

## **STRUCTURE OF THE OLD COLONY MPO**

According to federal transportation law, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) have the responsibilities for setting regional transportation policy and programming the use of federal highway and transit funds. “Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) means the policy board of an organization created and designated to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process.” 23 § CFR 450.104.

The voting membership of an MPO shall consist of local elected officials, officials of public agencies that administer or operate major modes of transportation in the metropolitan planning area, and appropriate State transportation officials. Where appropriate, MPOs may increase the representation of local elected officials, public transportation agencies, or appropriate State officials on their policy boards and other committees as a means for encouraging greater involvement in the metropolitan transportation planning process. 23 § CFR 450.310 (d).

The MPO, the State(s), and the public transportation operator(s) shall cooperatively determine their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process. These responsibilities shall be clearly identified in written agreements among the MPO, the State(s), and the public transportation operator(s) serving the metropolitan planning area. To the extent possible, a single agreement between all responsible parties should be developed. The written agreement(s) shall include specific provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to the development of financial plans that support the metropolitan transportation plan and the metropolitan TIP and development of the annual listing of obligated projects. 23 § CFR 450.314 (a).

The MPO shall develop and use a documented participation plan that defines a process for providing citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. 23 § CFR 450.316 (a)

The voting members of the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization consist of the following officials or their designees:

- The Secretary and CEO of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation
- The Administrator of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division
- The President of Old Colony Planning Council
- The Administrator of Brockton Area Transit Authority
- The Mayor of the City of Brockton
- The Chief Elected Official of Plymouth
- The Chief Elected Officials from two (2) communities, other than Brockton or Plymouth to serve two-year terms