

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, December 20, 2022 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

Signatories Present:

Joseph DeGrace IV, 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
Derek Krevat, Representing Jamey Tesler, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Richard Bilski, 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)

Others Present:

Bruce Hughes, Abington
Bill Fitzgerald, Avon
Christopher Ryan, Duxbury
Bruce Martin, Whitman
Glenn Geiler, BAT
Mary Ellen DeFrias, GATRA
Raissah Kouame, MassDOT
Andrew Wang, MassDOT
Shaun Handy, 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

Chairperson Derek Krevat called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. Charles Kilmer 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

Chairperson Derek Krevat asked if there were any public comments. There were no public comments.

3. Minutes of the November 15, 2022 Meeting

Chairperson Krevat asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting.

Meredith Anderson made a motion and Mary Waldron seconded to endorse the minutes of the

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November 15, 2022 meeting.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse the minutes of the November 15, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert provided the following updates:

- BAT and the other RTAs are offering free rides from Thanksgiving to New Years. This has resulted in a 4% ridership increase
- BAT continues to improve the new expanded Market Basket stop at Westgate Mall. There are new shelters, planters, and signage
- BAT has launched their first endeavor with micro-transit which is serving the town of Rockland. This is a soft launch, with a full launch coming later
- BAT received additional funding through MassDOT with the Community Transit Grant Program to help support the micro-transit program going forward
- OCPC staff will be joining BAT on Thursday to ride the BAT buses

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

Richard Bilski 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

- Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) due in January

STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138

- Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (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 they are due this December
- Request for Qualification is to be mailed out shortly

FFY 2024

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

- Follow up Comment Resolution Meeting held
- At 25% design and expecting 75% design in July

BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE

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123), CARY STREET AND LYMAN STREET

- 75% design 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

FFY 2027

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

- At 25% Design
- Awaiting additional input from City of Brockton

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

- **Adjustment 1 - Review and Potential Approval**

Bill McNulty presented Adjustment 1, which is as follows:

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1. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) – BAT – TERMINAL, INTERMODAL (TRANSIT)
 - ADJUSTMENT: INCREASE COST FROM \$100,000 TO \$127,000 (Increase State (RTACAP) from \$20,000 to \$47,000). The resulting costs are: \$80,000 Federal, and \$47,000 State (RTACAP)

Chairperson Krevat asked if there is a motion to endorse Adjustment 1. A motion was made by Meredith Anderson and seconded by Dan Salvucci.

Dan Salvucci asked if the increase in cost is due to increase in material cost. Michal Lambert stated that the increase is to accelerate the start time of the project. The grant award had a later start date, this allowed BAT to get the project started sooner before the cold weather sets in.

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The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse Adjustment 1.

7. Draft 2022 Old Colony Title VI Reports

- **2022 Old Colony Title VI Annual Report – Review and Potential Approval**
- **2022 Old Colony Title VI Triennial Report – Review and Potential Approval**

Shawn Bailey presented on the 2022 Old Colony Title VI Reports. As sub-recipients of federal financial assistance through MassDOT, OCPC and the Old Colony MPO are responsible for all civil rights compliance.

- Ensure there are no discriminatory practices in carrying out services
- Triennial and annual Title VI Reports
- Catalogue policies, complaint procedures & forms, investigations, complaints, and lawsuits
- Document demographic analysis, LEP/LAP Plan, and Transportation investments

Current Status:

- LEP/LAP Plan completed
- Annual and Triennial Title VI Reports completed and provided in advance of the MPO meeting.

Chairperson Krevat asked for a motion to endorse the 2022 Old Colony Title VI Annual Report. A motion was made by Mary Waldron and seconded by Meredith Anderson.

Dan Salvucci and Mary Waldron commented that Shawn Bailey presented outstanding reports.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse the 2022 Old Colony Title VI Annual Report.

Chairperson Krevat asked for a motion to endorse the 2022 Old Colony Title VI Triennial Report. A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Meredith Anderson.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse the 2022 Old Colony Title VI Triennial Report.

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 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

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comprised of MPOs 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.

Pavement Survey and Analysis

Staff continue to survey pavement conditions along the Federal-Aid Eligible surface highway network in the region and is performing analysis to determine conditions ratings which in turn guide the planning needs for maintaining the network in a state of good repair and reaching performance management targets.

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:

- **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

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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

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 and Engagement

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 in January 2023.

A public survey will be launched in the next couple of weeks. This survey was developed in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Public engagement events will be scheduled in early 2023.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

- Culvert Connection - Culvert Grant Program – Now Accepting Project Inquiries – Application Deadline is anticipated mid-March, 2023

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- No-Cost Equipment from MassDOT: Speed Feedback and School Zone Speed Limit Signs – Training will be provided by MassDOT and the equipment vendor. Applications are due January 16, 2023.

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

- 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

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Krevat adjourned the meeting at 10:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the December 20, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of November 15, 2022, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for December 20, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items

