

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

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CITY OF BROCKTON

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, October 17, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Accessibility Statement, Title VI Notice of Protection, and Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Minutes of September 19, 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. FFY 2024-2028 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustments and/ or Amendments
 - Amendment 1 (BAT, Brockton, Plymouth, and Stoughton Projects) - Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period (Tentative Pending STIP Approval)
8. Performance Based Planning and Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Transit Asset Management (TAM) Fiscal Year 2024 Transit State of Good Repair Targets
 - Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Set of Federally Required Performance Targets Pertaining to Transit State of Good Repair
9. Old Colony MPO Transportation Planning Certification Review Report - Overview and Presentation
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).

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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

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“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 <https://oldcolonyplanning.org/>. Please contact Mary Waldron at 508-583-1833 for more information. Thank you.”

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Public Comments

Summary

Public comments.

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

Summary

The Old Colony MPO is respectfully asked to consider approval of the September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Minutes.

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Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, September 19, 2023 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

Signatories Present:

Stephen Woelfel, Representing Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Acting Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Richard Bilski, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Kamiya Parkin, Representing Mayor Robert Sullivan, City of Brockton
Lee Hartmann, Representing Richard Quintal, Select Board, Town of Plymouth
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chair, Board of Selectmen, Town of Whitman
Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit (BAT)
Charles Kilmer, Representing Rebecca Coletta, President, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)

Others Present:

Bill Fitzgerald, Avon
Glenn Geiler, Brockton Area Transit
Valerie Massard, Kingston
William Roth, Stoughton
Melissa Ferretti, Chair, Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe
Bonnie Roalsen, MA Safe Routes to School
Raissah Kouame, MassDOT
Andrew Wang, MassDOT
Derek Krevat, MassDOT
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT District 5
Jim Fitzgerald, Environmental Partners
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Guoqiang Li, OCPC
Ray Guarino, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC
Shawn Bailey, 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.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the August 15, 2023 meeting.

Dan Salvucci made a motion and Michael Lambert seconded to endorse the minutes of the August 15,

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2023 meeting.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted via roll call to endorse the minutes of the August 15, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- Ridership is recovering to pre-Covid numbers. A post quarantine high was achieved two weeks ago. August was also another high ridership month.
- Rockland Micro-Transit Service is setting weekly and monthly highs
- BAT thanked OCPC for all of the work on the reports that will be considered later during the meeting

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

Barbara Lachance provided an update on projects under design or construction.

FFY 2023

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

- Advertised for construction bids
- Bid opening scheduled for October 11

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

- Advertised for construction bids
- Bid opening scheduled for October 3

FFY 2024

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

- At 25% Design
- Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Stage 1 was received in early September and is under review

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

- Waiting on Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E)

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- At 100% Design

FFY 2025

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

- At 100% Design
- Scope and Fee have been submitted

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

- At 25% Design
- New 25% Design Submission was received due to reduced scope and is under review

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

- At 75% Design
- 100% Design received in August and is under review

FFY 2026

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

- At 25% Design and awaiting 75% Design
- New Schedule is needed

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

- At Pre-25% Design
- Scoping meeting was held earlier this year

FFY 2027

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

- At 25% Design
- Sub-surface Utility Exploration (SUE) needs to be scheduled

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

- At Pre-25% Design
- Finished review for ICE Revision 2

FFY 2028

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

- At Pre-25% Design
- Completed ICE Stage 1 Revision 1

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

- At Pre-25% Design
- Kickoff meeting was held in May, 2023

Regarding the Hanson project (608506), Charles Kilmer asked if MassDOT District 5 is scheduling the sub surface utility exploration or is it the responsibility of the designer in concurrence with the town. Richard Bilski stated that it is the responsibility of the designer in concurrence with the town.

Regarding the Avon Project - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street (608086), Charles Kilmer asked if MassDOT District 5 had an update on this project. Barbara Lachance stated that she will provide an update later in the meeting.

Regarding the Avon Project - Intersection Improvements at Route 28, Spring Street and Harrison Boulevard (611979), Charles Kilmer asked if MassDOT District 5 had an update. Barbara Lachance will look into this project as well for an update. Barbara Lachance then added comments to the chat that noted that the Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) was completed in August 2023.

7. 2050 Old Colony Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

▪ Public Comments and Potential Endorsement

Bill McNulty discussed the public comments and potential endorsement for the 2050 Old Colony LRTP. Comments received are as follows:

- Charles Seelig, East Bridgewater - Updated data sources, typographical and spelling suggestions
- Raissah Kouame, MassDOT – Provided LRTP Review Checklist
- Old Colony JTC - The Old Colony JTC at their September 15, 2023 meeting voted unanimously to approve the Draft LRTP as presented

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse the 2050 Old Colony LRTP.

The motion was made by Dan Salvucci and was seconded by Lee Hartmann.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse the 2050 Old Colony LRTP.

8. 2023 Old Colony Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP)

▪ Public Comments and Potential Endorsement

Shawn Bailey discussed the public comments and potential endorsement for the 2023 Old Colony CHSTP. Comments received are as follows:

- Mary Ellen DeFrias, GATRA - Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions

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- David Klein, Old Colony AAA - Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions
- Michelle Bratti, Plymouth Center for Active Living - Reviewed and provided information on transportation providers that service Plymouth
- Emily Williams, Bridgewater Council on Aging - Reviewed and provided information on transportation providers that service Bridgewater
- Joanne Moore, Duxbury Senior Center - Reviewed and provided information on transportation providers that service Duxbury
- Julie Burke, Rockland Council on Aging - Reviewed and provided information on transportation providers that service Rockland
- Tammy Murray, Hanover Community/Elder Services - Reviewed and provided information on Council on Aging transportation services
- Nancy Hill, East Bridgewater Council on Aging - Reviewed and asked why 2020 Census data was not used in Table 2
- Glenn Geiler, BAT - Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions
- Dennis Carman, United Way - Inquired about Taking People Places, Inc. and asked if that program was included in this report
- Old Colony JTC - At their September 7, 2023 public meeting, reviewed and approved the 2023 CHSTP

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to endorse the 2023 Old Colony CHSTP.

The motion was made by Dan Salvucci and was seconded by Lee Hartmann.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse the 2023 Old Colony CHSTP.

9. Route 18 Corridor Study - Bridgewater & East Bridgewater

▪ Update and Key Findings

Ray Guarino provided an update and key findings regarding the Route 18 Corridor Study and noted that a virtual Public Informational Meeting will be held on October 5, 2023.

Corridor-Wide Findings and Recommendations:

1. Speeding. Straight linear layout introduces high speed
2. Evaluate 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 police 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. Better streetscape, make a more attractive aesthetic

Dan Salvucci asked if going through Bridgewater Center is tractor trailer friendly. Ray Guarino stated that tractor trailers will be able to get through. This is the town's design, and they are planning on making those design changes.

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Dan Salvucci commented that at Route 18 and 106 there is a sign saying right turn only, but cars in that lane go straight. Ray Guarino stated that this came up at the Road Safety Audit (RSA). There is a need for improved pavement markings and channelization in this area.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

- Join DOT Navigator Team next week for a Webinar on “Utilizing DOT Data and Mapping Tools for Stronger Grant Applications” - September 19, 2023 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- The FY 2023 Thriving Communities Program is Now Open! - Applications from Capacity Builders are due by November 28, 2023
- Equity in Roadway Safety Workshop: Strategies for Meaningful Public Involvement in Roadway Safety Planning - September 20, 2023
- 2023 Moving Together Conference - October 4, 2023
- Beat the Bay State - 900 Miles in 30 days - November 1-30, 2023

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

Charles Kilmer asked the Old Colony MPO members 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**

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of August 15, 2023, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- Route 18 Corridor Study Presentation

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Agenda Item 4
Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT) Report

Summary

Brockton Area Transit Authority to provide report.

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Agenda Item 5

Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority Report

Summary

Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority to provide report.

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Agenda Item 6

MassDOT District 5 Updates on Projects Under Design or
Construction

Summary

MassDOT District 5 to provide report.

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Agenda Item 7

FFY 2024-2028 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program
(TIP) Adjustments and/ or Amendments

- Amendment 1 (BAT, Brockton, and Plymouth Projects) -
Review and Potential Release to Public Review and
Comment Period

Summary

The Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a program of capital improvements and operating assistance for the transportation system in the Old Colony Region. The Old Colony TIP lists projects (highway, bridge, and transit) and operational assistance that receive federal funds and may list some projects that do not receive federal funds.

Amendment 1 includes the following changes in FFY 2024:

- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT - PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS POWER END ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
 - **ADDING PROJECT**
 - Total Project Cost is \$400,000

- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT - PURCHASE OF BATTERY-ELECTRIC BUSES AND CHARGING EQUIPMENT
 - **ADDING PROJECT**
 - **FUNDING: FTA NO OR LOW EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM**
 - **Awarded: \$10,694,736.**

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) DISCRETIONARY GRANTS - PROGRAMMED IN FFY 2024

National Culvert Removal Restoration and Replacement Grant Program

- PLYMOUTH - TOWN BROOK STREAM RESTORATION: DEEP WATER CULVERT REPLACEMENT
 - **ADDING PROJECT**
 - Awarded: \$2,000,000.

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

- BROCKTON - DOWNTOWN BROCKTON INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
 - **ADDING PROJECT**
 - Awarded: \$7,843,750.

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Performance Based Planning and Brockton Area Transit (BAT)
Transit Asset Management (TAM) Fiscal Year 2024 Transit State
of Good Repair Targets

- Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Set of Federally Required Performance Targets Pertaining to Transit State of Good Repair

Summary

In 2012, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) mandated FTA to develop a rule establishing a strategic and systematic process of operating, maintaining, and improving public capital assets effectively through their entire life cycle. The Transit Asset Management (TAM) Final Rule 49 USC 625 became effective October 1, 2016 and established four performance measures to approximate the State of Good Repair (SGR) for four categories of capital assets. The performance management requirements outlined in 49 USC 625 Subpart D are a minimum standard for transit operators. Calculating performance measures helps transit agencies to quantify the condition of their assets, which facilitates setting targets that support funding prioritization.

Asset Category	FTA established Performance Measure
Rolling Stock	% of revenue vehicles exceeding ULB
Equipment	% of non-revenue service vehicles exceeding ULB
Facilities	% of facilities rated under 3.0 on the TERM scale
Infrastructure	% of track segments under performance restriction

For each asset category, the performance measure is a characterization of the percentage of the number of assets that are not in a state of good repair. All of the performance measures have been designed with the goal of having low values. As the age increases or condition of assets deteriorates, the value of the performance measures will increase.

Target Setting

A target is a goal associated with performance that is used to track the progress of capital assets towards achieving a state of good repair. Targets connect a provider's strategic goals to the actions that the provider will take to reach those goals. The TAM Final Rule defines a performance target as a quantifiable level of performance or condition, expressed as a value for the measure, to be achieved within a time period required by FTA.

Planning Targets

The TAM rule requires transit agencies to coordinate to the extent practicable with their State and MPO planning colleagues as well as share TAM data with them. However, in addition to the transit provider requirements, the 2016 Planning Final Rule requires:

- States and MPOs establish performance targets that address the performance measures or standards established in the TAM Final rule.
- States and MPOs coordinate targets to the maximum extent practicable with providers of public transportation.
- MPOs establish performance targets 180 days after the transit agencies establish their performance targets.

Following the presentation by BAT and discussion, the Old Colony MPO is respectfully requested to consider adoption of the proposed set of federally required Performance Targets pertaining to Transit State of Good Repair for FY 2024.

Performance Targets by Asset Category

Category	Class		Performance Target for FY24	Total # Vehicles	# of vehicles that will exceed ULB - FY24	% of fleet that exceeds ULB - FY24
Rolling Stock	Buses	X% of fleet exceeds default ULB of 14	<u>11.00%</u>	46	<u>5</u>	<u>10.87%</u>
	Cutaway Buses	X% of fleet exceeds default ULB of 10	25.00%	4	1	<u>25.00%</u>
	Vans	X% of fleet exceeds default ULB of 8	21.00%	58	12	<u>20.69%</u>
Equipment	Non Revenue - Service Automobile	X% of non-revenue service vehicles exceeds default ULB of 8	60.00%	5	3	<u>60.00%</u>
	Non Revenue - Service Truck	X% of non-revenue service vehicles exceeds default ULB of 8	40.00%	5	2	<u>40.00%</u>
Facilities	Admin/Maintenance Facility	X% of facilities rated under 3.0 on TERM scale	0.00%	3	0	<u>0.00%</u>

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Old Colony MPO Transportation Planning Certification Review
Report - Overview and Presentation

Summary

Every four years, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are required to review the metropolitan transportation planning process conducted by the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (OCMPO), Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT), and their local municipal partners in order to certify that they are carrying out the process in accordance with all applicable Federal requirements.

FHWA and FTA to provide presentation on Old Colony MPO Transportation Planning Certification Review Report.

Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization

2023 Federal Certification Review Findings

October 17, 2023



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Transit
Administration**



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Overview of a Certification Review

- Review of:
 - Planning process
 - MPO, state DOT, transit providers
- FHWA & FTA joint certification
- Transportation management areas
- At least every 4 years

Components

- Ongoing Oversight
- Federal Actions Taken
- Desk Review
- Public Input
- Site Visit
- Federal Determination

Possible Outcomes

- **Full Certification**
- Conditional Certification
- Partial Certification
- Withholding Certification and funding

Commendations

Public Outreach and Involvement

- For continually evaluating the effectiveness of its public outreach strategies, trying different approaches, and adjusting strategies to maximize the impact of its efforts.
- work to target community members through direct staff participation in BAT's regional coordinating council (RCC) meetings

Recommendations

MPO Organization Structure

- Complete a regular review and reaffirmation of the MOU every three years, as required in the document, or otherwise adhere to any new review cycle policy that may be developed in an MOU update.
- Consider opportunities to include members in their Policy Board, JTC, and any other subcommittees that broaden the participation in the planning process and enhance involvement from historically underrepresented groups.

Recommendations

Transportation Improvement Program & Project Selection

- The MPO should revisit and update, as necessary, the Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC) as part of their TIP development process.

Recommendations

Complete Streets (Freight)

- The MPO is able to illustrate freight facilities, operations, and needs across region, but does not have freight-focused projects on the TIP that would be eligible for NHFP. The MPO should coordinate with MassDOT and freight stakeholders to program projects that would address the region's identified freight needs.

Recommendations

Civil Rights – Title VI, ADA, EJ, LEP

The MPO should:

- consider regularly updating a list of contacts from groups that they have identified in the Title VI Plan Annual Report to represent the interests of the EJ and LEP communities,
- explore methods to strengthen relationships with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to serve as representatives from EJ populations,
- consider opportunities to include members in the Policy Board, JTC, and other task groups /subcommittee that are reflective of the demographics of the Region.

Recommendations

Performance Based Planning and Programming

- The MPO should identify methods to ensure it is meeting its intent to update its regional transit asset management and safety targets once BAT adopts new targets, and the MPO should work to incorporate the data that is used for setting those targets into its own planning processes.
- The Federal Review Team credits the MPO for setting objectives and measures for region-specific goal areas outside for Federal requirements, but the MPO should strive to document consistent performance metrics across its various planning documents and from year-to-year to better assess its progress to meeting identified needs and goals in the region.

Summary and Next Steps

- Planning process Certified
- Implementation of an Action Plan

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Next Meeting(s)

Summary

**FY 2024 Community Transit Grant Program (CTGP) Vehicle Application Schedule
Reminder PLUS Vehicle Guide Now Available**

MassDOT Rail and Transit has announced the schedule for the next round of applications for wheelchair-accessible vehicles, opening **November 28**. Regional Transit Authorities, nonprofits, municipalities, and private operators of public transit (shared-ride) services will be eligible to apply for fully accessible vehicles to expand mobility for older adults and people with disabilities through [MassDOT's Community Transit Grant Program](#) (CTGP). Between now and November, MassDOT invites you to peruse the [updated vehicle guide](#) to see the vehicles available, and reach out to other agencies about possibilities for partnering, collaborating, or coordinating service.

While MassDOT offers grants for operating and mobility management projects as well as vehicles through the CTPG, only the vehicle application will be opening in November. Applications for FY24 operating and mobility management projects were due in June 2023. Please contact Rachel.L.Fichtenbaum@dot.state.ma.us if you have any questions.

Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program Open for Applications

The [Shared Streets and Spaces Grant program](#) is accepting applications. The MassDOT program provides funding to municipalities and public transit authorities to quickly implement improvements to plazas, sidewalks, curbs, streets, bus stops, parking areas, and other public spaces in support of public health, safe mobility, and strengthened commerce. [List of previous award announcements with communities and projects.](#)

Municipalities and transit authorities are responsible for the implementation of funded projects. This includes any public engagement or notification about the project, concurrence with any state or local historical or environmental commissions, as well as for adhering to any local and state regulations pertaining to the advertisement and hiring of consultants or construction contractors. Unless work is being conducted by municipal staff, all work must be conducted by a MassDOT prequalified firm or contractor. Materials purchased using funds from this program become the property of the municipality. Funding provided by the Shared Streets and Spaces program does not change the control or ownership of any municipal roadway.

The Fiscal Year 2024 grant round of the Shared Streets and Spaces Program will officially open on September 5th. Applications are due **October 31, 2023**. Only municipalities and public transit authorities are eligible to apply. Applications are submitted via an online form. For more details on how to apply, visit MassDOT's [How to Apply 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.

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.

Visit the [TCP website](#) to find more information about the program, including a set of [Frequently Asked Questions](#).



BEAT THE  **BAY STATE** 

Log miles on foot to virtually trace the perimeter of Massachusetts in the “Beat the Bay State” Team Challenge!

900 miles in 30 days
Nov 1st - 30th

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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

- **November 21, 2023, at 10 AM**
- **December 19, 2023 at 10 AM**

October 17, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting
Agenda Item 11
Adjournment

Summary

Adjournment of meeting.