

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, September 19, 2023 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

Signatories Present:

Stephen Woelfel, Representing Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Acting Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Richard Bilski, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Kamiya Parkin, Representing Mayor Robert Sullivan, City of Brockton
Lee Hartmann, Representing Richard Quintal, Select Board, Town of Plymouth
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chair, Board of Selectmen, Town of Whitman
Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit (BAT)
Charles Kilmer, Representing Rebecca Coletta, President, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)

Others Present:

Bill Fitzgerald, Avon
Glenn Geiler, Brockton Area Transit
Valerie Massard, Kingston
William Roth, Stoughton
Melissa Ferretti, Chair, Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe
Bonnie Roalsen, MA Safe Routes to School
Raissah Kouame, MassDOT
Andrew Wang, MassDOT
Derek Krevat, MassDOT
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT District 5
Jim Fitzgerald, Environmental Partners
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Guoqiang Li, OCPC
Ray Guarino, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC
Shawn Bailey, OCPC

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M. and then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the August 15, 2023 meeting.

Dan Salvucci made a motion and Michael Lambert seconded to endorse the minutes of the August 15,

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2023 meeting.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted via roll call to endorse the minutes of the August 15, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- Ridership is recovering to pre-Covid numbers. A post quarantine high was achieved two weeks ago. August was also another high ridership month.
- Rockland Micro-Transit Service is setting weekly and monthly highs
- BAT thanked OCPC for all of the work on the reports that will be considered later during the meeting

5. Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority Report

There was no update from GATRA at this time.

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

Barbara Lachance provided an update on projects under design or construction.

FFY 2023

STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138, FROM 300 FEET NORTH OF CHARLES AVENUE TO LINCOLN STREET (PHASE 1) (607403)

- Advertised for construction bids
- Bid opening scheduled for October 11

STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE (608279)

- Advertised for construction bids
- Bid opening scheduled for October 3

FFY 2024

BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123) AND PLYMOUTH STREET (609052)

- At 25% Design
- Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Stage 1 was received in early September and is under review

BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123), CARY STREET AND LYMAN STREET (609410)

- Waiting on Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E)

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- At 100% Design

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STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138, FROM 300 FEET NORTH OF CHARLES AVENUE TO LINCOLN STREET (PHASE 2) (613352)

- At 100% Design
- Scope and Fee have been submitted

BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT LYMAN STREET/GROVE STREET/SUMMER STREET & REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER (607818)

- At 25% Design
- New 25% Design Submission was received due to reduced scope and is under review

EASTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET (608195)

- At 75% Design
- 100% Design received in August and is under review

FFY 2026

ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET (609440)

- At 25% Design and awaiting 75% Design
- New Schedule is needed

KINGSTON, DUXBURY - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 3 RAMPS (NB/SB) AND ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002)

- At Pre-25% Design
- Scoping meeting was held earlier this year

FFY 2027

HANSON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 14 (MAQUAN STREET), FROM THE PEMBROKE T.L. TO INDIAN HEAD STREET AND RELATED WORK (608506)

- At 25% Design
- Sub-surface Utility Exploration (SUE) needs to be scheduled

ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, RANDOLPH STREET AND RICHARD A FITTS DRIVE (ROUTE 139) AT CHESTNUT STREET AND OLD RANDOLPH STREET (612525)

- At Pre-25% Design
- Finished review for ICE Revision 2

FFY 2028

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HANOVER - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 139 (HANOVER STREET) AT MAIN STREET, CENTER STREET AND SILVER STREET (612769)

- At Pre-25% Design
- Completed ICE Stage 1 Revision 1

BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), PEARL STREET AND STONEHILL STREET (612262)

- At Pre-25% Design
- Kickoff meeting was held in May, 2023

Regarding the Hanson project (608506), Charles Kilmer asked if MassDOT District 5 is scheduling the sub surface utility exploration or is it the responsibility of the designer in concurrence with the town. Richard Bilski stated that it is the responsibility of the designer in concurrence with the town.

Regarding the Avon Project - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street (608086), Charles Kilmer asked if MassDOT District 5 had an update on this project. Barbara Lachance stated that she will provide an update later in the meeting.

Regarding the Avon Project - Intersection Improvements at Route 28, Spring Street and Harrison Boulevard (611979), Charles Kilmer asked if MassDOT District 5 had an update. Barbara Lachance will look into this project as well for an update. Barbara Lachance then added comments to the chat that noted that the Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) was completed in August 2023.

7. 2050 Old Colony Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

▪ Public Comments and Potential Endorsement

Bill McNulty discussed the public comments and potential endorsement for the 2050 Old Colony LRTP. Comments received are as follows:

- Charles Seelig, East Bridgewater - Updated data sources, typographical and spelling suggestions
- Raissah Kouame, MassDOT – Provided LRTP Review Checklist
- Old Colony JTC - The Old Colony JTC at their September 15, 2023 meeting voted unanimously to approve the Draft LRTP as presented

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse the 2050 Old Colony LRTP.

The motion was made by Dan Salvucci and was seconded by Lee Hartmann.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse the 2050 Old Colony LRTP.

8. 2023 Old Colony Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP)

▪ Public Comments and Potential Endorsement

Shawn Bailey discussed the public comments and potential endorsement for the 2023 Old Colony CHSTP. Comments received are as follows:

- Mary Ellen DeFrias, GATRA - Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions

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- David Klein, Old Colony AAA - Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions
- Michelle Bratti, Plymouth Center for Active Living - Reviewed and provided information on transportation providers that service Plymouth
- Emily Williams, Bridgewater Council on Aging - Reviewed and provided information on transportation providers that service Bridgewater
- Joanne Moore, Duxbury Senior Center - Reviewed and provided information on transportation providers that service Duxbury
- Julie Burke, Rockland Council on Aging - Reviewed and provided information on transportation providers that service Rockland
- Tammy Murray, Hanover Community/Elder Services - Reviewed and provided information on Council on Aging transportation services
- Nancy Hill, East Bridgewater Council on Aging - Reviewed and asked why 2020 Census data was not used in Table 2
- Glenn Geiler, BAT - Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions
- Dennis Carman, United Way - Inquired about Taking People Places, Inc. and asked if that program was included in this report
- Old Colony JTC - At their September 7, 2023 public meeting, reviewed and approved the 2023 CHSTP

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse the 2023 Old Colony CHSTP.

The motion was made by Dan Salvucci and was seconded by Lee Hartmann.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse the 2023 Old Colony CHSTP.

9. Route 18 Corridor Study - Bridgewater & East Bridgewater

▪ Update and Key Findings

Ray Guarino provided an update and key findings regarding the Route 18 Corridor Study and noted that a virtual Public Informational Meeting will be held on October 5, 2023.

Corridor-Wide Findings and Recommendations:

1. Speeding. Straight linear layout introduces high speed
2. Evaluate lighting in the corridor
3. Discontinuous sidewalk connections, inconsistent sidewalk width, ADA compliance. Ghost paths were created that shows demand for bicycle or walking activities
4. Lack of corridor bicycling accommodations and discontinuous bicycle lanes
5. Consider Access Management police plan and best practices
6. Transportation Management and Maintenance – Resurfacing and improvement of pavement conditions in coordination with pavement marking and geometrical improvements
7. Traffic calming in dense areas. Better streetscape, make a more attractive aesthetic

Dan Salvucci asked if going through Bridgewater Center is tractor trailer friendly. Ray Guarino stated that tractor trailers will be able to get through. This is the town's design, and they are planning on making those design changes.

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Dan Salvucci commented that at Route 18 and 106 there is a sign saying right turn only, but cars in that lane go straight. Ray Guarino stated that this came up at the Road Safety Audit (RSA). There is a need for improved pavement markings and channelization in this area.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

- Join DOT Navigator Team next week for a Webinar on “Utilizing DOT Data and Mapping Tools for Stronger Grant Applications” - September 19, 2023 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- The FY 2023 Thriving Communities Program is Now Open! - Applications from Capacity Builders are due by November 28, 2023
- Equity in Roadway Safety Workshop: Strategies for Meaningful Public Involvement in Roadway Safety Planning - September 20, 2023
- 2023 Moving Together Conference - October 4, 2023
- Beat the Bay State - 900 Miles in 30 days - November 1-30, 2023

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

Charles Kilmer asked the Old Colony MPO members to confirm the dates and times of their next virtual meeting(s).

2023

- **October 17, 2023 at 10 AM**
- **November 21, 2023, at 10 AM**
- **December 19, 2023 at 10 AM**

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of August 15, 2023, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- Route 18 Corridor Study Presentation