

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)

Held Virtually Via Zoom.

August 5, 2021 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	McMahon Associates	Phil Viveiros
Avon	Bill Fitzgerald	VHB	Rob Cahoon
Easton	Greg Swan	Independence Associates	Steven Higgins
Hanover	Christine Stickney	MassDevelopment	Mary Ellen DeFrias
Hanson	Don Howard	GPI	Sid Kashi
Stoughton	Joe Scardino	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Stoughton	John Charbonneau	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Ray Guarino
MassDOT District 5	Barbara Lachance	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
MassDOT	Ben Muller	OCPC	Guoqiang Li
FTA	Leah Sirmin	OCPC	Andrew Vidal
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Mary Waldron
SRTS	Vivian Ortiz		

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chairperson Dan Salvucci called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Bill McNulty then conducted the roll call.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes of June 3, 2021 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if there is a motion to approve the June 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Don Howard and seconded by John Charbonneau to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2021.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the June 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

4. Communications

Shawn Bailey reviewed the contents of the communications staff report. Included were letters of

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- Additional work done included site preparation, drainage and utility installation, and material delivery at stations and layover sites along the railroad right-of-way from Middleborough to New Bedford and on the Fall River Secondary

Joe Scardino asked if funding is included in the federal infrastructure legislation for Phase 2 of South Coast Rail. Shawn Bailey stated that he has not been able to find any specifics to its inclusion for Phase 2 of South Coast Rail.

6. Old Business

A. FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Charles Kilmer provided updates on projects in the TIP. They are as follows:

FFY 2021 Projects:

- STOUGHTON – IMPROVEMENTS AT RICHARD WILKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SRTS) (608829)
 - Bids opened on July 7, 2021. Low bid was \$2,624,673 submitted by Aqua Line Utility Inc. of Weymouth, MA.

FFY 2022 Projects:

- BROCKTON – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123), CARY STREET, AND LYMAN STREET (609410)
 - 25% Package Resubmission 1 received by MassDOT (7/9/2021).
- PEMBROKE – REHABILITATION OF ROUTE 36 (CENTER STREET) FROM ROUTE 27 TO ROUTE 14 (600380)
 - Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) Resubmission 1 received by MassDOT (6/2/2021).

Currently Unprogrammed:

- AVON – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 28, SPRING STREET AND HARRISON BOULEVARD (611979)
 - The Notice to Proceed (NTP) to begin work on the contract has been issued (7/9/2021).

Included for Funding in the Upcoming FFY 2022-2026 TIP:

- EASTON – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET (608195)
 - Currently not programmed in FFY 2021-2025 TIP but is programmed in FFY 2025 of the upcoming FFY 2022-2026 TIP.

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B. FFY 2021 Road Safety Audits at Multiple Locations Project Status and Update

Bill McNulty provided a project status and update on the FFY 2021 Road Safety Audits at Multiple Locations Project.

To date, the following Road Safety Audits have been completed under this program:

- Abington – Route 123 at Rockland Street and Elm Street
- Abington – Route 139 at Chestnut Street and Old Randolph Street
- Brockton – Main Street at Nilsson Street
- Brockton – Main Street at Forest Avenue
- Brockton – Forest Avenue between Belmont Street and Gordon Street
- Easton – Turnpike Street at Depot Street
- Hanover – Route 53 at Broadway
- Kingston – Route 27 at Lake Street
- Plymouth – Commerce Way at Christa McAuliffe Boulevard and Colony Place
- Plymouth – Commerce Way at Industrial Park Road
- Stoughton – Pearl Street at School Street
- West Bridgewater – West Street at Manley Street

Additional locations to be completed this program year:

- Bridgewater – Route 104 at High Street and Pond Street
- Brockton – Pearl Street at Torrey Street
- East Bridgewater – Central Street at Union Street and North Union Street
- West Bridgewater – Route 106 between and including Prospect Street and Market Basket Intersections

Chairperson O'Toole stated that this is a great program and OCPC does a great job explaining everything at the RSAs.

C. Old Colony Active Transportation Study Project Status and Update

Ray Guarino provided a project status and update on the Old Colony Active Transportation Study.

This study builds upon previous studies by OCPC including the Old Colony Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity and Livability Study 2018, 2013, and 2011. The study process includes bicycle level of service and pedestrian level of service, based on the (comfort level) method developed for the Highway Capacity Manual for bicycle travel. Safety analysis is included utilizing MassDOT crash clusters and crash history analysis as well as sidewalk gap analysis.

Joe Scardino stated that in Stoughton, the Town asks developers to upgrade and improve infrastructure with noted sidewalk and crosswalk deficiencies as part of their project mitigation.

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- Assistance with Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Request for Green Street – Ongoing analysis and technical assistance
- Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Feasibility Study for Smiths Lane – Data collection planned

Plymouth

- Clark Road/Beaver Dam Road Traffic Speed Analysis – Additional Data Collection planned
- Commerce Way Traffic Counts – Data collection planned for Fall 2021

Plympton

- Assistance with Heavy Vehicle Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Request for Several Roadways – Data Analysis in progress

B. Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs, and NPCs

Kyle Mowatt summarized the Environmental Notification Forms (ENFs), Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs), Notices of Project Changes (NPCs), and Certificates for projects within the OCPC region that are undergoing Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office review.

ENF

EEA #16409 – Former National Fireworks Site – Hanover/Hanover

An Environmental Notification Form (ENF) has been submitted to the MEPA Office on behalf of the Fireworks Site Joint Defense Group (FSJDG) c/o Pierce Atwood LLP for hazardous material remediation within Factory Pond at the former National Fireworks site which is regulated under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP). The preferred alternative would involve the installation of roughly 46,200 ft² (1,540 linear ft) of sheet pile to isolate 4.57 acres associated with the high metal density area (HMDA) in Factory Pond from the remainder of Factory Pond. The sheet pile wall will be designed at a height that would prevent overtopping during a 100-year storm. From there, the project entails dredging approximately 22,500 CY of material and backfilling 24,750 cy of material. Dredging operations will be performed in shallow water depth conditions (approximately 5 to 7 ft). Sediment dredging will likely start from the shoreline where a long-reach excavator can dredge nearshore sediment. Once dredged, contaminated sediments would be processed at an on-site upland location prior to transportation offsite. The project will impact 199,000 sf of Land Under Water (LUW).

CERTIFICATES

EEA #16364 – Jenney Pond Dredging Project (Plymouth)

The Town of Plymouth seeks to perform sediment dredging of Jenney Pond (the “pond”), the upstream impoundment to the Jenney (Arms House) Pond Dam (No. MA00907). The town also seeks to replace the existing pedestrian footbridge (Town Brook Park footbridge) over the pond. Jenney Pond is a 4.5-

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Development of the project is predicated on the relocation of Lincoln Street to align with Crescent Street and other improvements to West Center Street (Route 106) that are proposed as part of the project. Access to the proposed project would be provided through four driveways, one on West Center Street (Route 106) and three on Lincoln Street. The proposed improvements at the intersection of West Center Street (Route 106) and Lincoln Street/Crescent Street would improve existing traffic conditions and offset any traffic impact of the proposed project. Aligning Lincoln Street with Crescent Street and placing those approaches under traffic signal control would improve the safety of the two offset unsignalized intersection approaches. Providing additional capacity along West Center Street (Route 106) would improve the organization and flow of vehicles traveling to and from the Route 24 interchange. These proposed improvements represent a significant investment in the Town of West Bridgewater.

The project site has been designed to serve the needs of the development and the region and will be constructed in phases so as to ensure that the size of the project continues to be appropriate for the site needs in the future. The initial build program of 350,000 sf of warehouse would serve the immediate needs of the area. An appropriate amount of parking (528 spaces) and impervious area would accompany this portion of the development and allow for the eventual end user to operate efficiently. At an appropriate time, the potential for an additional 100,000 sf of warehouse and/or up to 13,000 sf of retail could also be constructed on the site and as such are included in this project review. The parking and impervious areas that would accompany the additional elements of the project would be designed to minimize environmental disturbance while meeting the needs of the specific development.

The Certificate states that this project requires an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Brockton – Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan (Monponsett Pond) Report and Public Meeting

The report addresses the Resource Management Plan requirements of the May 21, 2019 amendment to the Administrative Consent Order (ACO). The ACO defines the RMP as recommending “metrics and procedures for Silver Lake diversions and Stump Brook Dam operations intended to improve Monponsett Pond’s water quality and ecosystem while maintaining Brockton’s drinking water supply reliability.”

A virtual public meeting to present the draft report will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 3, 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Bruce Hughes stated that a lot of Chapter 90 money has been used to pave streets in Abington. It’s great to see. Also, the contractors have relocated the bridge on Route 18 over the train tracks. That is another important milestone with Route 18 project. Bruce Hughes stated that there was great content at the