

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Hybrid Meeting, June 15, 2021 - 10:00 A.M. Held Via Zoom

Signatories Present In Person:

Stephen Woelfel, Representing Jamey Tesler, Acting Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pam Haznar, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Lee Hartmann, Representing Chairman Richard Quintal, Plymouth Board of Selectmen
Meredith Anderson, Vice-Chairman, Board of Selectmen, West Bridgewater
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chairman, Whitman Board of Selectmen
Glenn Geiler, Representing Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Mary Waldron, Representing Christine Joy, President, OCPC

Others Present Virtually:

Johannes Epke, Conservation Law Foundation
Andrew Reovan, FHWA
Mary Ellen DeFrias, MassDevelopment
Michelle Ho, MassDOT
Derek Krevat, MassDOT
Ben Muller, MassDOT
Al DeGirolamo, Office of State Senator Michael Brady
Lea Filson, See Plymouth
Rob Cahoon, VHB
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 Stephen Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. and then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Those present then introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments offered at this time.

3. Minutes of the May 18, 2021 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting.

Dan Salvucci made a motion and Glenn Geiler seconded to endorse the minutes of the May 18, 2021

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meeting.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously to endorse the minutes of the May 18, 2021 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Glenn Geiler announced that BAT will be part of Mayor Sullivan's downtown recovery initiative by offering free fares every weekend on board buses and Dial-A-BAT.

Glenn Geiler then reported that the new shelters have arrived as part of BAT's Winter Shared Streets Grant Initiative, and that BAT's Commuter Rail Fare Initiative is going to continue through September 15, 2021.

5. FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and/ or Adjustments

There are no action items for this agenda item this month.

6. FFY 2021 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Reallocation 1

▪ Review and Potential Endorsement

Charles Kilmer presented and discussed the FFY 2021 UPWP Budget Reallocation 1. The reallocations are as follow:

- 1100 – 3C Program Support – Increase by \$5,000
- 1400 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Decrease by \$5,000
- 2100 – Demographic Surveillance & Road Inventory – Decrease by \$5,000
- 2200 – Multi-Modal Data Surveillance and System Monitoring – Increase by \$5,000
- 2400 – Geographic Information System (GIS) – Increase by \$5,000
- 2500 – Management Systems and Travel Demand Model – Decrease by \$5,000
- 3100 – Regional Traffic Studies, ITS, and Intermodal Planning – Decrease by \$5,000
- 3300 – Road Safety Audits (RSAs) at Multiple Locations – Increase by \$5,000
- 3400 – Active Transportation Study – Decrease by \$5,000
- 3500 – Climate Change Vulnerability Transportation Assessment – Increase by \$5,000

Chairperson Woelfel asked for a motion to approve the FFY 2021 UPWP Budget Reallocation 1. Lee Hartmann made a motion and Dan Salvucci seconded.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously to approve the FFY 2021 UPWP Budget Reallocation 1.

7. Draft FFY 2022 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

▪ Public Comments and Potential Endorsement

Charles Kilmer stated that on May 18, 2021, the Old Colony MPO released the Draft FFY 2022 UPWP to a 21-day public review and comment period. Included in the staff report were the public comments

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received in their entirety. The following listing provides a summary of the comments received:

- Richard Jordan – Reviewed and provided comments
- Old Colony Board of Directors – The OCPC Board of Directors, at their public meeting on May 26, 2021, reviewed and approved the FFY 2022 UPWP
- Rob May – Regarding the Freight Movement and Economic Vitality Goals: We have other plans for the CSX
- Old Colony JTC – The Old Colony JTC, at their public meeting on June 3, 2021, reviewed and approved the FFY 2022 UPWP
- Andrew Reovan – Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions

Chairperson Woelfel asked for a motion to approve the Draft FFY 2022 UPWP. A motion was made and was seconded.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously to approve the Draft FFY 2022 UPWP.

8. Draft Old Colony Public Participation Plan (PPP)

- **Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Ray Guarino discussed the Draft Old Colony Public Participation Plan (PPP). The Old Colony PPP establishes the process through which public involvement is solicited to ensure cooperative decision making is part of the transportation planning process. It also ensures, in accordance with state and federal law requirements, an inclusive and accessible public engagement process for transportation decision making. Furthermore, the plan serves to guide the agency's public participation efforts, including reaching and engaging populations and those that potentially have been underserved by the transportation system and/or have lacked access to the decision-making process. Ray Guarino then provided a presentation on the PPP.

Pam Haznar commented that it seems like a very comprehensive plan.

Stephen Woelfel asked for a motion to release the Draft Old Colony Public Participation Plan to a 21-day public review and comment period. A motion was made and was seconded.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously to release the Draft Old Colony Public Participation Plan to a 21-day public review and comment period.

9. Road Safety Audits (RSAs) At Multiple Locations Status Report

Bill McNulty provided an update on the Road Safety Audits at Multiple Locations Project. To date, the following Road Safety Audits have been conducted under this program:

- Abington – Route 123 at Rockland Street (April 6)
- Abington – Route 139 at Chestnut Street (April 6)
- Easton – Turnpike Street at Depot Street (March 30)
- Hanover – Route 53 at Broadway (June 8)
- Kingston – Route 27 at Lake Street (May 11)

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- Plymouth – Commerce Way at Christa McAuliffe Boulevard and Colony Place (June 10)
- Plymouth – Commerce Way at Industrial Park Road (June 10)
- Stoughton – Pearl Street at School Street (May 3)

Additional locations to be completed this program year include:

- Avon – West Main Street at School Street and South Street
- Bridgewater – Route 104 at High Street and Pond Street
- Brockton – Forest Avenue (Belmont Street to Gordon Street)
- Brockton – Main Street at Nilsson Street
- Brockton – Main Street at Forest Avenue
- Brockton – Pearl Street at Torrey Street
- East Bridgewater – Central Street at Union Street and North Union Street
- Plymouth – Cherry Street at Standish Avenue
- West Bridgewater – West Street at Manley Street
- West Bridgewater – Route 106 at Prospect Street

Mary Waldron expressed her appreciation with staff for completing these RSAs.

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

Charles Kilmer provided the Date and Time of Next Old Colony MPO Meetings(s):

- August 17, 2021 at 10 AM
- September 21, 2021 at 10 AM

Charles Kilmer provided an update on the RAISE Discretionary Grants: The deadline to apply is July 12, 2021.

Mary Waldron announced that OCPC has a new logo.

Dan Salvucci announced that the MBTA budget will be done at the next MBTA Advisory Board meeting later this month. If there are any handouts at the meeting, they will be passed out at the next MPO Meeting.

Chairperson Woelfel announced that MassDOT is planning on having the Moving Together Conference in person this year on November 22, 2021.

9. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

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List of Documents for the June 15, 2021 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of May 18, 2021, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Reports for June 15, 2021 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items