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TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER - REPRESENTING AVON, EAST BRIDGEWATER, HALIFAX, HANOVER, HANSON, KINGSTON, PLYMPTON, AND WEST BRIDGEWATER

TOWN OF WHITMAN - REPRESENTING ABINGTON, BRIDGEWATER, DUXBURY, EASTON, PEMBROKE, STOUGHTON, AND WHITMAN

**BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (BAT)** 

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MASSDOT)

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MASSDOT) HIGHWAY DIVISION

**OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)** 

### OLD COLONY MPO EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBERS

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)

### **NOTICE OF VIRTUAL MEETING**

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

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### **AGENDA**

- Call to Order, Accessibility Statement, Title VI Notice of Protection, and Introductions
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Minutes of August 15, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting
- 4. Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT) Report
- 5. Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority Report
- 6. MassDOT District 5 Updates on Projects Under Design or Construction
- 7. 2050 Old Colony Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Comments and Potential Endorsement
- 8. 2023 Old Colony Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) Public Comments and Potential Endorsement
- 9. Route 18 Corridor Study (Bridgewater & East Bridgewater) Update and Key Findings
- 10. Administrative Matters, Other Business, and Date and Time of Next Meeting(s)
- 11. Adjournment

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The public discussion of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at Old Colony JTC, Old Colony MPO, and transportation meetings satisfies the Program of Projects (POP) public hearing requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

## September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 1 Call to Order, Accessibility Statement and Title VI Nondiscrimination Statement, and Introductions

### **Summary**

Call to Order, Accessibility Statement and Title VI Nondiscrimination Statement, Roll Call, and Introductions

### **Accessibility Statement and Title VI Nondiscrimination Statement**

"This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Microphones or telephones will be used by all speakers. If you would like this accommodation, please contact Mary Waldron at 508-583-1833. Thank you."

"The Notice of Nondiscrimination Rights and Protections to Beneficiaries with regard to the Federal Title VI/Nondiscrimination Protections and the State Nondiscrimination Protections is included on this meeting's agenda and is available on the Old Colony Planning Council Website at <a href="https://oldcolonyplanning.org/">https://oldcolonyplanning.org/</a>. Please contact Mary Waldron at 508-583-1833 for more information. Thank you."

### September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 2 Public Comments

### **Summary**

Public comments.

### September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 3 Minutes of August 15, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting

### **Summary**

The Old Colony MPO is respectfully asked to consider approval of the August 15, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Minutes.

### Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, August 15, 2023 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

### **Signatories Present:**

Stephen Woelfel, Representing Gina Fiandaca, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Richard Bilski, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Jay DeGrace, Representing Mayor Robert Sullivan, City of Brockton
James Downey, Representing Richard Quintal, Chair, Board of Selectmen, Town of Plymouth
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chair, Board of Selectmen, Town of Whitman
Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit (BAT)
Mary Waldron, Representing Becky Coletta, President, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)

### **Others Present:**

Al DeGirolamo, Office of State Senator Michael Brady Glenn Geiler, Brockton Area Transit Jim Fitzgerald, Environmental Partners Joshua Barber, Federal Highway Administration Steve Findlen, Howard Stein Hudson Bonnie Roalsen, MA Safe Routes to School Derek Krevat, MassDOT Andrew Wang, MassDOT William Chenard, Pembroke Rob Cahoon, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Shawn Bailey, OCPC Ray Guarino, OCPC Charles Kilmer, OCPC Guogiang Li, OCPC Bill McNulty, OCPC Kyle Mowatt, OCPC Nate Ryan, OCPC

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M. and then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Charles Kilmer conducted the roll and announced that there was a quorum present.

### 2. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

### 3. Minutes of the July 18, 2023 Meeting

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

July 18, 2023 meeting.

Mary Waldron made a motion and Michael Lambert seconded to endorse the minutes of the July 18, 2023 meeting. There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted via roll call to endorse the minutes of the July 18, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting. Dan Salvucci abstained from the vote as he was not present at the July 18, 2023 meeting.

### 4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- The State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed the FY 2024 state budget. BAT is expecting to see a significant increase in funding based on the Fair Share Amendment. BAT is working with MassDOT as to what form that funding will take and how it will be allocated. BAT expects to increase weekend service at a significant level.
- BAT achieved 7,000 trips/day last week for the first time since the Covid pandemic.
- Rockland service achieved a high of 38 trips/day which is double what the previous fixed route was averaging

### 5. Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority Report

There was no update from GATRA at this time.

### 6. MassDOT District 5 Updates on Projects Under Design or Construction

Richard Bilski provided an update on projects under design or construction that are programmed in the Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

### **FFY 2023**

607403 - STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138, FROM 300 FEET NORTH OF CHARLES AVENUE TO LINCOLN STREET (PHASE 1)

At Plans, Specifications & Estimate (PS&E)

608279 - STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE

At Plans, Specifications & Estimate (PS&E)

### **FFY 2024**

609052 - BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123) AND PLYMOUTH STREET

- At Revised 25% Design
- Comment resolution meeting scheduled for the end of this month for revised 25% Design
- Next steps include Utility meeting followed by a design public hearing

609410 - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123), CARY STREET AND LYMAN STREET

Waiting on PS&E from designer

### **FFY 2025**

613352 - STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138, FROM 300 FEET NORTH OF CHARLES AVENUE TO LINCOLN STREET (PHASE 2)

Scope and fee have been submitted by the designer

607818 - BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT LYMAN STREET/GROVE STREET/SUMMER STREET & REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER

- At Revised 25% Design
- Received new bridge type study, workbook for bridge, and geotechnical report

608195 - EASTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET

- 100% Design is under review
- Waiting on new schedule from designer

### **FFY 2026**

609440 - ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET

- Waiting on the 75% Design submission
- Waiting on new schedule from designer

606002 - KINGSTON, DUXBURY - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 3 RAMPS (NB/SB) AND ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET)

- At Pre-25% Design
- Scoping meeting was held

### **FFY 2027**

608506 - HANSON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 14 (MAQUAN STREET), FROM THE PEMBROKE T.L. TO INDIAN HEAD STREET AND RELATED WORK

 Subsurface Utility Exploration (SUE) to be scheduled to identify issues regarding existing water main

612525 - ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, RANDOLPH STREET AND RICHARD A FITTS DRIVE (ROUTE 139) AT CHESTNUT STREET AND OLD RANDOLPH STREET

Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) 2 Review being completed

### **FFY 2028**

612769 - HANOVER - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 139 (HANOVER STREET) AT MAIN STREET, CENTER STREET AND SILVER STREET

Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Stage 1. Looking at intersection concepts

612262 - BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), PEARL STREET AND STONEHILL STREET

Kickoff meeting held on May 12, 2023

612770 - ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 18 (BEDFORD STREET) AND ROUTE 123 (BROCKTON AVENUE)

Scoping meeting held in July, 2023

611981 - STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CANTON STREET (ROUTE 27), SCHOOL STREET AND SUMMER STREET

- Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Stage 1. Looking at intersection concepts
- New schedule being developed

Charles Kilmer inquired about the two Stoughton projects programmed in FFY 2023 (the Route 138 Project, and the Central Street, Canton Street, and Tosca Drive Project), to see if they are both being advertised on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August. Richard Bilski confirmed that they are being advertised on August 26, 2023.

Charles Kilmer thanked Senator Michael Brady for helping to secure funding in the FY 2024 State Budget for Subsurface Utility Exploration (SUE) for the Route 14 Hanson Project. Charles Kilmer asked if the designer is already scheduling the SUE. Richard Bilski stated that the town is aware of the funding, and they are working with the designer to schedule the SUE contractor.

### 7. FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) Amendments and/ or Adjustments

Amendment 5 (BAT Projects) Review and Potential Endorsement

Bill McNulty presented and described Amendment 5 as follows:

### **Amendment 5**

FFY 2023

- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS POWER AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPEMENT
  - Total Project Cost is \$400,000
  - Move to FFY 2024

### FFY 2024

- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS POWER AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
  - o Total Project Cost is \$400,000
  - o Move in from FFY 2023

Bill McNulty stated that the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), at their public meeting on August 3, 2023, reviewed and approved Amendment 5 to the FFY 2023-2027 Old Colony TIP.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse Amendment 5. The motion was made by Michael Lambert and was seconded by Mary Waldron. The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse Amendment 5.

### 8. 2050 Old Colony Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period

Bill McNulty provided an overview of the 2050 Old Colony LRTP. The LRTP is organized into eleven (11) chapters, including:

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures
- 3. Planning Scenarios
- 4. Regional Profile
- 5. Highway
- 6. Transit
- 7. Vulnerable Roadway Users
- 8. Environment
- 9. Safety and Security
- 10. Financial Outlook and Fiscal Constraint
- 11. Conclusion and Recommendations

### Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 1 introduces the Long-Range Transportation Plan, the transportation planning process, and the functions of the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The chapter also reviews the public participation and engagement process, and summarizes input received from the public during the development of the Plan.

### Chapter 2: Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures

Chapter 2 states the Goals and Objectives of the Plan. It also identifies Safety Performance Targets (PM1), System Preservation Targets (PM2), System Performance Targets (PM3), and Transit System Asset (TAM) Condition Performance Targets as adopted by the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

### Chapter 3: Planning Scenarios

Chapter 3 outlines planning scenarios adopted by Old Colony for the Vision 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan. These scenarios were first developed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in the development of their Beyond Mobility 2050 Transportation Plan. MassDOT had identified six areas that are currently impacting the Commonwealth and could continue to impact the Commonwealth through 2050. These areas (Climate Change, The Future of Work, Population Trends, Housing and Workplaces, Prosperity, and Technology. What current trends in these areas progress over time will affect policy and implementation changes through 2050.

### Chapter 4: Regional Profile

Chapter 4 contains a detailed analysis of the people and pace of the Old Colony region, and how residents here live and work. It also continues the SocioEconomic data (population, households, and employment) projections through 2050, as developed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute. These projections are used for the purpose of developing the regional and statewide travel demand models.

### Chapter 5: Highway

Chapter 5 provides an overview of the regional highway network, with an existing conditions analysis of the Federal-Aid eligible surface transportation (roadways and bridges) system. It incorporates a travel demand model for scenario planning, and determination of system need.

### Chapter 6: Transit

Chapter 6 provides an overview of the regional transit network, with a needs analysis for maintaining the system in a state of good repair and ensuring accessibility to the system and transit mobility.

### Chapter 7: Vulnerable Roadway Users

Chapter 7 provides an overview of how vulnerable roadway users (pedestrians, bicyclists, mobility assistance device users, etc.) access and use the system. It identifies key activity centers throughout the region and prioritizes needs for assuring safe and accessible movement for vulnerable roadway users.

### **Chapter 8: Environment**

Chapter 8 examines the balance between the natural environment and the transportation system. Hazards such as fresh water and coastal storm surge flooding that threaten the resiliency of the transportation network are identified. Likewise, strategies for protecting the natural environment from impacts from the transportation system are also identified.

### Chapter 9: Safety and Security

Chapter 9 describes how Old Colony plans to work with Regional and State partners on achieving the targets identified in Safety Performance PM1. It also identifies strategies for keeping the transportation system secure from natural and man-caused threats.

### Chapter 10: Financial Outlook and Fiscal Constraint

Chapter 10 contains projected available transportation funding and expected project and operational costs through the fiscal horizon year of 2044. Fiscal constraint is determined by comparing expected project and operational costs against projected available funding.

### Chapter 11: Conclusion and Recommendations

Chapter 11 contains a synopsis of the recommendations presented in each chapter of the Plan.

A 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period of the Plan is respectfully requested to begin on August 15, 2023. Following the comment period, a Revied Draft LRTP will be presented to the Old Colony MPO for review and potential endorsement on September 19, 2023.

Chairperson Woelfel asked for a motion to release the 2050 LRTP to a 21-Day Public Review and

Comment Period. The motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Michael Lambert.

Michael Lambert thanked OCPC for their excellent work on the LRTP. From a transit point of view, Michael Lambert highlighted some of the areas that BAT will be working on including:

- Expanding access to new customers and/ or aging customers. There is a program to expand the number of shelters.
- The success of the Rockland Micro-transit service is likely to be the form that expansions will take.
- Transit connections between GATRA and BAT.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously via roll call vote to release the 2050 LRTP to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

### 9. 2023 Old Colony Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP)

Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period

Shawn Bailey provided an overview and presentation on the Draft 2023 Old Colony Coordinated Human Services Transportation (CHST) Plan.

The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan is updated every four years (similar to the Long-Range Transportation Plan) and is a vital document for any human service transportation entity. The CHST Plan summarizes and addresses the needs of public transportation/ transit providers in the Old Colony Region, including fixed route bus service, paratransit service, commuter bus, and taxi companies.

The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan provides information on three of the programs under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL):

- 5310 (Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Mobility Management
  - o Provides Mobility Management funding through a formula program to increase mobility for older adults, people with disabilities and special needs.
  - o 80% federal funding/20% local matching
  - Yearly application process through MassDOT
- 5310 (Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Operations
  - o Provides Operational Program funding through a formula program to increase mobility for older adults, people with disabilities and special needs.
  - 50% federal funding/50% local matching
  - Yearly application process through MassDOT
- 5307 (Urbanized Area Formula Grants) and 5311 (Formula Grants for Rural Areas)
  - Provides capital and operating assistance for public transit systems.
  - 80% federal funding/20% local matching
  - Yearly application process through MassDOT

The MassDOT Community Transit Grant (CTG) Program will be included in the CHST Plan as providers in the Old Colony Region have and will continue to apply for funds through this Program. There are three types of eligible projects: operating, mobility management, and accessible vehicles. This grant requires a 50% local match for operating projects, and 20% for mobility management, vehicle, or other capital. The CTG Program awards two funding sources: the previously mentioned 5310 funding and the State Mobility Assistance Program (MAP) funding.

A 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period of the CHSTP is respectfully requested to begin on August 15, 2023. Following the comment period, a Revied Draft CHSTP will be presented to the Old Colony MPO for review and potential endorsement on September 19, 2023.

Chairperson Woelfel asked for a motion to release the 2023 Old Colony CHSTP to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period. The motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Mary Waldron. The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously via roll call to release the Old Colony CHSTP to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

- Combined NOFO Open for RCN (Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Access and Equity) - Deadline for submitting applications is Thursday, September 28, 2023
- FTA Announced \$13.4 Million Funding Opportunity for Transit-Oriented Development Webinar held on August 17, 2023 to discuss the requirements for funding
- MassDOT Moving Together Conference October 4, 2023

Mary Waldron announced that it is Nate Ryan's last week as an Intern at OCPC as he will be heading back to graduate school in Ireland. Mary Waldron then thanked Nate for his work during the summer. Charles Kilmer then recognized Nate for his professionalism, thoughtfulness and promptness in undertaking and delivering projects and tasks.

### **Date and Time of Next Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting(s)**

Charles Kilmer asked that the Old Colony MPO members review and confirm the dates and times of their next virtual meeting(s).

### 2023

- September 19, 2023 at 10 AM
- October 17, 2023 at 10 AM
- November 21, 2023, at 10 AM
- December 19, 2023 at 10 AM

### 11. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 11:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

### Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

### List of Documents for the August 15, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of July 18, 2023, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Reports for August 15, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items

### September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 4 Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT) Report

### **Summary**

Brockton Area Transit Authority to provide report.

### September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 5 Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority Report

### **Summary**

Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority to provide report.

# September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 6 MassDOT District 5 Updates on Projects Under Design or Construction

### **Summary**

MassDOT District 5 to provide report.

# September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 7 2050 Old Colony Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Comments and Potential Endorsement

### **Summary**

The Old Colony MPO released the Draft Vision 2050 Old Colony Long-Range Transportation Plan to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period on August 16, 2023. A summary of public comments received during the Public Review and Comment Period, which concluded at 4:00 PM on September 19, 2023, is as follows:

### **Public Comment Matrix**

Date	Name	Representation	<b>Comment or Summary</b>	Response
8/16/2022	Charles Seelig	Town of East	Please indicate how many	Noted and
		Bridgwater	people answered the survey.	edited.
			Updated data is available for Table 4-1.	
			It should be clarified if	
			employment projections in	
			Table 4-6 is indicating jobs	

held by town residents, or total jobs in the community. On Page 190, "Marlboro" is likely mistyped and should be "Middleborough". On Page 240, West Bridgewater is misspelled. On Page 68, suggest verifying school system structure in Whitman, Hanson, and Bridgewater. Notes the Pine Street Bridge in Halifax is currently under construction. (Page 124) Correct "Charging" typo on Page 197. Correct "Conclusion" type on Page 231.

8/29/2023	Raissah Kouame	MassDOT Office	See attached comment matrix	Noted and
		of	from MassDOT.	edited.
		Transportation		
		Planning		
9/7/2023	Old Colony Joint	Old Colony Joint	The Old Colony JTC at their	Noted.
	Transportation	Transportation	September 15, 2023 by	
	Committee (JTC)	Committee	unanimous vote approved the	
		(JTC)	Draft LRTP as presented.	

Comments as of Close of Business (COB) on September 15, 2023

	MPO Liaison LRTP Review Checklist					
				mpleteness		
ID			Review Item	Comments	Reference	
A1	×	*	Table of Contents is accurate and internally-linked.	1) Please ensure that the table of contents is internally-linked 2) Please remove 3.6 before Air Quality Conformity Determination 3) Please remove duplicate titles "Transportation Funding Programs" and "Functions of the Old Colony MPO" 4) Please add Air Quality Conformity Determination to narrative based on table of contents 5) Please remove extra rows in table of contents 6) Please correct spelling of "livability" 7) Please ensure tile in the table of contents matches narrative for "Financial Outlook and Determination of Fiscal Constraint", "Goals, Objectives, and Performance Management", "Regional Transit System", "Vulnerable Roadway Users", and "Conclusion and Recommendations"	✓ for use in column B	
A2	<b>√</b>	*	Document has no broken links.		X for use in column B	
A3	X	*	MPO self certification statement is included.	Please include MPO self certification statement		
A4	X	*	GHG certification is included.	Please include GHG certification		
A5	X	*	Air Quality Conformity statement is included.	Please include Air Quality Conformity statement		
A6	×	*	Document has no text or image placeholders.	Please remove track changes comments on the right     Please remove grey track changes column on the right	1) Page 177, 178	
A7	<b>√</b>	*	Charts, tables, and maps are legible and properly annotated.	<ul><li>1) Please increase size of map</li><li>2) Please include data in table</li></ul>	1) Page 156 2) Page 92	
A8	<b>√</b>	*	Document passes an accessible check.	Please increase the font size		
A9	✓	*	Document is available in relevant languages per the MPO's Title VI Plan.			
A10	✓	*	List of MPO members is current.			
A11	×	*	Signatory sheet is included and accurate. Update Gina Fiandaca as Secretary/CEO of MassDOT.	Please ensure that signatory sheet is included and accurate		
A12	×	*	Acronyms and partner agency lists are up to date.	Please ensure a list of acronyms is included		
ID			Review Item	Narrative Comments	Reference	
B1	✓	*	RTP outlines MPO institutional organization.			
B2	<b>√</b>	*	RTP links to BIL planning emphasis areas.		https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and- programs/transportation-planning/2021- planning-emphasis-areas	
B3	✓	*	RTP references the TIP and the UPWP.			

B4	✓	*	RTP narrative is concise and reader-friendly.	Please ensure font type is the same	Page 231
B5	✓	*	RTP discusses evaluation scoring.		
B6	X	*	RTP includes project scoring table.	Please include project scoring table	Page 227
В7	✓	*	RTP describes public participation process.	, , ,	
B8	<b>√</b>	*	RTP references projects that are considered to be regionally significant. If RTP lists "regionally significant" projects in a financially constrained manner, please notify the Manager of MPO Activities.		
B9	×	*	RTP describes funding sources accurately and notes new funding sources in BIL.	Please include new funding sources in BIL (i.e. NEVI, CRP)	https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/
310	<b>√</b>	*	RTP is comprehensible to the general public.	Please correct spelling of conclusion     Please replace punctuation after region and replace with period	1) Page 244 2) Page 140
311	<b>√</b>	*	RTP vision, goals, and objectives are clearly stated, and discuss the influence of public feedback and participation.		
312	<b>√</b>	*	RTP discusses coordination and collaboration with regional and state agencies that contributed to document development.		
313		*	RTP outlines reference and coordination with other regional planning efforts and MassDOT statewide plans. This includes all modes of transportation and also economic development,		https://www.mass.gov/statewide-plans
	✓		housing coordination, recreation, etc.		
				ance Measurement	Defenses
ID O4	,		Review Item	Comments	Reference
C1 C2	√ √	*	RTP includes discussion of target-setting process.  RTP references relevant Transit Asset Management (TAM)  Plans and includes all TAM Plan targets.		https://www.transit.dot.gov/TAM/TAMPlans
C3	✓	*	RTP references relevant Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASPs) and includes all PTASP targets		https://www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP
C4	✓	*	RTP includes current adopted performance targets.		PM1, PM2, PM3, TAM, and any regionally- derived targets
C5	✓	*	RTP discusses relationship between performance targets and project selection.		Ç
C6	✓		Discussion on performance measures compares regional data to statewide data where available.		
C7	✓	*	Future projects and studies under consideration outline beneficiaries at the local, regional, state, and inter-state level as appropriate.		
C8	✓		Transit-related efforts are specific.		
C9		*	Includes a discussion on performance-based planning.		
C10	✓	*	Includes a discussion of efforts to update to any congestion mitigation planning.		Required for TMA MPOs if current CMP is out of date.
	✓		If previous priorities, projects, or studies have not advances,		
C11			please discuss challenges and potential solutions.		
C11			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	nd Program Development	

D1	✓	<ul> <li>Financial projections align with MassDOT guidance.</li> </ul>
		If the LRTP establishes or updates programs, there is a clear
	✓	linkage to the TIP (e.g. X% of funds spent on Complete Streets,
		X% of Safety, etc.)
D2	✓	<ul> <li>If projects are listed, they use MassDOT ProjectInfo TFPCs.</li> </ul>
		*
D3	✓	If projects are listed, they use MassDOT ProjectInfo description.

	Impact Analysis					
ID			Review Item	Comments	Reference	
E1		*		Please conduct GHG analysis for all funded		
	×			projects. If information is not available for projects in the second time band, please indicate		
			GHG analysis is available for all (and only) funded projects.	qualitative as the analysis type		
E2	×	*	All projects are appropriately labeled as qualitative or quantitative.	Please ensure that projects are labeled as qualitative or quantitative		
E3	✓	*	Social equity analysis considers Title VI / language access.			
E4	✓	*	Social equity analysis considers EJ populations, including both federal and state definitions.			
E5	./	*				
	v		Equity analysis includes a narrative to accompany any figures.			
E6	✓	*	Public involvement and comment are explicitly documented and in line with MPO's Public Participation Plan.			
				Prepared by Raissah Kouame 8/29/2023		

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# September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 8 2023 Old Colony Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP)

Public Comments and Potential Endorsement

### **Summary**

The Draft 2023 Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan was released for a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period by the Old Colony MPO on August 15, 2023. The Coordinated Human Services Transportation (CHST) Plan is updated every four years (similar to the Long-Range Transportation Plan) and is a vital document for any transit agency. The CHST Plan identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes, and provides strategies for meeting these needs, and prioritizes transportation services for funding and implementation. The Plan also summarizes and addresses the needs of public transportation/ transit providers in the Old Colony Region, including fixed route bus service, paratransit service, commuter bus, and taxi companies.

Public comments received on the Draft 2023 Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan are listed below in the Public Comment Matrix.

### **Public Comment Matrix**

Date	Name	Representation	Comment or Summary	Response
7/21/2023	Mary Ellen DeFrias	GATRA	Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions.	Noted. Thank you for the review and comments. Staff will work to align the Final CHST Plan with provided comments and suggestions.
7/26/2023	David Klein	Old Colony Area Agency on Aging (AAA)	Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions.	Noted. Thank you for the review and comments. Staff will work to align the Final CHST Plan with provided comments and suggestions.
8/8/2023	Michelle Bratti	Plymouth Center for Active Living	Reviewed and provided information on transportation providers that service Plymouth.	Noted and added into Table 3 and Appendix A.

8/8/2023	Emily Williams	Bridgewater Council on Aging	Reviewed and provided information on transportation providers that service Bridgewater.	Noted and added into Table 3 and Appendix A.
8/22/2023	Joanne Moore	Duxbury Senior Center	Reviewed and provided information on transportation providers that service Duxbury.	Noted and added into Table 3 and Appendix A.
8/22/2023	Julie Burke	Rockland Council on Aging	Reviewed and provided information on transportation providers that service Rockland.	Noted and added into Table 3 and Appendix A.
8/25/2023	Tammy Murray	Hanover Community/Elder Services	Reviewed and provided information on Council on Aging transportation services.	Noted and added into Table 3.
8/28/2023	Nancy Hill	East Bridgewater Council on Aging	Reviewed and asked why 2020 Census data was not used in Table 2 and asked for	Noted and provided responses for both questions.

			contact information for the transportation providers in Table 3.	
9/1/2023	Glenn Geiler	BAT	Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions.	Noted. Thank you for the review and comments. Staff will work to align the Final CHST Plan with provided comments and suggestions.
9/7/2023	Dennis Carman	United Way	Inquired about Taking People Places, Inc. (TPP) and asked if that program was included in this report.	Noted and informed Mr. Carman that TPP would be referenced in the Final CHST Plan.
9/7/2023	Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)	Old Colony Region	The Old Colony JTC, at their September 7, 2023 public meeting, reviewed and approved the 2023 CHST Plan.	Noted.

Comments as of Close of Business (COB) on September 14, 2023

### September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 9

### Route 18 Corridor Study - (Bridgewater & East Bridgewater) - Update and Key Findings

### **Summary**

The study purpose is to study in-depth the Route 18 Corridor, approximately 9 miles, in the Towns of Bridgewater and East Bridgewater to develop short-term and long-term recommendations and strategies that focus on transportation equity and safety, improved circulation and mobility, reduced congestion, and improvements in air quality for all transportation modes, including bicycle, pedestrian, and transit. The corridor study area includes Route 18 from the Whitman Town line with East Bridgewater and ends at the Bridgewater/Middleborough Town line.

### **Presentation today:**

- 1. Overview of Route 18 Study
- 2. General Public Survey Results
- 3. Route 18 Study Findings and Recommendations
  - a. East Bridgewater
  - b. Bridgewater
  - c. Corridors
- 4. Next Steps

### **Study Process**

- 1. Collect and/or compile daily traffic counts, speeds, and heavy vehicle percentages at the following locations in Bridgewater and East Bridgewater
- 2. Collect and/or compile turning movement counts intersections in Bridgewater and East Bridgewater
- 3. General Public Survey, Title IV compliance
- 4. Assess and Analyze Existing Conditions Identify Current and Potential Deficiencies
- 5. Forecast and Analyze Future Conditions
- 6. Inventory and Review of Peer Studies and Planned Improvements
- 7. Develop Recommendations
- 8. Stakeholders Meetings
- 9. Public Meeting
- 10. Document Results

Route 18
Corridor Study
(East Bridgewater and Bridgewater)

Old Colony Planning Council UPWP Task #3300 MPO Item 9 September 19, 2023



# Overview of Route 18 Corridor Study

### **Purposes and Scope**

- Route 18 Corridor in East Bridgewater and Bridgewater. (Under MassDOT Jurisdiction except for Central Square Bridgewater)
- Address traffic congestion and improve safety and mobility for all road users (bicyclists and walkers), coordinate planned projects and planned development and land use changes. Develop short-term and long-term improvements

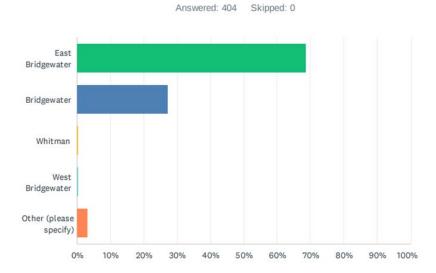
### **Process**

- Peak Hour levels-of service (LOS) at key intersections (congestion and delay measurement, LOS A to F)
- Safety Number and types of crashes and crash rates, problematic locations based on the MassDOT Crash Clusters
- ➤ Inventory the condition of the built environment including pavement, sidewalks, pavement markings, traffic control devices and signage
- > Review Transit operations
- Review Bicycle and pedestrian safety and accommodations (and access to transit)
- Review Truck operations and constraints (turning radii, height and weight restrictions)
- Discern changing land use and the potential impacts of land use on traffic and transportation for future trip generation on intersection LOS
- Review Environmental conditions (wetlands, flooding)

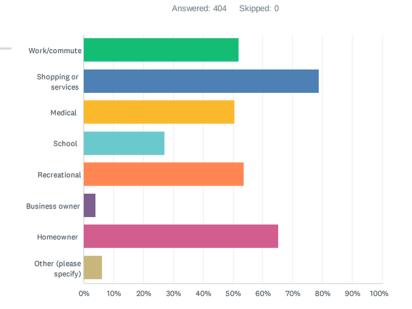


### General Public Survey Results

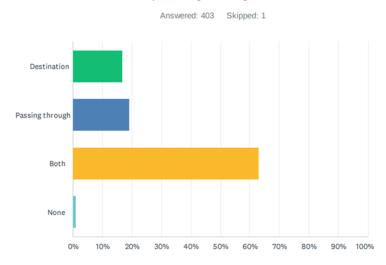
### Q1 Which city/town are you currently living in?



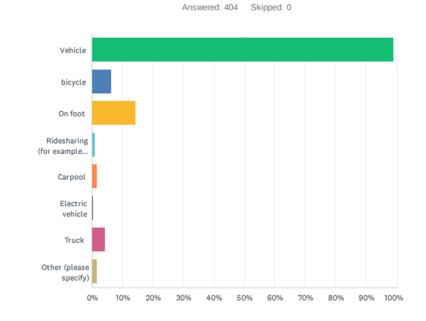
### Q3 Why do you travel along Route 18 (select all that apply)?



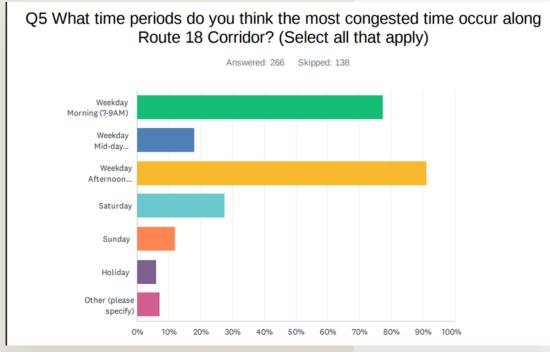
### Q2 Is your trip destination located along the Route 18 Corridor or are you passing through?

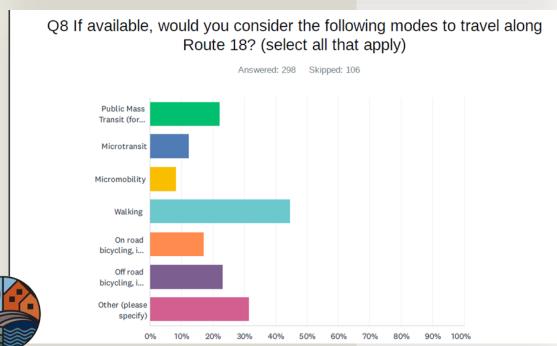


### Q4 What mode do you use to travel along Route 18 (select all that apply)?









### **QUESTIONS 5 & 6: CONGESTION TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

- The weekday mornings and weekday afternoons were deemed as the most congested times.
- Bedford Street (Route 18) at Spring Street/Central Street/Maple Avenue, the town center in East Bridgewater as the location with the most congestion.

### **QUESTION 7: MOST DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS**

- East Bridgewater: Bedford Street (Route 18) at West Street (Route 106) and East Street intersection as the most dangerous.
- Bridgewater: The southern end of the Central Square oval (Central Square at South St/Church St/School St/Bedford Street (Route 18 and 28)) was cited as the most dangerous intersection.

### **QUESTION 9:**

• 75 percent of the participants often find themselves seeking alternative routes to Route 18 due to congestion.

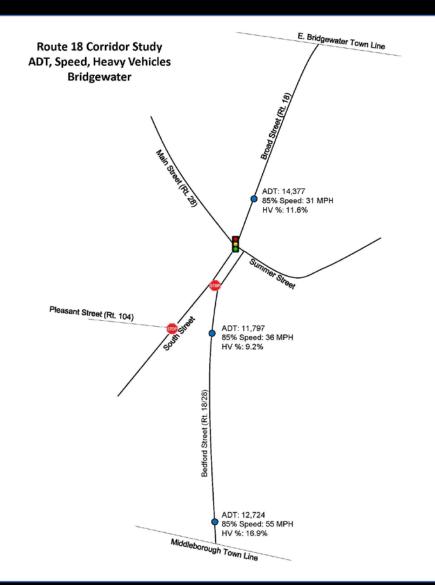
### **QUESTION 10: ALTERNATIVE ROUTES**

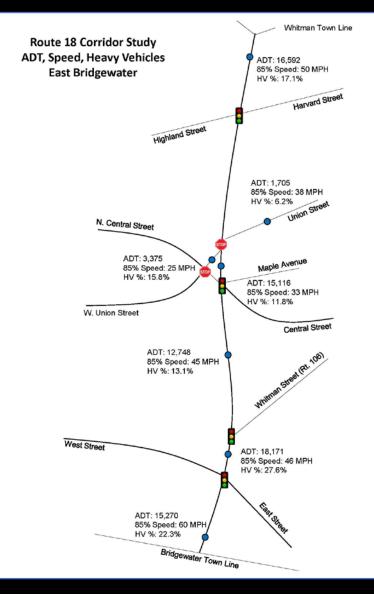
 Most participants indicated that they use a variety of options and back roads, especially to avoid the centers of East Bridgewater and Bridgewater.

### **QUESTIONS 11 & 12: FUTURE OF ROUTE 18 AND MAIN CONCERNS**

(More than one answer was allowed)

- 48 percent responded that they would like to see less travel delay
- 45 percent indicated that they would like more sidewalks in the corridor.
- 25 percent recognized the impact of commercial development and would like to see less commercial density and more access management in the corridor.
- In addition, respondents called for more signals and turning lanes.
- Congestion and traffic delays were a repetitive theme among respondent's concerns as well as over development of the corridor.

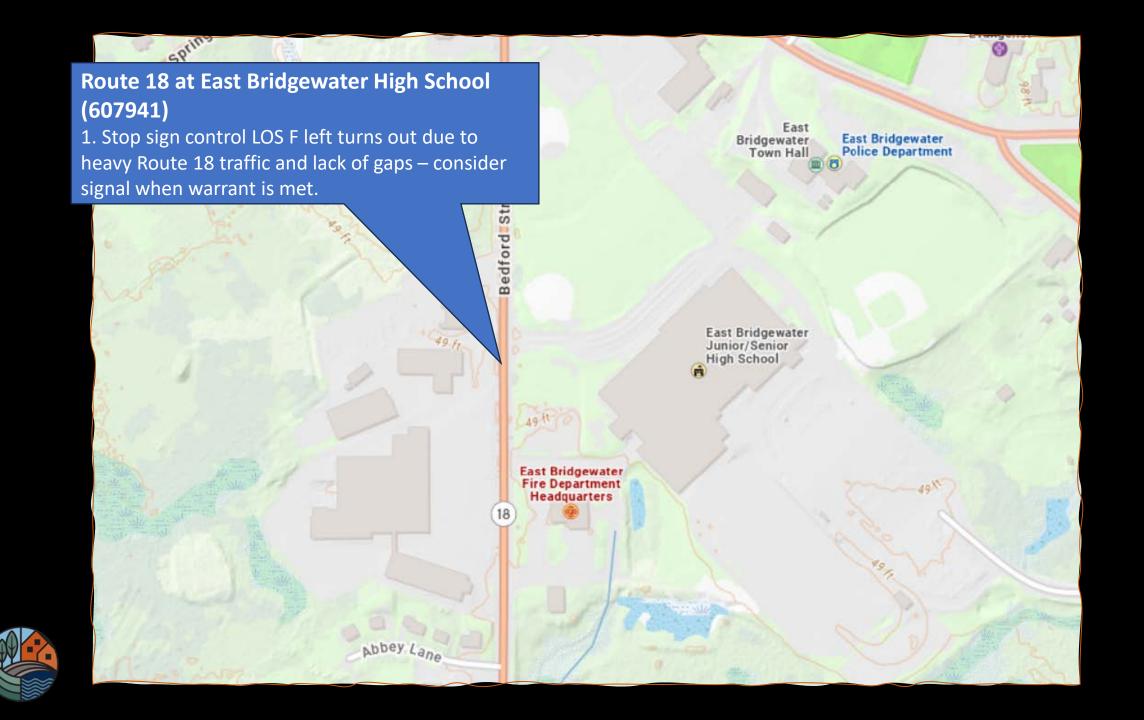


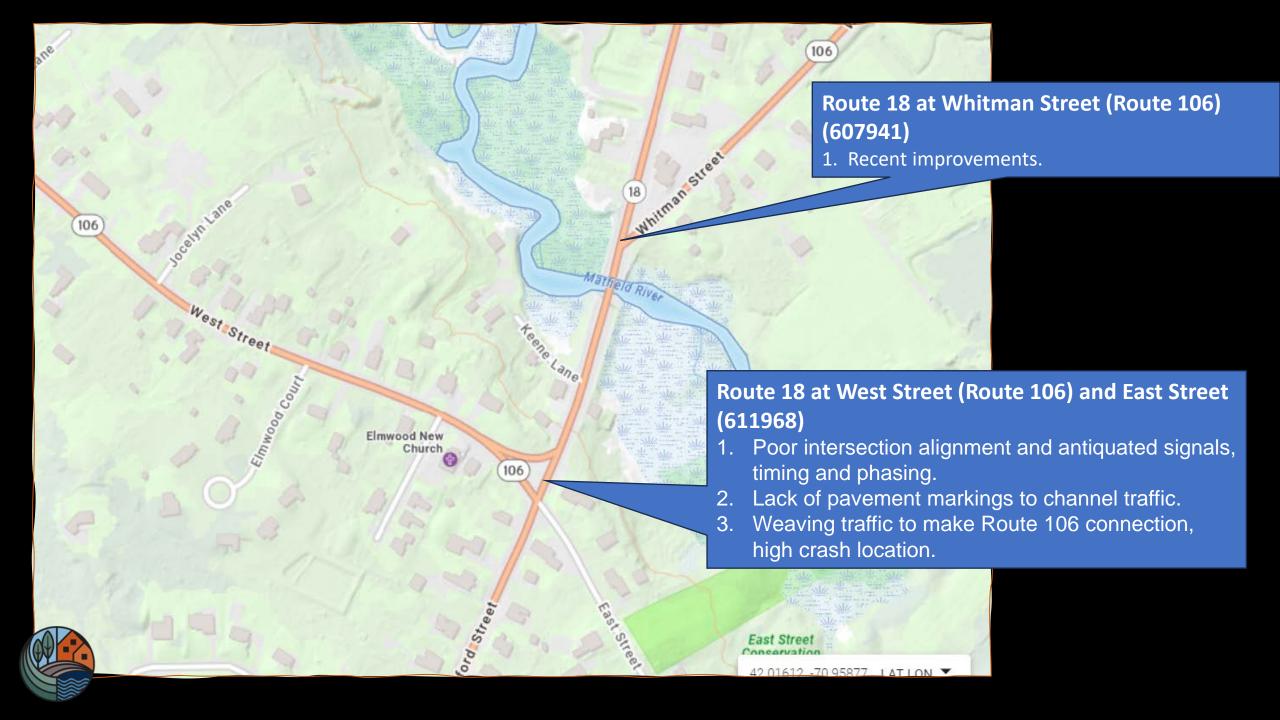


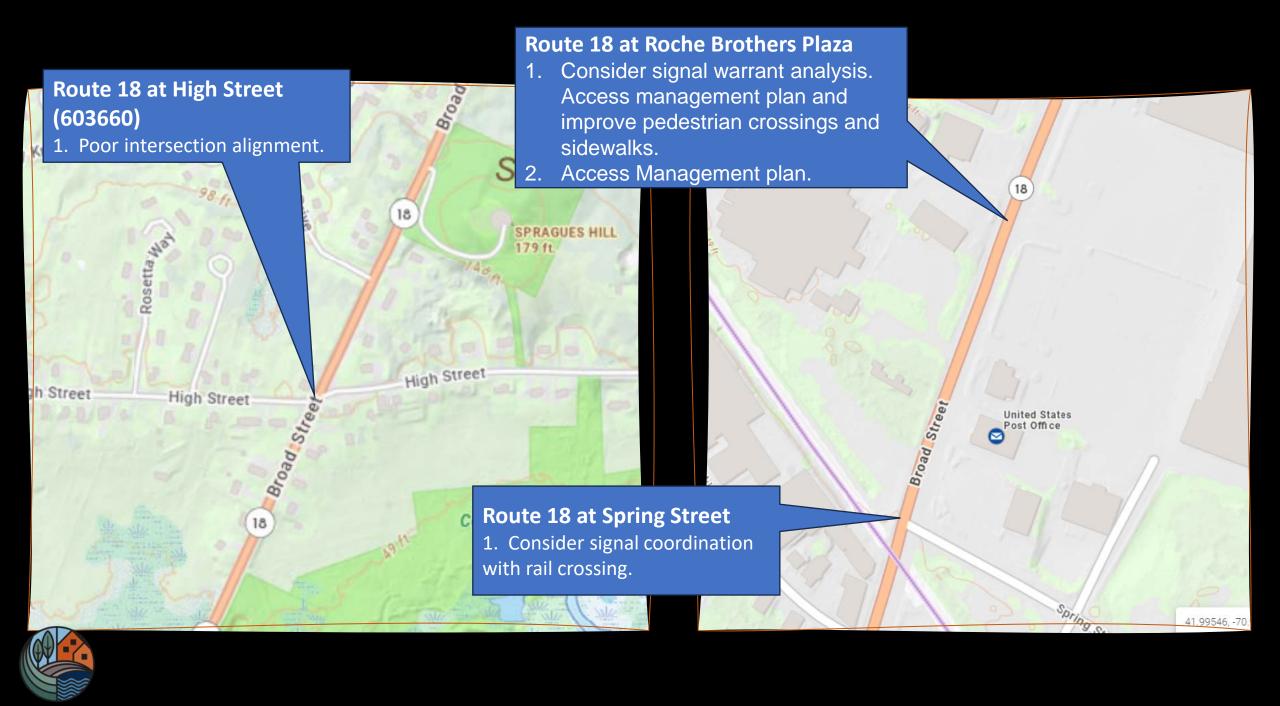


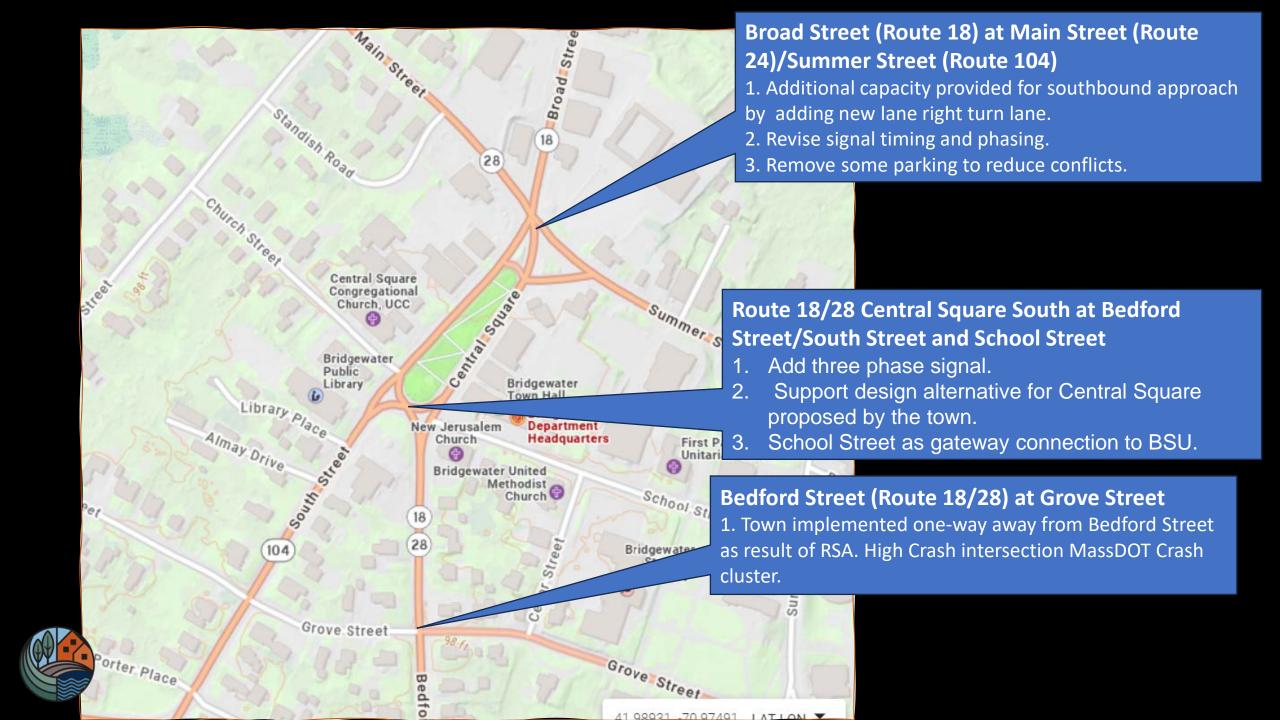








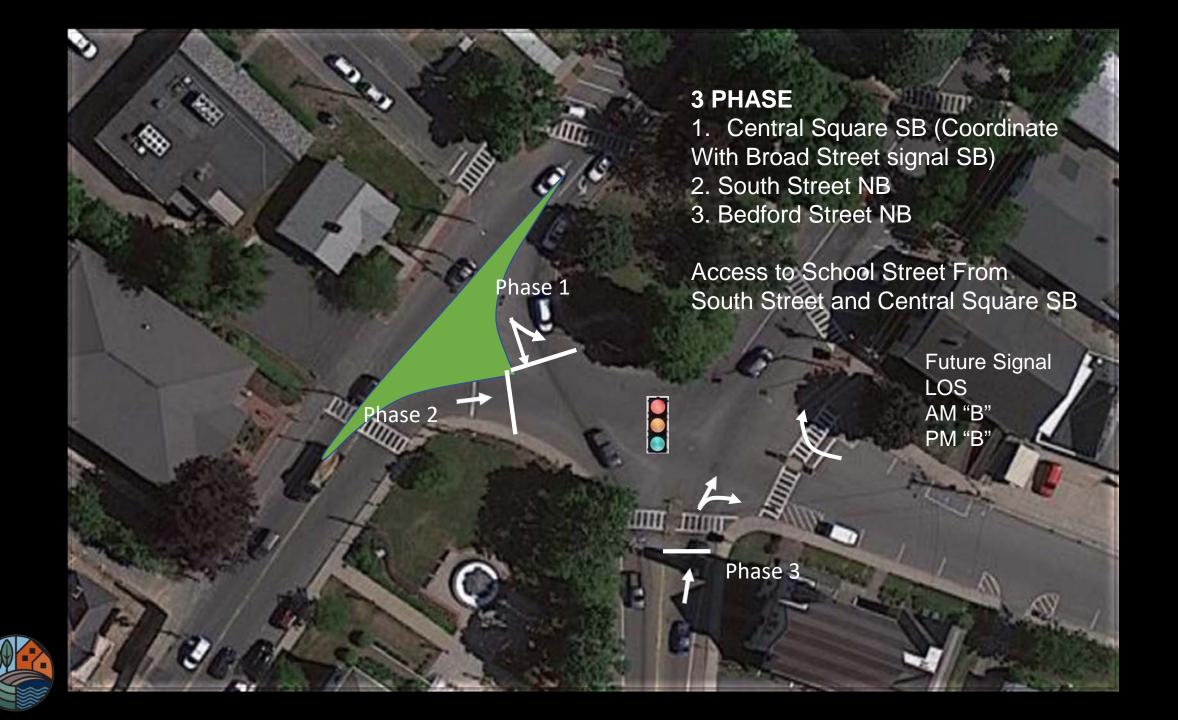




# Central Square Bridgewater











# Corridor-Wide Findings and Recommendations

- 1. Speeding. Straight linear layout introduces high speed.
- 2. Evaluate and improve lighting in the corridor.
- 3. Discontinuous sidewalk connections, inconsistent sidewalk width, ADA compliance. Ghost paths were created that shows demand for bicycle or walking activities.
- 4. Lack of corridor Bicycling accommodations and discontinuous bicycle lanes
- 5. Consider Access Management policy plan and best practices.
- 6. Transportation Management and Maintenance Resurfacing and improvement of pavement conditions in coordination with pavement marking and geometrical improvements.



7. Traffic calming in dense areas. Provide better streetscape and aesthetics.

### **Next Steps:**

- 1. Virtual public meeting
- 2. OCPC prepares draft report for stakeholders' review
- 3. Finalize report and distribute to stakeholders

### **Questions / Comments?**

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# September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 10 Administrative Matters, Other Business, and Date and Time of Next Meeting(s)

### **Summary**

Join DOT Navigator Team next week for a Webinar on "Utilizing DOT Data and Mapping Tools for Stronger Grant Applications"

On September 19, 2023 at 1:30-2:30 p.m. ET, USDOT is hosting a webinar on Utilizing DOT Data and Mapping Tools for Stronger Grant Applications. The webinar will spotlight resources and tips for preparing for grant success; provide an overview of available DOT mapping and data tools covering a range of transportation topics, modes and data sources; and will include presentations on the Screening Tool for Equity Analysis of Projects (STEAP) and the Equitable Transportation Community (ETC) Explorer. The webinar will feature speakers from Federal Highway Administration and the Office of the Secretary. A number of new NOFOs will be posting this fall, so this is a very timely topic. Register here to attend the webinar! The webinar presentation and recording will be available following the webinar on the USDOT Navigator Webinars page.

### The FY 2023 Thriving Communities Program is Now Open!

USDOT is accepting applications for its FY 2023 Thriving Communities Program (TCP)! The TCP will provide up to \$22 million in funding for Capacity Builders to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to disadvantaged and under-resourced communities across the U.S. to help them advance the transformative transportation projects needed to thrive. This year's program includes a pilot to fund State and Regional TCP activities. In addition, local, Tribal, and regional governments along with their community partners are invited to submit a Letter of Interest to receive no-cost tailored technical assistance for a two-year period as well as three years of facilitated peer learning opportunities.

Applications from Capacity Builders are due by November 28, 2023 via grants.gov. View the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for detailed application information and requirements for organizations that are interested in being funded by DOT to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to communities. DOT is hosting a webinar for interested National and Regional Capacity Builders on September 20 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. ET. <u>REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND</u>.

Applications from communities must be submitted through a DOT webform by November 15, 2023. View the Call for Letters of Interest (LOI) for more information about the program and how to apply if your community would like to receive in-kind technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support. DOT is hosting a webinar

for communities interested in receiving TCP support on September 27 at 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET. **REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND.** 

Visit the TCP website to find more information about the program, including a set of Frequently Asked Questions. Webinar materials, including slides and recordings, will be posted to the TCP webinars webpage as they become available.

### **Equity in Roadway Safety Workshop: Strategies for Meaningful Public Involvement in Roadway Safety Planning**

Join USDOT on September 20, 2023 to learn about innovative strategies and tools to conduct meaningful public involvement with underserved communities in roadway safety planning and project development. This session includes: 1 to 1:30 pm ET – Presentations -USDOT's Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making -Vision Zero Network tools and resources 1:30 to 3 pm ET – Workshop. After the presentations, participants will be able to choose which workshop to attend.

Workshop Session 1 State and Regional Learn strategies to build relationships and conduct meaningful public engagement with local agencies and communities that can contribute to your Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), VRU Safety Assessment, regional safety planning and Statewide and regional project prioritization and implementation.

Workshop Session 2 Learn about innovative practices to build relationships with underserved communities to develop robust local Safety Action Plans and deliver more effective projects that advance safety for all road users.

Additional information and registration are available at:

Webinar Registration - Zoom (zoomgov.com)



# 2023 Moving Together Conference

- Attend workshops and panels that highlight current pedestrian, bicyclist, and public transportation topics
- Network with colleagues representing diverse interests from the public, academic and private sectors
- All new site visits and mobile workshops led by engineers and bicyclist/ pedestrian advocates.

#### October 4, 2023

New Location! Sheraton Boston Hotel 39 Dalton Street

Boston, MA ◆ 7:45 am - 4:30 pm with Limited Virtual Attendance Option\*

\*Limited virtual attendance will consist of one pre-determined presentation from each concurrent session.

Register Today for MT23!

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### Register and Learn More



### **Date and Time of Next Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting(s)**

The Old Colony MPO members are respectfully requested to confirm the dates and times of their next virtual meeting(s).

#### 2023

- October 17, 2023 at 10 AM
- November 21, 2023, at 10 AM
- December 19, 2023 at 10 AM

# September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 11 Adjournment

### **Summary**

Adjournment of meeting.