

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

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

Signatories Present:

Mayor Robert Sullivan, Brockton
Meredith Anderson, Vice-Chair, 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 Authority (BAT)
Mary Waldron, Representing Christine Joy, President, OCPC

Others Present:

John Stone, Abington
Bill Fitzgerald, Avon
Evan Sears, Brockton
William Chenard, Pembroke
Glenn Geiler, BAT
Andrew Reovan, FHWA
Michelle Ho, MassDOT
Derek Krevat, MassDOT
Derek Shooster, MassDOT
Andrew Wang, MassDOT
Greg Lucas, Environmental Partners
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 10:00 A.M. and then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Charles Kilmer then conducted the roll call and then announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments offered at this time.

3. Minutes of the February 15, 2022 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the

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February 15, 2022 meeting.

Daniel Salvucci made a motion to endorse the minutes as presented and Meredith Anderson seconded the motion to endorse the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting. There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted via roll call to endorse the minutes of the February 15, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert stated that the work force is safe. Last month. and last week. were the best of the fiscal year so far in terms of ridership. The loosening of COVID restrictions, and the rise of gas prices are encouraging people to take public transit. The USDOT extended the mask mandate for public transit by one month to mid-April. BAT is entering their Capital Planning phase of the year along with MassDOT. A request has been submitted to maintain BAT's State of Good Repair, and also to begin the transition to electric buses.

5. FFY 2022-2026 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustments/Amendments

Chairperson Woelfel reported that there were no Adjustments or Amendments at this time.

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

▪ Review of Scenarios and Potential Determination of Preferred Set of Projects

Charles Kilmer presented the projects in Scenarios 1 and 2, and then explained that for both scenarios, in years FFYs 2023 through 2026, the programming of projects is identical. Charles Kilmer further explained that the differences are in FFY 2027. Specifically, Scenario 1 includes the programming of Abington - Intersection Improvements, Randolph Street and Richard Fitts Drive (Route 139) at Chestnut Street and Old Randolph Street Project, and the Stoughton - Intersection Improvements at Canton Street (Route 27), School Street and Summer Street Project in FFY 2027, while Scenario 2 includes the programming of the Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/ Quincy Street/ Massasoit Boulevard Project in FFY 2027.

The MPO then discussed the two scenarios. During the discussion, Mayor Sullivan expressed his support for Scenario 2 which included the Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/ Quincy Street/ Massasoit Boulevard Project. Following discussion, the MPO selected Scenario 2 as the preferred set of projects. The preferred set of projects is as follows:

- 2023
 - Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive
 - Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 AC Phase 1 of 2 (Total Cost is \$11,213,856 with FFY 2023 Cost of \$9,264,000 and FFY 2024 Cost of \$1,949,856
- 2024
 - Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 AC Phase 2 of 2 (Total Cost is \$11,213,856 with FFY 2023 Cost of \$9,264,000 and FFY 2024 Cost of \$1,949,856

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- Brockton - Route 123 (Centre Street) at Plymouth Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements
- Brockton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Centre Street (Route 123), Cary Street And Lyman Street
- Brockton - Systemic Countermeasures/ Safe Systems Implementation City-Wide
- Plympton - Bridge Replacement, Winnetuxet Road over Winnetuxet River
- 2025
 - Brockton - Intersection Improvements at Lyman Street/Grove Street/Summer Street & Replacement of Grove Street Bridge, B-25-005, over Salisbury Plain River
 - Easton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 Including Intersection Improvements at Route 138 (Washington Street) and Elm Street
- 2026
 - Abington - Intersection Improvements at Hancock Street and Chestnut Street
 - Avon - Intersection Improvements at Route 28, Spring Street and Harrison Boulevard
 - Duxbury - Signal Installation @ Route 3 (NB & SB) Ramps & Route 3A (Tremont Street)
 - 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 (Total Cost is \$11,548,342 with FFY 2026 Cost of \$5,232,158 and 2027 Cost of \$6,316,184)
- 2027
 - Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/Quincy Street/Massasoit Boulevard
 - 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 (Total Cost is \$11,548,342 with FFY 2026 Cost of \$5,232,158 and 2027 Cost of \$6,316,184)

Chairperson Woelfel stated that we will need to work to program the unprogrammed \$9,662,814 amount in FFY 2024.

Michael Lambert discussed the BAT Draft Capital Improvement Program List. The focus is on State of Good Repair. After this current fiscal year, there will be a shift to electric vehicles and infrastructure.

7. Development of FFY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

▪ Discussion of Universe of Projects

Bill McNulty discussed the Universe of Projects for the FFY 2023 UPWP. The Draft Universe of Projects for Element 3000 is as follows:

1. Brockton - Route 27 (Reynolds Memorial Highway) Corridor Study
2. Duxbury - Route 14 Corridor Study from Pembroke Town Line to Route 3A
3. Plymouth - Long Pond Road Corridor Study from Obery Street to Drew Road
4. Regional - 2023 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation (HST) Plan
5. Regional - 2024-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
6. Regional - Corridor Studies – Location(s) TBD as a result of the High Priority Corridor Screening Assessment
7. Regional - Road Safety Audits (RSAs) at Multiple Locations

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8. Regional - Major Bottleneck Identification Study
9. Regional - Route 3 Safety and Mobility Study
10. Regional - Route 24 Safety and Mobility Study

Pam Haznar asked what section of Route 27 would be examined in Brockton. Bill McNulty stated from Pleasant Street all the way to Oak Street.

Charles Kilmer stated that the end product of the High Priority Corridor Screening Assessment will help inform this list and help identify new locations for corridor studies.

8. Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) Briefing

Derek Krevat provided a briefing on the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.

- Massachusetts's five-year apportionments (FFY 2022-2026) under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes approximately \$5.4 billion in highway formula funds
- The BIL includes three distinct types of transportation funding - Contract Authority, Supplemental Appropriations, and Authorizations Subject to Appropriation
- An omnibus federal spending bill was recently passed, unlocking the FFY 2022 increases included in BIL. This will go into effect after the short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) expires on March 15th
- The omnibus spending bill will provide sufficient obligation authority for the FFY 2022 increases contained in BIL and allow for the implementation of any new programs under FHWA's Contract Authority
- Programs funded with Supplemental Appropriations do not rely on Contract Authority, are not subject to obligation limitation, and can also be implemented
- Regional Target Funding in the TIPs is based upon formula funds annually apportioned to the State from the Highway Trust Fund
- Consistent with a long-established process, Massachusetts distributes approximately 1/3 of these funds among the MPOs based upon a formula developed by the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA)
- The BIL serves as the surface transportation reauthorization for FFYs 2022-2026
- Statewide Funding in the TIPs is based upon a combination of formula funds annually apportioned to the state from the HTF and formula funds apportioned to Massachusetts from BIL's

Transit Formula Funding:

- Massachusetts five-year transit formula funding (FY22-FY26) under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is approximately \$2.8 billion, of which \$2.2 billion is for the MBTA
- BIL did not establish any new transit formula programs

Andrew Reovan stated that on the Omnibus Appropriations, the guidance and funding should be available soon.

Michael Lambert stated that the numbers are still yet to be determined for the Transit Formula Funds. These funds are distributed between other RTAs, the MBTA, as well as New Hampshire.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on a few items:

- MassDOT Highway Initiating a Project - MaPIT: Please Start Preparing New Projects
- Release of the 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) NOFO - Application deadline is April, 2022 at 5:00 PM
- WalkBoston Annual Meeting 2022 - March 30, 2022 at 5:00 PM
- MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference - May 24&25, 2022

Pam Haznar stated that the sooner proposals get to MassDOT the better.

Derek Shooster stated that for the Pre-PRC, you look to your LRTP for your visions and goals for inspiration for some of those projects.

Pam Haznar stated that MassDOT does work closely with the regions and communities to develop projects through the LRTP, Corridor Studies, etc. This collaboration has been very successful.

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

2022

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

Chairperson Woelfel stated that this will be a busy three months coming up, and to make sure to attend the MPO Meetings so we have a quorum.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 11:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

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

- Minutes of February 15, 2022, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for March 15, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) Briefing, MassDOT