

# OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, July 19, 2022 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

## Signatories Present:

John Messia, Representing Mayor Sullivan, City of Brockton  
Stephen Woelfel, Representing Jamey Tesler, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT  
Pam Haznar, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division  
Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit (BAT)  
Mary Waldron, Representing Valerie Massard, President, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)  
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chair, Board of Selectmen, Whitman

## Others Present:

Evan Sears, Brockton  
Joseph Degrace IV, Brockton  
Glenn Geiler, Brockton Area Transit (BAT)  
Andrew Reovan, FHWA  
Mary Ellen DeFrias, GATRA  
Andy Duverge, MassDOT  
Michelle Ho, MassDOT  
Derek Jackson, MassDOT  
Raissah Kouame, MassDOT  
Derek Krevat, MassDOT  
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT  
Kawtar Raitam, MassDOT  
Devon Mexcur, MassDOT  
Olivia Murphy, MassDOT  
Daniel Shedo, MassDOT  
Andrew Wang, MassDOT  
Rachel McCaffery, Safe Routes to School  
Christopher Iannitelli, West Bridgewater  
Shawn Bailey, OCPC  
Dottie Fulginiti, OCPC  
Charles Kilmer, OCPC  
Bill McNulty, OCPC  
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC

## 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel 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 conducted the roll and announced there was a quorum present.

## 2. Public Comments

There were no public comments offered at this time.

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## 3. Minutes of the June 21, 2022 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting.

Daniel Salvucci made a motion and Michael Lambert seconded to endorse the minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse the minutes of the June 21, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

## 4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert reported on the following:

- Ridership continues to improve week after week (has obtained around 70% of pre-pandemic levels)
- BAT recently installed an electric vehicle charger at their Administrative office. There will be two installed at the Intermodal Centre garage.
- BAT received a grant from MassDOT to extend the transit platform at Westgate Mall at Market Basket. This will also add shelters, signage and lighting. This project will commence in August.

## 5. MassDOT District 5 Updates on Projects Under Design or Construction

Barbara Lachance provided an update on projects under design or construction. They are as follows:

### FFY 2023

#### **DUXBURY - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, D-14-010 (48H & 48J), ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY) NB/SB OVER FRANKLIN STREET**

- Design Justification Workbook (DJW) is under review
- A schedule for this project is needed

#### **STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE**

- 100% plans have been completed
- Anticipate PS&E in January, 2023

#### **STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138**

- 75% review was completed
- Comment resolution meeting was completed last week

### FFY 2024

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### **BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123) AND PLYMOUTH STREET**

- Interim 25% submission received in early June, 2022
- Comment resolution meeting is scheduled for the 25% submission later this week

### **BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123), CARY STREET AND LYMAN STREET**

- 75% design plans are anticipated for the beginning of August, 2022

#### **FFY 2025**

### **BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT LYMAN STREET/GROVE STREET/SUMMER STREET & REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER**

- Revised Bridge Study was completed last year
- Anticipate the 25% plans for this project in December, 2022

### **EASTON – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET**

- Design Public Hearing was held in May, 2022
- Anticipate the 75% design plans in mid-August, 2022

#### **FFY 2026**

### **ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET**

- 25% design plans have been received in April, 2022 and are under review

### **DUXBURY - SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET)**

- Kickoff meeting was held in 2021
- Schedule is needed

### **HANSON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 14 (MAQUAN STREET), FROM THE PEMBROKE T.L. TO INDIAN HEAD STREET AND RELATED WORK**

- Work is still being done to locate the water main

#### **FFY 2027**

### **BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/QUINCY STREET/MASSASOIT BOULEVARD**

- City to review design alternatives
- Schedule is needed

## **6. FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) Amendments and/ or Adjustments**

- **Adjustment 2 - Review and Potential Endorsement**
- **Adjustment 3 - Public Comments and Potential Endorsement**

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Charles Kilmer discussed Adjustment 2 which includes the following five (5) changes:

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1. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - BUY ASSOCIATED CAPITAL MAINTENANCE ITEMS
  - ADJUSTMENT: INCREASE FUNDING
  - COST IS \$100,164 (+\$164); (\$80,000 FEDERAL; \$20,164 (+\$164) STATE)
2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - ACQUIRE MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT
  - ADJUSTMENT: INCREASE FUNDING
  - COST IS \$125,235 (+\$25,235); (\$80,000 FEDERAL; \$45,235 (+\$25,235) STATE)
3. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - BUY REPLACEMENT 40-FT BUS – (3)
  - ADJUSTMENT: INCREASE FUNDING
  - COST IS \$1,483,153 (+23,903); (\$355,000 FEDERAL; \$1,128,153 (+\$23,903) STATE)
4. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - ACQUIRE SHOP EQUIPMENT LIFTS AND EQUIPMENT
  - ADJUSTMENT: DECREASE FUNDING
  - COST IS \$383,861 (-\$16,139); (\$320,000 FEDERAL; \$63,861 (-\$16,139) STATE)

### OTHER NON FEDERAL

5. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - ACQUIRE STATIONARY BUS FARE COLLECTION EQUIPMENT - FIXED ROUTE
  - ADJUSTMENT: DECREASE FUNDING
  - COST IS \$366,837 (-\$33,163); (\$0 FEDERAL; \$366,837 STATE (-\$33,163))

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there a motion to approve Adjustment 2. Dan Salvucci made a motion and Mary Waldron seconded.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to approve Adjustment 2.

Charles Kilmer then discussed Amendment 3. Charles Kilmer stated that during the public comment period, MassDOT and OCPC noticed that one of the projects was missing from the list but should have been included, which is follows:

- BROCKTON AREA ARC, INC.
  - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY VAN FOR SERVICE EXPANSION (1)
  - COST IS \$52,000 (\$41,600 FEDERAL; \$10,400 STATE)

Charles Kilmer discussed the comments received for TIP Amendment 3, which are follows:

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- OCPC Board of Directors - The OCPC Board of Directors at their public meeting on June 29, 2022, reviewed and approved the FFY 2022-2026 Old Colony TIP Amendment 3, as part of the consent agenda
- Raissah Kouame, MassDOT - Please add the Brockton Area Arc Inc. project

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to approve Amendment 3, including the addition of Brockton Area Arc, Inc. Project. Dan Salvucci made a motion and Mary Waldron seconded.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to approve Amendment 3.

### **7. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)**

- **Review and Potential Endorsement**
- **Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program: Overview and Funding Opportunity**
- **Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program – Planning Grants and Capital Construction Grants: Overview and Funding Opportunity**

Bill McNulty provided an overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years. In fiscal year 2022 (FY22), up to \$1 billion is available. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

The SS4A program supports Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg's National Roadway Safety Strategy and the Department's goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways.

#### Who Can Apply for SS4A?

- Metropolitan planning organizations.
- Counties, cities, towns, and transit agencies or other special districts that are subdivisions of a State
- Federally recognized Tribal governments; and
- Multijurisdictional groups comprised of the above entities.

#### Eligible Activities Under SS4A

- Develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan).
- Conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan.
- Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) discretionary grant program, funded with \$1 billion over the next 5 years.

It is a program to help reconnect communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. Funding supports planning grants and capital construction grants, as well as technical assistance, to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities.

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## Eligible Facilities

A highway, including a road, street, or parkway or other transportation facility, such as a rail line, that creates a barrier to community connectivity, including barriers to mobility, access, or economic development, due to high speeds, grade separations, or other design factors.

## RCP Planning Grants

Planning grants may be used to study the feasibility and impacts of removing, retrofitting, or mitigating an existing eligible facility or to conduct planning activities necessary to design a project to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an existing eligible facility.

## Who Can Apply

- States
- Units of local government
- Federally recognized Tribal governments
- Metropolitan planning organizations
- Nonprofit organizations

## Capital Construction Grants

Capital construction grants may be used for projects for which all necessary studies and other planning activities have been completed to remove, retrofit, mitigate, or to replace an existing eligible facility.

## Who is eligible to apply for capital construction grant funding?

- Facility Owner
- The Facility Owner of the eligible facility under consideration must serve as the recipient for capital construction grants. This is likely to be a State or local government agency with jurisdiction for transportation.
- A Facility Owner must satisfy other eligibility requirements to receive a planning grant.
- Partnerships between the Facility Owner and the other entities listed as eligible planning grant applicants.

## Eligible Capital Construction Grants

- Removal, retrofit, or mitigation of an existing eligible facility.
- Replacement of an eligible facility with a new facility that restores community connectivity and is sensitive to the context of the surrounding community.

Charles Kilmer inquired what are the different match requirements. Bill McNulty replied that there is a 20% local match and for construction there is a 50% local match. There is also a cap on how much a state can receive.

Dan Salvucci stated his concern about bridges where trucks have to go directly in the middle to get underneath them. Discussion followed.

Andrew Reovan thanked Bill McNulty for discussing these programs.

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Mary Waldron hoped that these updates can be provided at each MPO meeting.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following item:

- Remote meeting extension for municipal and regional boards signed into law - through March 31, 2023
- USDOT - Technical Assistance and Capacity Building – The USDOT recently introduced two exciting new technical assistance and capacity building resources: a DOT Navigator and the Thriving Communities Program

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

#### 2022

- August 16, 2022 at 10 AM
- September 20, 2022 at 10 AM

Charles Kilmer welcomed Mary Ellen DeFrias as the new GATRA Administrator.

### 11. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

#### List of Documents for the June 21, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of June 21, 2022, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for July 19, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- FFY 2022-2026 TIP Adjustments (Adjustment 2) and/or Amendments (Amendment 3)
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Presentation

