

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Held Virtually Via Zoom due to the Covid-19 State of Emergency in Massachusetts January 7, 2020 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	MassDOT	Ben Muller
Brockton	Rob May	Mass Development	Mary Ellen DeFrias
Duxbury	Valerie Massard	VHB	Rob Cahoon
Easton	David Field	GPI	Sid Kashi
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Hanson	Deborah L. Pettey	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Stoughton	Joe Scardino	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Stoughton	Marc Tisdelle	OCPC	Mary Waldron
West Bridgewater	Meri Anderson	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Bill McNulty
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Andrew Vidal
MassDOT District 5	Pam Haznar	OCPC	Ray Guarino
MassDOT District 5	Barbara LaChance	OCPC	Shawn Bailey

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Bill McNulty then conducted the roll call.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes of the December 3, 2020 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the December 3, 2020 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes.

4. Communications

Shawn Bailey reviewed the contents of the communications staff report. Included were letters of correspondence. They are as follows:

- MassDOT Highway Division Announcement Regarding Complete Streets Tier 3 Grants Recipients

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- MassDOT Highway Division Announcement Regarding Project Initiation Process for Highway Division Projects

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiler reported on the following:

- BAT was recently awarded a shared winter streets and spaces grant in the amount of \$150,000 for the installation of permanent heating elements outside of the BAT Centre, and for replacement bus shelters
- Ridership is level. There was a slight decline around the holidays which is typical for BAT
- BAT is in the process of finalizing the Comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan (CRTP). They hope to have that out for public comment by the next JTC Meeting
- BAT is working on the development of the FFY 2022-2026 funding program.
- BAT will have a TIP adjustment/amendment at the next (February 2021) JTC meeting.

Chairperson O'Toole asked for a summary of the Winter Street and Spaces Grant. Glenn Geiler responded that BAT passenger amenity improvements were applied for by BAT, as well as other improvements to increase safety and outdoor areas.

Ben Muller stated that this is an extension of the pandemic response grant that was put out over the summer.

Pam Haznar added that communities should look at this grant for funding opportunities.

Paul Chenard stated that OCPC is available for the communities if they need technical assistance putting together their application for the grant.

B. Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)

Paul Chenard reported on the following:

- GATRA continues to operate their On Demand Transit Service. Ridership is low due to rising COVID-19 cases. Service hours are reduced, with service ending at 2:00 PM.
- Buses are being cleaned on a regular basis

C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard reported on the following:

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- Most construction is being done in the southern part of the Commonwealth in New Bedford and Fall River
- MassDOT has been holding several virtual public meetings
- Tracks will be laid down soon

6. Old Business

A. FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Charles Kilmer discussed updates to projects in the FFY 2021-2025 TIP. They are as follows:

FFY 2021 Projects:

EASTON - ROUTE 123 (DEPOT STREET) RECONSTRUCTION FROM NEWELL CIRCLE TO ROUTE 138 (607217)

- Project advertised for construction bids on November 7, 2020. Bid opening scheduled for January 12, 2021.

7. New Business

A. Development of FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

▪ Updates from Project Proponents

Charles Kilmer and project proponents reviewed and provided updates went down the list of projects. The updates are as follow:

ABINGTON

- ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET (609440)
 - Programmed in FFY 2025.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase. 25% Design due in January 2021.
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,900,232.
- ABINGTON & BROCKTON - PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (609520)
 - Currently not programmed. Non-Federal Aid (NFA)
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase. Reviewing Alternatives. 25% due in May 2021.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,129,363.
 - Pam Haznar noted that advertising of this project along with the Centre Street, Cary Street, and Lyman Street project is still to be determined.

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AVON

- **AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HARRISON BOULEVARD AND POND STREET (608086)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2021.
 - Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) Resubmission received by MassDOT (10/30/2020).
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,969,007.
 - Bill Fitzgerald reported that all of the takings have been completed and have been filed at the Registry of Deeds. All set for the project to go ahead. Scheduled for advertisement on January 30, 2021.

- **AVON - STOUGHTON - PAVEMENT PRESERVATION AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 24 (608496)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2022.
 - Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) Resubmission received by MassDOT (11/03/2020).
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,314,880.
 - Pam Haznar noted that this project is funded with Statewide Funds.

BROCKTON

- **BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123), CARY STREET, AND LYMAN STREET (609410)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2022.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,232,320.
 - Pam Haznar noted that this is not a regional target but funded with Statewide HSIP Funding. There will be some right of way takings and permitting. At 25% Design.

- **BROCKTON - ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (609052)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2023.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase. 25% Design due in June 2021.
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,523,420.

- **BROCKTON - IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27), INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER (607818)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2025.
 - 25% Package received by MassDOT (12/30/2019). Revised 25% due 09/2021.
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,872,000.

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- **BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/ QUINCY STREET/ MASSASOIT BOULEVARD (606143)**
 - Currently not programmed.
 - 25% Package received by MassDOT (as of 05/04/2015). There has been no submission since.
 - Cost Estimate is \$5,520,744.

- **BROCKTON & ABINGTON - PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (609520)**
 - Currently not programmed. Non- Federal Aid (NFA)
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase. Reviewing Alternatives. 25% due in May 2021.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,129,363.

DUXBURY

- **DUXBURY - SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2025.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,784,000.
 - Valerie Massard reported that the construction cost estimate has not changed. The designer, VAI, has proposed a design cost estimate and the request for design funds may be included in the Spring Town Meeting.

EASTON

- **EASTON - ROUTE 123 (DEPOT STREET) RECONSTRUCTION FROM NEWELL CIRCLE TO ROUTE 138 (607217)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2021.
 - Project advertised for construction bids on November 7, 2020. Bid opening scheduled for January 12, 2021.
 - Cost Estimate is \$10,502,923.

- **EASTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET (608195)**
 - Currently not programmed.
 - MassDOT comments on the 25% Package returned to the Design Engineer (as of 01/23/2019).
 - Cost Estimate is \$5,137,918.
 - David Field reported that comments were returned to MassDOT in May 2020. Comment resolution meeting was in June 2020. High priority project for the Town. Did agree to extend to connect to Union Street Project. Updated cost estimate is around \$6 Million. Intersection project itself is estimated at \$2.4 Million. David Field does not want to see

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- the size of the project prevent it from getting funded. Willing to break the project into two (Intersection Project and Corridor Project).
- Pam Haznar noted that MassDOT is searching for additional funds to supplement this project.
 - EASTON - RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 138 (ROOSEVELT CIRCLE TO STOUGHTON TOWN LINE) (608585)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase. Portions have been resurfaced.
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,025,000.
 - Pam Haznar reported that MassDOT is not actively looking at design for this section. Portions resurfaced were advanced through the Maintenance Division to hold road together. At this time, MassDOT is not advancing a full design. Looked at section of 138 between the two Route 123. That section is at a preliminary design phase.

HANOVER

- HANOVER - RESURFACING & RELATED WORK ROUTE 53 (607715)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$1,610,000.
 - Pam Haznar reported that there is not any design activity on this project right now.

HANSON

- HANSON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 14 (MAQUAN STREET), FROM THE PEMBROKE T.L. TO INDIAN HEAD STREET AND RELATED WORK (608506)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - 25% Package received by MassDOT (as of 05/07/2020).
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,200,512.
 - Deborah Pettey reported that the designer submitted 25% package to MassDOT. Received the comments from MassDOT. Environmental Partners is working on addressing the comments, then we will hold a comment resolution meeting. Cost estimate is at \$9.7 Million. Willing to phase this project over two years.

KINGSTON

- KINGSTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, K-01-014, SMITHS LANE OVER ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY) (608615)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$12,788,000.

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- Pam Haznar reported that the substructure maintenance was completed on this bridge not too long ago. This improved the rating, but it is still something we are pursuing. Because of that work it is currently not programmed in the TIP.

PEMBROKE

- **PEMBROKE - REHABILITATION OF ROUTE 36 (CENTER STREET) FROM ROUTE 27 TO ROUTE 14 (600380)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2022.
 - Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) Package received by MassDOT (01/15/2020).
 - Cost Estimate is \$10,088,920.
 - Town is working closely with MassDOT to work on the right of way package.

PLYMPTON

- **PLYMPTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, WINNETUXET ROAD OVER WINNETUXET RIVER (609435)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2024.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,220,987.
 - Pam Haznar reported that a virtual meeting was held in June.

STOUGHTON

- **STOUGHTON - AVON - PAVEMENT PRESERVATION AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 24 (608496)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2022.
 - Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) Resubmission received by MassDOT (11/03/2020).
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,314,880.
- **STOUGHTON - IMPROVEMENTS AT RICHARD WILKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SRTS) (608829)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2021.
 - 100% Package received by MassDOT (09/02/2020). Advertising spring 2021.
 - Design Public Hearing held June 17, 2020.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,171,443.
- **STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) AC PHASES 1 AND 2**
 - Programmed in FFY 2023 and FFY 2024.
 - 25% Package received by MassDOT Engineer (10/13/2020).
 - Cost Estimate is \$13,351,414.
 - Marc Tisdelle reported that this project is going to be a great improvement to our corridor. There will be two lanes with a buffered area and a bike lane.

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- **STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE (608279)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2023.
 - MassDOT comments on the 75% Package returned to the Design Engineer (06/10/2020). 100% received 12/23/2020 (under review)
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,799,916.
 - Marc Tisdelle reported that there are a couple easement takings required. Project is on track.

- **STOUGHTON - RECONSTRUCTION OF TURNPIKE STREET (607214)**
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$12,000,250.
 - Marc Tisdelle reported that state engineers went to the Board of Selectmen with the preliminary design and the Board endorsed it.

- **STOUGHTON - CANTON STREET (ROUTE 27) & SCHOOL STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (TBD)**
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase. On January 2021 PRC agenda.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,347,449.
 - Marc Tisdelle reported that this project is a high priority intersection. Waiting for project review meeting in January to take the next steps. Cost estimate is \$2.1 Million.

B. Road Safety Audits (RSAs) at Multiple Locations Study – Project Update

Bill McNulty provided a project update on RSAs at Multiple Locations Study.

Road Safety Audits will be conducted in conjunction with the municipalities and MassDOT throughout the program year, beginning in February 2021 and continuing through August 2021. Audits will be conducted virtually, with video and photography from study sites made available to RSA participants. Old Colony Planning Council will have staff in the field at each audit to answer any questions and provide live survey. Data and analysis will be provided to participants in advance of each audit.

These RSAs will take place in Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plymouth, Stoughton, and West Bridgewater. There are also locations that MassDOT has scheduled this year that OCPC will be involved in.

Bill Fitzgerald stated that the road safety audit format of traffic study has been fantastic for the town of Avon.

C. Old Colony Traffic Counting Program

- ***Summary of 2020 Data Collection Program***

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Kyle Mowatt provided a presentation on the Summary of the 2020 Data Collection Program.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic not as many traffic counts took place in 2020. Sixty-seven (67) Automatic Traffic Recorder (ATR) counts were completed in 2020, compared to 118 in 2019. Twenty-five (25) Turning Movement Counts (TMCs) were completed in 2020, compared to 91 in 2019. Every year MassDOT sends OCPC a list of routine MassDOT Locations to complete. Of the 67 ATRs in 2020, 24 of those were MassDOT locations.

The traffic counts were conducted for a variety of Studies and Projects, they are as follows:

- **Abington** – Summit Road Study & MassDOT Locations
- **Avon** – Route 28 & East/West Spring Street Intersection Study, West Main Street & School/South Street Intersection Study, MassDOT Locations
- **Bridgewater** – Elm Street Study & MassDOT Locations
- **Brockton** – Main Street Corridor Study, Pearl Street & Pleasant Street Intersection Study, Warren Avenue & Market Street Study, MassDOT Locations
- **East Bridgewater** - MassDOT Locations
- **Easton** – Route 138 & Belmont Street (123) Study, MassDOT Locations
- **Halifax** – Hillside Avenue Study
- **Kingston & Pembroke** – Chapel Street Study, MassDOT Locations
- **Plymouth** – Clark Road Study, Cherry Street & Standish Avenue Study, Court Street & Cherry Street Study
- **West Bridgewater** – Scotland Street Study
- **Whitman** – MassDOT Locations

Dan Salvucci stated an issue at the intersection of Route 18 and 14 regarding truck turn radius. Pam Haznar cannot recall what the radii was designed for, but she assumes it was accounted for in the design. Pam Haznar stated she will look into this.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Bill McNulty reported on the following Community Local Technical Assistance Studies:

Old Colony Planning Council has received a request from the Town of Duxbury to conduct a follow-up traffic study for various roadways in the town where they opted into Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 Section 17c to establish 25 mile per hour speed limits. The study will compare collected data and assess the change in travel speeds in relation to previous records and the new speed limits. This data collection is planned for late Spring 2021.

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Project Status Updates

Avon

- Traffic Study for East Main Street (Route 28) at East and West Spring Street - Data collection in progress.

Duxbury

- Follow-up Traffic Study: Travel Speeds on Various Roadways – Data collection planned for Spring 2021

Plymouth

- Clark Road/Beaver Dam Road Peak Summer Traffic Analysis – Data collection planned for Summer 2021

B. Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs, and NPCs

Kyle Mowatt summarized the Environmental Notification Forms (ENFs), Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs), Notices of Project Changes (NPCs), and Certificates for projects within the OCPC region that are undergoing Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office review.

Certificates

EEA #16286 – Lawler Lane (Stoughton)

Action – Does not require an Environmental Impact Report

EEA #16291 – 20 Inch Force Main Replacement (Whitman)

Action – Does not require an Environmental Impact Report

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Dan Salvucci stated that a couple week ago, during the day, at Route 18 and 27 the lighting went out. Noreen O’Toole added that she witnessed the same thing. MassDOT was notified. Discussion followed.

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9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt

Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for January 7, 2020 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the December 3, 2020 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for January 7, 2021, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items