, stating that the project could be programmed in the TIP is a reasonable time frame. As MassDOT receives project requests, they are reviewing readiness and funding availability.

Charles Kilmer asked about the timing and reference to which TIP and STIP, as the cost of a requested project in an application might not be reflective of the cost in the future TIP and STIP. Chairperson Mohler stated that MassDOT is being asked to provide a determination by this coming Friday if the projects are programmed in the current TIP.

Pam Haznar asked if all the proposals need to be approved projects by PRC? Chairperson Mohler stated that MassDOT goes by if the project is ready for the advertisement for the next TIP cycle.

### 9. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

### List of Documents for the April 20, 2021 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of March 16, 2021, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for April 20, 2021 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items