

# OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

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

## **Signatories Present:**

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

## **Others Present:**

Bruce Hughes, Abington  
Peter Spagone Jr., East Bridgewater  
Antonio DeFrias, Hanson  
Glenn Geiler, BAT  
Andrew Reovan, FHWA  
Maggie Burke, MA Safe Routes to School  
Derek Krevat, MassDOT  
Derek Shooster, MassDOT  
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT District 5  
Greg Lucas, Environmental Partners  
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 10:00 A.M. and then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement and Accessibility Statement. Charles Kilmer then conducted the roll and reported that a quorum was present.

## **2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments offered at this time.

## **3. Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Meeting**

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting.

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Daniel Salvucci made a motion and Lee Hartmann seconded to endorse the minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted to endorse the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting. Motion carries with one abstention from Daniel Salvucci, Whitman.

## 4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert stated that work force is healthy and on the job. Ridership peaked at 60% compared to pre-COVID levels before snowfall. Michael Lambert noted that he is hopeful that with warmer weather and the decline in COVID cases, that ridership will exceed the 60% mark. The Capital Investment Plan (CIP) is currently underway with MassDOT. Commuter rail initiative will wrap up March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 5. FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and/ or Adjustments

Chairman Woelfel reported that there are currently no Amendments and/ or Adjustments at this time.

## 6. FFY 2023-2027 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- **Review of Projects Including Evaluation Criteria and Results of TIP Readiness Day**

Charles Kilmer provided a review of the evaluation criteria as it relates to the projects and results of TIP Readiness Day. TIP Readiness Day is an opportunity for MassDOT and MPO Staffs to review projects in the current TIP for their state of readiness and to identify projects for readiness in 2023-2027.

The following are the projects evaluated on TIP Readiness Day:

- **STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE – PROGRAM YEAR - 2023, READINESS DAY YEAR - 2023**
- **BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123), CARY STREET AND LYMAN STREET - PROGRAM YEAR - 2023, READINESS DAY YEAR - 2023**
- **STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 AC PHASE 1 OF 2 - PROGRAM YEAR - 2023, READINESS DAY YEAR - 2023**
- **STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 AC PHASE 2 OF 2 - PROGRAM YEAR - 2024, READINESS DAY YEAR - 2024**
- **BROCKTON – ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS - PROGRAM YEAR - 2024, READINESS DAY YEAR - 2024**
- **PLYMPTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, WINNETUXET ROAD OVER WINNETUXET RIVER - PROGRAM YEAR - 2024, READINESS DAY YEAR - 2024**

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- **BROCKTON** - IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27), INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER - **PROGRAM YEAR - 2025, READINESS DAY YEAR - 2025**
- **EASTON** - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET - **PROGRAM YEAR - 2025, READINESS DAY YEAR - 2025**
- **DUXBURY & KINGSTON** - SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) - **PROGRAM YEAR - 2026, READINESS DAY YEAR - 2026**
- **ABINGTON** - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET - **PROGRAM YEAR - 2026, READINESS DAY YEAR - 2026**
- **HANSON** - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 14 (MAQUAN STREET), FROM THE PEMBROKE T.L. TO INDIAN HEAD STREET AND RELATED WORK AC PHASE 1 OF 2 – **PROGRAM YEAR - 2026, READINESS DAY YEAR - 2026**
- **HANSON** - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 14 (MAQUAN STREET), FROM THE PEMBROKE T.L. TO INDIAN HEAD STREET AND RELATED WORK AC PHASE 2 OF 2 - **PROGRAM YEAR - 2027, READINESS DAY YEAR - 2027**

Charles Kilmer thanked everyone that participated in TIP Readiness Day.

### 7. Road Safety Audits at Multiple Locations Project Overview

Bill McNulty provided an overview of the Road Safety Audits at Multiple Locations Project. Road Safety Audits are currently being scheduled for the following locations:

#### Abington (Scheduled for February 23, 2022)

- Groveland Street and Linwood Street
- Central Street Corridor

#### Brockton

- Warren Avenue at Market Street
- West Chestnut Street at Southworth Street

#### Duxbury (Scheduled for February 18, 2022)

- Summer Street (Route 53) at Franklin Street and High Street
- Congress Street (Route 14) at Franklin Street
- Tremont Street / Enterprise Street (Route 3A) at Tremont Street / Church Street (Route 139)

OCPC is collaborating with municipalities and MassDOT to schedule additional audits throughout the region. These additional locations will be based on updated Equivalent Property Damage Only (EPDO)

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scores for crashes that occurred from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

## 8. Freight Planning and Action Plan Overview

Ray Guarino provided an overview of the Freight Planning and Action Plan. The elements and process of the Freight Study include:

1. Freight Self-Assessment
  - Identify the key freight facilities and modes (truck, rail, port, air), industries, freight generators
  - Understand freight transportation needs (issues such as truck routes, bottlenecks/congestion, truck exclusions, physical constraints, crash locations and safety)
  - Identify the major freight players in the region
2. Identify action freight related strategies, policies, and projects specific to the region that could be implemented into the MPOs plans and programs
3. Integrate Freight Plan with the region's Long Range Transportation Plan

Dan Salvucci noticed that on highways there are weigh stations set up to weigh commercial vehicles, and then inquired if the stations may be used for parking when not in use (i.e. rest area for truckers to sleep).

Bruce Hughes stated that he has a list of all the rest areas for truck drivers. Ray Guarino will be reaching out to Bruce to receive this information.

Charles Kilmer discussed shared parking at Park and Rides and if trucks could park at night, so they would not disrupt the parking of cars during the day. Pam Haznar stated that this could be a good possibility, but there are some Park and Rides that are at capacity. Without expansion this could be challenging.

Shawn Bailey stated that Wal-Mart allows truckers to park overnight at some of their locations.

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

Charles Kilmer highlighted the following items:

- Route 24 Over Canton Street Bridge Replacement Virtual Design Public Hearing - This hearing was held on February 10, 2022.
- Route 138 (Washington Street) Corridor Improvements Project Virtual Design Public Hearing - This hearing is on February 16, 2022.
- Release of the 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) NOFO - The application deadline is April 14, 2022.
- Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant - Now Accepting Applications and Grants are due in Mid-March

Charles Kilmer provided the Dates and Times of Next Old Colony MPO Meetings(s):

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## 2022

- March 15, 2022 at 10 AM
- April 19, 2022 at 10 AM
- May 17, 2022 at 10 AM
- June 21, 2022 at 10 AM

Dan Salvucci thanked OCPC for electing him as a MPO Signatory to represent towns greater than population of 15,000 for a two year term.

Chairperson Woelfel announced that on May 24-25 there will be a hybrid MassDOT Innovation Conference in Worcester. A call for abstracts just went out Friday.

## 10. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:49 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

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

- Minutes of January 18, 2022, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for February 15, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items