

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, February 21, 2023 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

Signatories Present:

Derek Krevat, Representing Gina Fiandaca, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pam Haznar, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Kamiya Parkin, Representing Mayor Robert Sullivan, City of Brockton
Lee Hartmann, Representing Betty Cavacco, Chair, Select Board, Town of Plymouth
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chair, Board of Selectmen, Whitman
Meredith Anderson, Clerk, Board of Selectmen, West Bridgewater
Glenn Geiler, Representing Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit (BAT)
Valerie Massard, President, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)

Others Present:

Al DeGirolamo, Office of Senator Michael Brady
Bonnie Roalsen, AECOM
Jim Fitzgerald, Environmental Partners
Andrew Reovan, FHWA
Michelle Ho, MassDOT
Raissah Kouame, MassDOT
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT
Andrew Wang, MassDOT
Alan Castaline, MBTA Advisory Board
Tracy Altrich, West Bridgewater
Shawn Anderson, West Bridgewater
Christopher Iannitelli, West Bridgewater
Shawn Bailey, OCPC
Ray Guarino, OCPC
Charles Kilmer, OCPC
Guoqiang Li, OCPC
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Jay Song, OCPC
Mary Waldron, OCPC

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Derek Krevat called the 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 and announced there was a quorum present.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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3. Minutes of the January 17, 2023 Meeting

Chairperson Krevat asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting.

Dan Salvucci made a motion and Meri Anderson seconded to endorse the minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting.

There being no comments or changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted via roll call to endorse the minutes of the January 17, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting. Pam Haznar abstained from the vote due to her absence from the last MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Glenn Geiler reported that there were no items to report and that she would provide comments with agenda item 5.

5. FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and/or Adjustments

- **Amendment 1 (Programming FY 2023 Community Transit Grant Program Projects) – Public Comments and Potential Endorsement**

Bill McNulty presented TIP Amendment 1 to seek endorsement following the 21-day Public Review and Comment Period.

Amendment 1 includes the following four (4) changes:

FFY 2023

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1. **BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING**

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - FUDNING FOR STAFF SALARIES, OUTREACH AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS, AND PARATRANSIT SCHEDULING SOFTWARE FOR A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE WEEKLY SHUTTLES AND ON-DEMAND TRIPS
- COST IS \$27,600 (\$22,080 FEDERAL: \$5,520 LOCAL)

2. **BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)**

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - EXPAND SERVICE TO TOWN OF ROCKLAND
- COST IS \$275,000 (\$137,500 FEDERAL: \$137,500 LOCAL)

3. **OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)**

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (VTP)
- COST IS \$60,000 (\$30,000 FEDERAL: \$30,000 LOCAL)

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4. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT SSCAC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
- COST IS \$250,000 (\$125,000 FEDERAL: \$125,000 LOCAL)

Bill then went through the public comments that were received for Amendment 1 and the Public Comment Matrix is listed below:

Date	Name	Representation	Comment or Comment Summary	Response
1/17/2023	Michael Lambert, Administrator	Brockton Area Transit Authority	Mr. Lambert on behalf of the Brockton Area Transit Authority expressed gratitude to MassDOT for the Community Transit Grant Program and noted the benefits of the program.	Noted.
1/18/2023	Carlton Hunt	Town of Bridgewater	Mr. Hunt thanked MassDOT, and the Old Colony MPO for a Community Transit Grant awarded to Bridgewater.	Noted.
1/25/2023	Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) Board of Directors	Old Colony Region	Staff presented Amendment 1 to the Old Colony Planning Council Board of Directors on 1/25/2023.	Noted.
2/2/2023	Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)		Staff presented Amendment 1 to the Old Colony Planning Council Joint Transportation Committee on 2/2/2023. The Joint Transportation Committee voted unanimously to approve Amendment 1 as presented.	Noted.

Comments as of Close of Business (COB) on February 17, 2023.

Chairperson Krevat asked if there is a motion to endorse Amendment 1. A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Meri Anderson.

Glenn Geiler echoed Michael Lambert' thanks to MassDOT from the January MPO meeting for the Community Transit Grant award and congratulated the three other recipients in this Amendment.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse Amendment 1.

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6. Development of FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvements Program (TIP)

- Review of Projects including Transportation Evaluation Criteria and Results of TIP Readiness Day

Bill McNulty presented on the development of the FFY 2024-2028 TIP Development, and the results of the Review of Projects conducted on TIP Readiness Day.

TIP Readiness Day was held February 6th through 8th and OCPC attended the second and third days. TIP Readiness Day determines whether projects programmed in the TIP should stay in their programmed year or if they should be shifted to other years, depending on the status and progression of the projects.

The following TIP Projects were discussed at TIP Readiness Day:

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION	PROJECT ID#	PROGRAM YEAR (READINESS DAY YEAR)	TEC SCORE
BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123), CARY STREET AND LYMAN STREET	609410	2024 (2024)	48.89
BROCKTON - SYSTEMIC COUNTERMEASURES/SAFE SYSTEMS IMPLEMENTATION CITY-WIDE	S12638	2024 (2025)	N/A
STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 AC PHASE 2 OF 2	607403	2024 (2024)	51.78
BROCKTON - ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS	609052	2024 (2024)	44.06
PLYMPTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, WINNETUXET ROAD OVER WINNETUXET RIVER	609435	2024 (2024)	N/A
BROCKTON - IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27), INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER	607818	2025 (2025)	50.39
EASTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET	608195	2025 (2025)	42.89
DUXBURY - SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET)	606002	2026 (2026)	38.22
ABINGTON- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET	609440	2026 (2026)	41.06

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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 1 OF 2	608506	2026 (2027)	38.22
AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 28, SPRING STREET AND HARRISON BOULEVARD	611979	2026 (2026)	51.06
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	608506	2027 (2028)	38.22
BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/ QUINCY STREET/ MASSASOIT BOULEVARD	606143	2027 (2050 – i.e., move out of funded committed portion of TIP)	45.83
DUXBURY - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, D-14-003 (438), POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY	612006	AC 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 (AC 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030)	N/A
STOUGHTON - RECONSTRUCTION OF TURNPIKE STREET	607214	NOT PROGRAMMED (2028)	38.89
EASTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 AND TURNPIKE STREET, AT ROUTE 138 AND PURCHASE STREET, AT TURNPIKE STREET AND PURCHASE STREET	612975	NOT PROGRAMMED (2028)	TBD
EASTON - IMPROVEMENTS ON FOUNDRY STREET (ROUTE 106/123)	612269	NOT PROGRAMMED (2028)	TBD
EASTON - RECONSTRUCTION AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTES 138 AND 123, FROM BELMONT STREET TO DEPOT STREET	612617	NOT PROGRAMMED (2028)	TBD
HANOVER - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 139 (HANOVER STREET) AT MAIN STREET, CENTER STREET AND SILVER STREET	612769	NOT PROGRAMMED (2028)	TBD
ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ROUTE 18 (BEDFORD STREET) AT ROUTE 123 (BROCKTON AVENUE)	612770	NOT PROGRAMMED (2028)	TBD
STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CANTON STREET (ROUTE 27), SCHOOL STREET AND SUMMER STREET	611981	NOT PROGRAMMED (2028)	44.67
BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), PEARL STREET AND STONEHILL STREET	612262	NOT PROGRAMMED (2028)	60.61
EASTON - IMPROVEMENTS ON FOUNDRY STREET (ROUTE 106/123)	612269	NOT PROGRAMMED (2028)	40.5

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ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, RANDOLPH ST AND RICHARD A FITTS DRIVE (ROUTE 139) AT CHESTNUT STREET AND OLD RANDOLPH STREET	612525	NOT PROGRAMMED (2028)	47.44
BROCKTON - IMPROVEMENTS ON FOREST AVENUE, FROM WEST STREET TO BREER STREET	612526	NOT PROGRAMMED (2028)	53.67

Bill stated that not all projects recommended for FFY 2028 would be placed in that project year; these are merely potential projects that could be placed in future TIPs. Bill is creating potential scenarios for the FFY 2024-2028 TIP, and those scenarios (notating the preferred scenario) will be presented at the March JTC and MPO meetings.

Dan Salvucci asked on behalf of Don Howard regarding any observed improvements resulting from the Route 14 resurfacing project from Hanson into Pembroke. He stated that he has not observed any advancement. Bill McNulty replied that to advance this project, other necessary background work needs to be conducted before the reconstruction can begin.

Derek Krevat noted the cost increase on the Stoughton project (607403) and asked if the scenarios will address the balance of FFY 2024 projects due to that increase. Bill confirmed and stated that this would be addressed and handled with District 5.

7. Status Report on Route 18 Corridor Study in the Communities of Bridgewater and East Bridgewater

Ray Guarino presented on the update of the Route 18 Corridor Study.

The study focuses on:

- Traffic volumes, average daily traffic (24-hour), speeds, heavy vehicle volumes, and peak hour intersection turning movement volumes and intersection congestion
- Bottlenecks
- Peak Hour levels-of service at key intersections (delay measurement, LOS A to F)
- Safety - Number and types of crashes and crash rates, problematic locations
- The condition of the built environment including pavement, sidewalks, pavement markings, traffic control devices and signage
- Transit operations
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety and accommodations (and access to transit)
- Truck operations and constraints (turning radii, height and weight restrictions)
- Changing land use and zoning and the potential impacts of land use on traffic and transportation
- Environmental conditions (wetlands, flooding)
- The study's final report will be completed in September 2023

This Study's purpose is to address traffic congestion and improve safety and mobility for all road users (bicyclists and walkers), coordinate planned projects and planned development and land use changes.

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Develop short-term and long-term improvements.

The Study's timeline and other aspects such as survey, safety, existing levels of service, and North Bedford Sewer District were presented and can be seen in the PowerPoint Presentation.

Dan Salvucci asked to have truck turning ratios radii considered within the scope of the Study as Route 18 is a major truck route for the region. He has observed trucks driving up on sidewalks turning on to Route 18 as there is inadequate space for them to safely turn. Pam Haznar asked about the high crash locations, more specifically about the intersection of Route 18 and Route 106. Pam asked if that intersection was in the scope of this Study MassDOT's top 200 hazard intersections. Ray later confirmed via email that it is not.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

2023 MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference

Date: 5/2/2023 7:45 AM - 5/3/2023 4:30 PM

Location: DCU Center, 50 Foster Street, Worcester, Massachusetts

The annual MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference provides a forum for innovative transportation systems, management ideas, and initiatives. Each year, the conference provides an important opportunity for transportation practitioners to share knowledge, sponsor peer-to-peer learning, and collaborate on issues of mutual interest. A specific focus of this year's conference will be on MassDOT's investment in infrastructure. Conference participants will have the opportunity to discuss the advantages and challenges associated with the innovative methods and technologies being presented.

MassDOT has created a forum for users called SWAG to share applications, analyses and ideas that use GIS technology. At this year's Innovation Conference, MassDOT wants to expand SWAG to a large-scale collaborative to allow the greater GIS community to share how they are innovating and building new and exciting GIS tools. This collaboration will be an important focus of the Innovation Conference, and will include GIS experts onsite for questions and hands-on tutorials covering various GIS tools.

The event is open to all transportation practitioners from federal, state, and local transportation agencies, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, transit agencies, academia, and private industry.

To register, please visit: <https://www.umasstransportationcenter.org/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=5162>

State Freight Plan Guidance and National Highway Freight Program Update Webinar

Please join the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Office of the Secretary on **March 7, 2023, 1–3 p.m. Eastern Time** to learn about the recent Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58)/ Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

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guidance and Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Public Law 114-94) updates for the following items:

- State Freight Plan and State Freight Advisory Committee [updated guidance](#)
- National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) [updated guidance](#)
- Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS) [redesignation](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Julien at tiffany.julien@dot.gov or (202) 366-9241.

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

The Old Colony MPO members are respectfully requested to confirm the dates and times of their next virtual meeting(s).

2023

- **March 21, 2023 at 10 AM**
- **April 18, 2023 at 10 AM**
- **May 16, 2023 at 10 AM**
- **June 20, 2023 at 10 AM**
- **July 18, 2023 at 10 AM**

9. Adjournment

Chairperson Krevat adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Bailey

Shawn Bailey, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the February 21, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of January 17, 2023, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for February 21, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- Route 18 Corridor Study Update PowerPoint Presentation