

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, January 17, 2023 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

Signatories Present:

Stephen Woelfel, Representing Gina Fiandaca, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pam Haznar, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Joseph DeGrace, 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
Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit (BAT)
Mary Waldron, Representing Valerie Massard, President, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)

Others Present:

Rita Mendes, State Representative, 11th Plymouth District, and Brockton Councilor at Large
Bruce Hughes, Abington
Glenn Geiler, BAT
Kamiya Parkin, Brockton
Mary DeFrias, GATRA
Andrew Reovan, FHWA
Michelle Ho, MassDOT
Raissah Kouame, MassDOT
Derek Krevat, MassDOT
Annabel Shein, MassDOT
Andrew Wang, MassDOT
Shawn Bailey, OCPC
Ray Guarino, OCPC
Charles Kilmer, OCPC
Guoqiang Li, OCPC
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC
Jay Song, 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 and announced there was a quorum present.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes of the December 20, 2022 Meeting

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Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting.

Dan Salvucci made a motion and Meri Anderson seconded to endorse the minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted via roll call to endorse the minutes of the December 20, 2022 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

Michael Lambert reported on the following:

- BAT has wrapped up their free fare program that started from Thanksgiving and went through New Year's Eve
- There was a 3% increase in ridership over the first week of November. BAT managed to avoid a typical drop in ridership due to the free fare program
- Micro Transit service started in Rockland the beginning of December. A full public launch will be towards the end of January

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

Pam Haznar provided an update on some projects under design or construction. They are as follows:

FFY 2023

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

- PS&E due in January

STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138

- PS&E due in March

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

- Letters of Intent have gone out and responses are due in December
- RFQ is to be mailed out shortly

FFY 2024

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

- Comment Resolution Meeting recently held
- Expecting 75% design in July

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

- 75% plans are due in January

FFY 2025

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

- At 25% design with revised 25% design due in January
- Received the Bridge Type Study

EASTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET

- 100% design due in April

FFY 2026

AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 28, SPRING STREET AND HARRISON BOULEVARD

- At Pre-25% design and expecting 25% design in February

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

- At 25% Design
- Awaiting input from City of Brockton; Coordination meeting needs to be held to see the projects status

PROJECTS NOT PROGRAMMED:

STOUGHTON - RECONSTRUCTION OF TURNPIKE STREET

- Design Public Hearing Held
- Moving toward 75% Design

EASTON - RECONSTRUCTION AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 138 AND 123, FROM BELMONT STREET TO DEPOT STREET

- Design consultant under contract
- MassDOT will be moving ahead with this project

BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), PEARL STREET AND STONEHILL STREET

- Design consultant under contract
- Coordination meeting to be scheduled

6. FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) Amendments and/ or Adjustments

- **Amendment 1 (Programming of FY 2023 Community Transit Grant Program Projects) - Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

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Bill McNulty presented TIP Amendment 1.

Amendment 1 includes the following four (4) changes:

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1. **BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING**

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - FUNDING 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)

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)

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to release Amendment 1 to a 21-day Public Review and Comment Period. A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Meri Anderson.

Michael Lambert offered his thanks to the Chair and MassDOT for the Community Transit Grant to expand service in Rockland.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to release Amendment 1 to a 21-day Public Review and Comment Period.

7. Performance Based Planning and MassDOT Proposed Performance Measures and Targets (PM1, PM2, and PM3)

- **Discussion, and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Set of Federally Required Performance Measure and Targets pertaining to PM1, PM2, and PM3**

Bill McNulty presented the PM1 Performance Measures.

PM1 Highway Safety:

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- Total Fatalities: CY 23 Target: .59
- Total Serious Injuries: CY 23 Target: 4.25
- Total Combined Non-Motorized Injuries & Fatalities: CY 23 Target: 437

Jack Moran then presented the PM2 Performance Measures.

PM2 Bridge and Pavement Conditions:

Pavement Targets - Interstate:

	Base	2023	2025
% Good	72	70	70
% Poor	0	2	2

Pavement Targets - Non Interstate:

	Base	2023	2025
% Good	33.9	30	30
% Poor	2.9	5	5

NHS Bridge Targets:

	Base	2023	2025
% Good	16%	16%	16%
% Poor	12%	12%	12%

Raissah Kouame and Derek Krevat then presented the PM3 Performance Measures.

PM3 System Reliability Performance:

Measure	2022 Figure	Proposed 2024 Target (CY2022-CY2023 Performance Period)	Proposed 2026 Target (CY2022-CY2025 Performance Period)
Travel Time Reliability	Interstate: 68% Non-Interstate: 80%	Interstate: 74% Non-Interstate: 85%	Interstate: 76% Non-Interstate: 87%
Truck Travel Time Reliability	1.85	1.80	1.75
Peak Hour Excessive Delay (annual hours per capita)	Boston: 18.31	Boston: 24	Boston: 22
	n/a	Springfield: 6.5	Springfield: 6
	n/a	Worcester: 7	Worcester: 5
Non-SOV Travel	Boston: 33.6%	Boston: 38.77%	Boston: 39.81%
	n/a	Springfield: 22.17%	Springfield: 22.24%
	n/a	Worcester: 25.35%	Worcester: 26.12%
Emissions Reduction	N/A	Waltham: 0.28 kg of CO/day	TBD

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Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to adopt performance measures PM1, PM2, and PM3.

Dan Salvucci made a motion and Meri Anderson seconded.

Dan Salvucci asked if OCPC is comfortable with the performance measures and achieving them. Bill McNulty replied by saying yes.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to adopt performance measures PM1, PM2, and PM3.

8. Development of the 2050 Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Update and Status Report

Bill McNulty provided an update and status report on the development of the 2050 Old Colony LRTP.

Old Colony Planning Council is collaborating with MassDOT and mobility partners in the region to plan focus group meeting(s) in the coming months to discuss mobility needs and challenges for the region to be focused on in the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. The first focus group meeting will be held in cooperation and collaboration with the Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Authority and will be scheduled this month (January 2023).

A public survey has been released and will be active through January. This survey was developed in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The survey can be found and taken at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FKDKQZY>

Old Colony Planning Council is currently reviewing and commenting on socioeconomic (population, households, and employment) estimates for 2030, 2040, and 2050. A final set of figures is anticipated this Spring. This data along with American Community Survey (ACS) data sets will be used to develop and calibrate the travel demand model which will be used for scenario planning.

Stakeholder engagement is currently underway. Meetings with stakeholders are being scheduled to discuss their needs and solicit their input into the process. A series of public engagement events (webinars, open houses, information tables) are also being planned and scheduled.

Old Colony Planning Council is currently performing a pavement conditions assessment of the federal-aid eligible roadway network in the Old Colony region. This assessment will be used in developing investment scenarios and an overall investment figure needed to improve and maintain the entire system in a state of good repair.

The Draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan will be released for public review and comment later this Spring.

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

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Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

Federal Transportation Funding: Fiscal Year 2023 Discretionary Grant Preparation Checklist for Prospective Applicants

Over \$32 billion is available to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) in new fiscal year 2023 Budget Authority to provide competitive grant funding to local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, transit agencies, Tribal governments, U.S. Territories, and state departments of transportation. Some grant programs created in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are also available to non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and private businesses that are doing work to advance community infrastructure projects, improve safety and economic development, or help to transition to a clean energy and more climate resilient future.

This checklist was created by DOT to help local governments prepare for the year ahead and chart a strategic pathway to take advantage of these historic infrastructure investments to build good projects well.

<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2023-01/FY-2023-Discretionary-Grant-Preparation-Checklist-for-Prospective-Applicants.pdf>

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

- **February 21, 2023 at 10 AM**
- **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**

Mary Waldron welcomed and introduced Jay Song as OCPCs new provisional employee.

Chairperson Woelfel announced that the MassDOT Innovation Conference will take place May 2-3, 2023 at the DCU Center in Worcester.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

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List of Documents for the January 17, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of December 20, 2022, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for January 17, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- Presentation on PM1, PM2, and PM3 Performance Measures and Targets