

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, November 15, 2022 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

Signatories Present:

Joseph Degrace, Representing Mayor Robert Sullivan, Brockton
Lee Hartmann, Representing Betty Cavacco, Chair, Select Board, Plymouth
Meredith Anderson, Clerk, Board of Selectmen, West Bridgewater
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chair, Board of Selectmen, Whitman
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)

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Others Present:

Bruce Hughes, Abington
Christopher Ryan, Duxbury
William Chenard, Pembroke
Kelly Forrester, Brockton Area Transit
Benny Hung, Environmental Partners
Andrew Reovan, Federal Highway Administration
Maggie Burke, MA Safe Routes to School
Bonnie Roalsen, MA Safe Routes to School
Michelle Ho, MassDOT
Raissah Kouame, MassDOT
Derek Krevat, MassDOT
Alan Andrade, MassDOT District 5
Shawn Bailey, OCPC
Ray Guarino, OCPC
Charles Kilmer, OCPC
Guoqiang Li, OCPC
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Stephen Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Charles Kilmer 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

Charles Kilmer congratulated Meredith Anderson of the West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen on her re-election to the Old Colony MPO as a Local Signatory. This will be a two year term which began on November 1, 2022.

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3. Minutes of the July 19, 2022 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting.

Daniel Salvucci made a motion and Meri Anderson seconded to endorse the minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse the minutes of the July 19, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert reported on the following:

- Ridership is approaching 70% of pre-Covid Ridership
- There are now more customers than ever utilizing BAT's mobile ticketing platform
- BAT's Stoughton service continues to set records for both pre and post covid in terms of ridership
- BAT received approval from Apple for their Rockland Micro-Transit App. This will be launching in the next couple of weeks
- BAT and other 15 RTAs will be offering free service from the day after Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve. This is designed to promote local shopping, and to attract new customers

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

Pam Haznar provided an update on 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

- At 100% Design; Expecting PS&E later during the Winter

STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138

- At 100% Design; Expecting the PS&E in the Spring

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

- At 25% Design

FFY 2024

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

- At 25% Design

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- Expecting 75% next summer

PLYMPTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, P-14-001 (445), WINNETUXET ROAD OVER WINNETUXET RIVER

- At 25% Design

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

- 75% submission is due in December

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; Received the Bridge Type Study and provided review comments in November

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

- 75% Design Plans under review

NORWELL, PEMBROKE - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, N-24-004 P-05-008, ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) OVER NORTH RIVER

- Waiting for 25% Design

FFY 2026

ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET

- At 25% Design; Next step is utility site walk

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

- Expecting 25% Design in late Winter

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

- Waiting for 25% Design

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

- Delayed for a while; Old water main under road not owned by Town of Hanson, but the as it is the Abington-Rockland Water District. There are concerns that the construction could impact the water main. Been discussing with the Town to have more information on the water main (Sub-Surface Utility Exploration)

Dan Salvucci commented that the water main needs to be replaced. The Town needs to reach out to whoever owns the water main and get it taken care of. Pam Haznar stated that it is complicated

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because the Town does not own the water main. Dan Salvucci asked that if the construction is complete and the road needs to get dug up who pays for the road. Pam Haznar stated that the owner of the water main would be responsible.

FFY 2027

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

- No Update

DUXBURY - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, D-14-003 (438), POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY

- Major Bridge Replacement
- Met with town and OCPC. Starting preliminary design
- In early stages

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KINGSTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, K-01-014, SMITHS LANE OVER ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY)

- Working towards 25% Design

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

William McNulty stated that there are no action items at this time.

7. Performance Based Planning and BAT Transit Asset Management (TAM) Fiscal Year 2023 Transit State of Good Repair Targets

- **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Set of Federally Required Performance Targets Pertaining to Transit State of Good Repair**

Kelly Forrester presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Transit State of Good Repair Targets. They are as follows:

- Buses - X% of feet exceeds default ULB of 14 - Performance Target for FY23 – 3%
- Cutaway Buses – X% of Fleet exceeds default ULB of 10 - Performance Target for FY23 – 25%
- Vans - X% of fleet exceeds default ULB of 8 - Performance Target for FY23 – 14%
- Non-Revenue - Service Automobile - X% of non-revenue service vehicles exceeds default ULB of 8 - Performance Target for FY23 - 40%
- Non-Revenue - Service Truck - X% of non-revenue service vehicles exceeds default ULB of 8 - Performance Target for FY23 - 40%
- Admin/Maintenance Facility - X% of facilities rated under 3.0 on TERM scale - Performance Target for FY23 - 0%

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel asked if there is a motion to adopt and approve the FY23 Transit State of Good Repair Performance Targets.

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Daniel Salvucci made a motion and Meredith Anderson seconded to adopt and approve the FY23 Transit State of Good Repair Performance Targets.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to adopt and approve the FY23 Transit State of Good Repair Performance Targets.

8. Development of the 2022 Old Colony Title VI Reports

▪ Review of Draft Reports and Potential Approval

Shawn Bailey discussed and provided a presentation on the current status of the 2022 Old Colony Title VI Reports.

Shawn Bailey reported that as sub-recipients of federal financial assistance through MassDOT, OCPC and the Old Colony MPO are responsible for all civil rights compliance.

- LEP/LAP Plan Completed
- Draft Title VI Triennial Plan completed
 - Review period
 - Seek endorsement at December MPO Meeting
- Annual Title VI Report in Progress
 - Will be completed by deadline
 - Seek endorsement at December MPO Meeting

9. 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 2050 Old Colony LRTP.

Old Colony Planning Council is currently developing the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. Staff are currently finalizing a public survey, while collaborating with planning partners and stakeholders, and Old Colony Planning Council is embarking on its public outreach process for this Plan development.

Socioeconomic Projections and Travel Demand Model Update

Staff have been actively participating in a Socioeconomic Data Projections Committee, which is comprised of MPO's and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The University of Massachusetts' Donahue Institute has been contracted to work with the Committee in developing population and economic projections through 2050. These projections are important as they help guide planning and investment in the future, but they also are a critical component of the travel demand model, which is also being updated for the LRTP.

Goals of the Old Colony 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan

The Goals of the Old Colony 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan are stated as such:

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- **Safety:** A safe transportation system that minimizes risk of serious injury to motorized and vulnerable users of the system and helps the Region and Commonwealth move towards its Vision Zero goals
- **Transparency and Equity:** An open and inclusive planning process that ensures representation and access to all persons
- **Economic Vitality:** A transportation network that fosters and supports a robust and diverse economy in the Old Colony Region
- **Security:** A transportation system that maintains security for physical infrastructure and the users of the system.
- **Accessibility:** A transportation system that ensures access and mobility for all motorized and vulnerable system users
- **A Clean Environment:** A transportation system that is not only protected but enhanced through energy conservation and smart, green practices
- **Resiliency:** A transportation system that is sustainable and resilient
- **State of Good Repair:** A planning process that prioritizes maintenance and keeping physical infrastructure in a state of good repair
- **Efficiency:** A transportation system that minimizes financial and environmental costs associated with congestion and delay

Planning Scenarios

During development of the Beyond Mobility: the statewide Massachusetts 2050 Transportation Plan, it was identified how these recent trends have already had a substantial impact on how people live, work, and travel in the Commonwealth, and how these trends could continue to affect the state through 2050.

- Climate Change
- The Future of Work
- Population Trends
- Housing and Economy
- Prosperity
- Technology

The Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan will present how these factors have affected the region, and how acceleration, maintenance of the status quo, or a reversal of trends through 2050 could affect the region.

Development Schedule

The following is the planned development schedule for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Key Dates:

- Completed Draft: April 2023
- Release to Public Comment Period: May 16, 2023
 - Plan Presented to Old Colony Planning Council: May 31, 2023
 - Plan Presented to JTC: June 1, 2023
- Old Colony MPO Endorsement: June 20, 2023

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Public Engagement Plan

- Public Survey
- Mobility and Justice Focus Groups (Coordination with MassDOT)
- Identify and engage stakeholders, community organizations, LEP, Traditionally Underserved, and Environmental Justice Populations, and environmental groups
- Report to Joint Transportation Committee and Metropolitan Planning Organization monthly (or as often as they convene)
- Virtual Webinars
- Old Colony Planning Council Open House
- Table Events at Brockton Area Transit
- Dedicated Plan Page on oldcolonyplanning.org website
- Traditional and Social Media Outreach

Public Survey

As part of the public engagement component of the 2050 Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan development, Old Colony Planning Council will be conducting a survey for transportation and environmental stakeholders and residents in the Old Colony region. The survey is being in conjunction with the concurrent Beyond Mobility survey as part of the Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan update. The questions mirror those in the statewide survey while adding questions to reflect local priorities. The results of the survey will guide us in the Plan development with a better understanding of the reimportation priorities of the public.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on a few items:

“Try Transit”

Brockton Mayor Robert F. Sullivan and Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Administrator Michael Lambert recently announced that from November 25th through December 31st BAT’s bus and paratransit services would be free thanks, in part, to a grant included in the state budget and awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The program is designed to encourage new customers to “Try Transit” by offering no cost trips to shop or dine at local businesses, visit with friends and family, and commute to work during the holiday season.

FHWA publishes Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment Guidance

Secretary Buttigieg recently announced that the Federal Highway Administration published the Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment guidance. The Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment is a new requirement in the Highway Safety Improvement Program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. All States are required to develop a Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment by November 15, 2023. The Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment includes a quantitative analysis of vulnerable road user fatalities and serious injuries to identify areas as "high-risk" to vulnerable road users. The States will consult with local governments that represent the high-risk areas to identify a program of projects or strategies to reduce safety risks to vulnerable road users in these areas.

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Bourne - Cape Cod Canal Bridges Program Virtual Public Information Meetings – November 15 and 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Thriving Communities Program (TCP) Notice of Funding Opportunity

Funded with \$25 million through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) new Thriving Communities Program (TCP) aims to ensure that disadvantaged communities adversely or disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health policy outcomes have the technical tools and organizational capacity to compete for federal aid and deliver quality infrastructure projects that enable their communities and neighborhoods to thrive.

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

Charles Kilmer asked that the Old Colony MPO members confirm the dates and times of their next virtual meetings. The dates are:

2022

- **December 20, 2022 at 10 AM**

2023

- **January 17, 2023 at 10 AM**
- **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 announced that OCPC is having their Annual OCPC Summit on December 8 and everyone in attendance here is invited. TransitMatters is holding an event at Brockton Beer Company next week to talk about advocacy for transit.

11. Adjournment

Chairman Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the November 15, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of July 19, 2022, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for November 15, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items

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- Old Colony Title VI Presentations
- 2050 Old Colony LRTP Presentation

