

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)

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OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(JTC)

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA)
MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 21, 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 October 17, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting
4. Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT) Report
5. Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) 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, and Plymouth Projects) - Public Comments and Potential Endorsement
 - Adjustment 1 (Brockton Area Arc and Brockton Area Transit Projects) - Review and Potential Endorsement
8. Adjusted 2020 Urbanized Area Boundaries - Presentation and Discussion of Proposed Adjustments and Revisions to Urbanized Area Boundaries
 - Review and Potential Endorsement
9. Administrative Matters, Other Business, and Date and Time of Next Meeting(s)
10. 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

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

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Agenda Item 2
Public Comments

Summary

Public comments.

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Agenda Item 3
Minutes of October 17, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting

Summary

The Old Colony MPO is respectfully asked to consider approval of the October 17, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Minutes.

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Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, October 17, 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
Dan Salvucci, Vice Chair, Board of Selectmen, Town of Whitman
Glenn Geiler, Representing Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit (BAT)
Mary Waldron, Representing Becky Coletta, President, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)

Others Present:

Jay DeGrace, Brockton
Kelly Forrester, Brockton Area Transit (BAT)
Jim Fitzgerald, Environmental Partners
Joshua Barber, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Eric Papetti, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Steve Findlen, Howard Stein Hudson
Bonnie Roalsen, MA Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
Raissah Kouame, MassDOT
Derek Krevat, MassDOT
Andrew Wang, MassDOT
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT District 5
Shawn Bailey, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)
Ray Guarino, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)
Charles Kilmer, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)
Guoqiang Li, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)
Bill McNulty, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)
Kyle Mowatt, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. and then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Charles Kilmer then conducted the roll call and then announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes of the September 19, 2023 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the September 19, 2023 meeting.

Dan Salvucci made a motion and Glenn Geiler seconded to endorse the minutes of the September 19,

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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 September 19, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting. Richard Bilski abstained from the vote.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Glenn Geiler reported on the following items:

- BAT is rebounding from the pandemic levels and setting record ridership on the fixed route. There is also good ridership on the pilot micro-transit service in the Town of Rockland.
- BAT recently had their Advisory Board Meeting. BAT is going to double their service on Saturdays and implement Sunday morning service. The Board also approved BAT's Transit Asset Management Performance Measures and Targets for FY 2024.

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 updates on projects under design or construction.

FFY 2023

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

- Bid opening scheduled for November 7

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

- Bids opened on October 3

FFY 2024

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

- Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Stage 1 was review complete
- Moving onto Utility meeting then Design Public Hearing (DPH)

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

- Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) Review complete
- Moving towards 6/29/2024 Advertising Date

609435 - PLYMPTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, P-14-001 (445), WINNETUXET ROAD OVER

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WINNETUXET RIVER

- Waiting on the 75% Design Submission

FFY 2025

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

- At 100% Design
- Looking to program into 2024

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

- Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Stage 1 Review Complete
- 75% Design anticipated in March 2024
- New 25% Design Submission

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

- 100% Design completed
- PS&E expected in December 2023

FFY 2026

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

- At 25% Design
- Awaiting 75% Design
- New Schedule is needed

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

- Reviewed the pre 25% Concept Plans
- Scoping meeting was held earlier this year

611979 - AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 28, SPRING STREET AND HARRISON BOULEVARD

- Pre-25% Design
- Waiting on 25% Design Submission

609520 - BROCKTON, ABINGTON - PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123

- At 25% Design
- Revised 25% anticipated in May 2024

FFY 2027

608506 - HANSON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 14 (MAQUAN STREET), FROM THE

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PEMBROKE T.L. TO INDIAN HEAD STREET AND RELATED WORK

- At 25% Design
- Awaiting Scheduling of Subsurface Utility Exploration (SUE)

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

- Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Review Completed
- 25% Design Submission anticipated in February 2024

FFY 2028

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

- Anticipate 25% Design Submission in April 2024
- Completed Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Stage 1 Revision 1

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

- Less than 25% Design
- Anticipate 25% Design in May 2024

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

- Pre-25% Design
- Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Stage 1 has been reviewed
- Scoping checklist is under review

Construction Updates:

Stoughton - Safe Routes to School - Working on grades and the issue of puddling occurring. Working with town and school on type and color of masonry wall

Pembroke - Route 36 (Center Street) - Regular meetings have started (Every two weeks). Paving has started, and sidewalks and driveways are ongoing.

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**

Bill McNulty presented and discussed Amendment 1:

FFY 2024

Transit

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- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS POWER END ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
 - Adding Project
 - Total Project Cost is \$400,000
- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - PURCHASE OF BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES AND CHARGING EQUIPMENT
 - Adding Project
 - Funding: FTA No or Low Emissions 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

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to release Amendment 1 to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and was seconded by Mary Waldron.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously to release Amendment 1 to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

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**

Kelly Forrester presented the TAM Fiscal Year 2024 Transit State of Good Repair Performance Measures and Targets. The performance targets are as follows:

- Buses - X% of fleet exceeds default Useful Life Benchmark (ULB) of 14 - FY 2024 Target is 11%
- Cutaway Buses - X% of fleet exceeds default ULB of 10 - FY 2024 Target is 25%
- Vans - X% of fleet exceeds default ULB of 8 - FY 2024 Target is 21%
- Non-Revenue Service Automobile - X% of non-revenue service vehicles exceeds default ULB of 8 - FY 2024 Target is 60%
- Non-Revenue Service Truck - X% of non-revenue service vehicles exceeds default ULB of 8 - FY

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2024 Target is 40%

- Admin/Maintenance Facility - X% of facilities rated under 3.0 on TERM scale - FY 2024 Target is 0%

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to approve the FY 24 Transit State of Good Repair Targets.

A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and was seconded by Mary Waldron.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously to approve the FY 2024 Transit State of Good Repair Performance Measures and Targets.

9. Old Colony MPO Transportation Planning Certification Review Report

▪ Overview and Presentation

Joshua Barber of FHWA and Eric Papetti of FTA provided an overview of the Old Colony MPO Transportation Planning Certification Review.

The certification review components consist of ongoing oversight, federal actions taken, desk review, public input, site visit, and federal determination. Possible outcomes from the review are full certification, conditional certification, partial certification, or withholding certification and funding. Joshua Barber stated that Old Colony Planning Council is fully certified.

Commendations for 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

MPO Organization Structure Recommendations:

- 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

Transportation Improvement Program & Project Selection Recommendations:

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

Complete Street (Freight) Recommendation:

- The MPO is able to illustrate freight facilities, operation, 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

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region's identified freight needs

Civil Rights - Title VI, ADA, EJ, LEP Recommendation:

- 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 relationship with Community Based Organizations 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

Performance Based Planning and Programming Recommendations:

- 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

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

- FY 2024 Community Transit Grant Program (CTGP) Vehicle Application Schedule Reminder PLUS Vehicle Guide Now Available
- Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program Open for Applications – Applications due October 31, 2023
- FY 2023 USDOT Thriving Communities Program is Now Open
- WalkMassachusetts - Beat the Bay State Contest which runs from November 1 thru 30. Participants, including group seek to walk at least nine hundred Miles in 30 days.

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**

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:34 AM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the October 17, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of September 19, 2023, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for October 17, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- USDOT Transportation Certification Review 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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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) -
Public Comments and Potential Endorsement

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, as released to Public Review and Comment Period on October 17, 2023 included the following. Revisions based on public comments are noted:

FFY 2024

Transit

- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS POWER END ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
 - Total Project Cost Was \$400,000
 - Action Following Public Review and Comment: Remove from Amendment 1. BAT no longer intends to pursue project and program

- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT - PURCHASE OF BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES AND CHARGING EQUIPMENT
 - ADDING PROJECT
 - FUNDING: FTA NO OR LOW EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM
 - Federal Award: \$10,694,736
 - Total Project Cost with State Match: \$17,144,736
 - Action Following Public Review and Comment: Adjust project cost, and program into two projects as follows:

Charging Equipment and Training					
	2024	2025	2026	2027	Source
BAT - PURCHASE MISC ELEC/POWER EQUIP	\$ 3,280,000				Federal
BAT - PURCHASE MISC ELEC/POWER EQUIP		\$ 700,000			State
BAT - PURCHASE MISC ELEC/POWER EQUIP			\$ 750,000		State
BAT - PURCHASE MISC ELEC/POWER EQUIP				\$ 700,000	State
			Total:	\$ 5,430,000	
Vehicle Purchases (Fleet Replacement)					
	2024	2025	2026	2027	Source
BAT - Buy Replacement 40-ft Bus Electric (7)	\$ 7,414,736				Federal
BAT - BUY REPLACEMENT 40-FT BUS ELECTRIC (5)			\$ 3,050,000		State
BAT - BUY REPLACEMENT 40-FT BUS ELECTRIC (2)				\$ 1,250,000	State
			Total:	\$ 11,714,736	

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) DISCRETIONARY GRANTS - PROGRAMMED IN FFY 2024 and FFY 2025

National Culvert Removal Restoration and Replacement Grant Program

- PLYMOUTH - TOWN BROOK STREAM RESTORATION: DEEP WATER CULVERT REPLACEMENT
 - ADDING PROJECT - Revised Expected Year of Programming 2025 (was 2024)
 - Federal Award: \$2,000,000
 - Action Following Public Review and Comment: Revise Total Project Cost with State Match: \$2,800,000; Program in FFY 2025 instead of FFY 2024

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

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

Public Comment Matrix

Date	Name	Representation	Comment or Comment Summary	Response
10/25/2023	Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) Board of Directors	Old Colony Region	<p>Staff presented Amendment 1 to the Old Colony Planning Council Board of Directors on 10/25/2023.</p> <p>The Board voted unanimously to approve Amendment 1 as presented.</p>	Noted
10/30/2023	Raissah Kouame	Massachusetts Department of Transportation	<p>Based on additional guidance from Joshua Barber at the Federal Highway Administration, the Plymouth Culvert Grant needs to reflect the total project cost (\$2,800,000 with local match). Josh Barber also advised to check with Town on scheduling of project permitting and construction.</p>	Noted, and Amendment Revised.

			David Gould, Director of Marine and Environmental Affairs, confirmed total project cost (\$2.8 M) and 2025 as Year of Programming.	
11/2/2023	Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)		<p>Staff presented Amendment 1 to the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee on 2/2/2023.</p> <p>The Joint Transportation Committee voted unanimously to approve Amendment 1 as presented.</p>	Noted.
11/9/2023	Glenn Geiler	Brockton Area Transit	The FTA No-Low Grant should be broken into two separate parts: \$11,714,736 (\$7,414,736 in federal funds in 2024, and matching state funds in 2026 and 2027 totaling \$4,300,000) for purchase of electric busses (fleet replacement), and	Noted, and Amendment Revised.

			<p>\$5,430,000 (\$3,280,000 in federal funds in 2024, and matching state funds in 2025, 2026, and 2027 totaling \$2,150,000) for purchase of power equipment and workforce training.</p> <p>BAT no longer intends to program \$400,000 for purchase of miscellaneous power and electric equipment, originally amended out of FFY 2023.</p>	
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Adjustment 1 includes the following changes (These amounts are the State Match to FFY 2023 Community Transit Grant projects that were amended earlier into the FFY 2023-2027 TIP):

FFY 2024

- BROCKTON AREA ARC: BUY VAN FOR SERVICE EXPANSION
 - Massachusetts Community Transit Grant (CTG)
 - Awarded Amount: \$55,863

- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) BUY REPLACEMENT TYPE E2b VANS
 - Massachusetts Community Transit Grant (CTG)
 - Awarded Amount: \$63,600

- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) BUY REPLACEMENT TYPE Ca VAN
 - Massachusetts Community Transit Grant (CTG)
 - Awarded Amount: \$24,200

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Adjusted 2020 Urbanized Area Boundaries - Presentation and
Discussion of Proposed Adjustments and Revisions to Urbanized
Area Boundaries

- Review and Potential Endorsement

Summary

2020 US Census & Urbanized Areas Criteria

- Increase the minimum population threshold from 2,500 to 5,000
- Include additional housing unit (≥ 2000) parameter to qualify as an Urban Area:
- Use housing unit density instead of population density to define initial Urban Area Cores
- Use only Census Block instead of Census Tract & Block to define initial Urban Area Cores
- Reduce the maximum jump distance from 2.5 miles to 1.5 miles
- Exclude the low density Hop or Jump corridors
- Cease distinguishing between urbanized areas and urban clusters
- Use Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) worker flow data to determine whether to merge or split between 2010 urban areas

Adjusted Urbanized Areas & Smoothing - MassDOT working collaboratively with MPOs to define, review, and confirm adjusted urbanized areas. Final versions to be reported to FHWA.

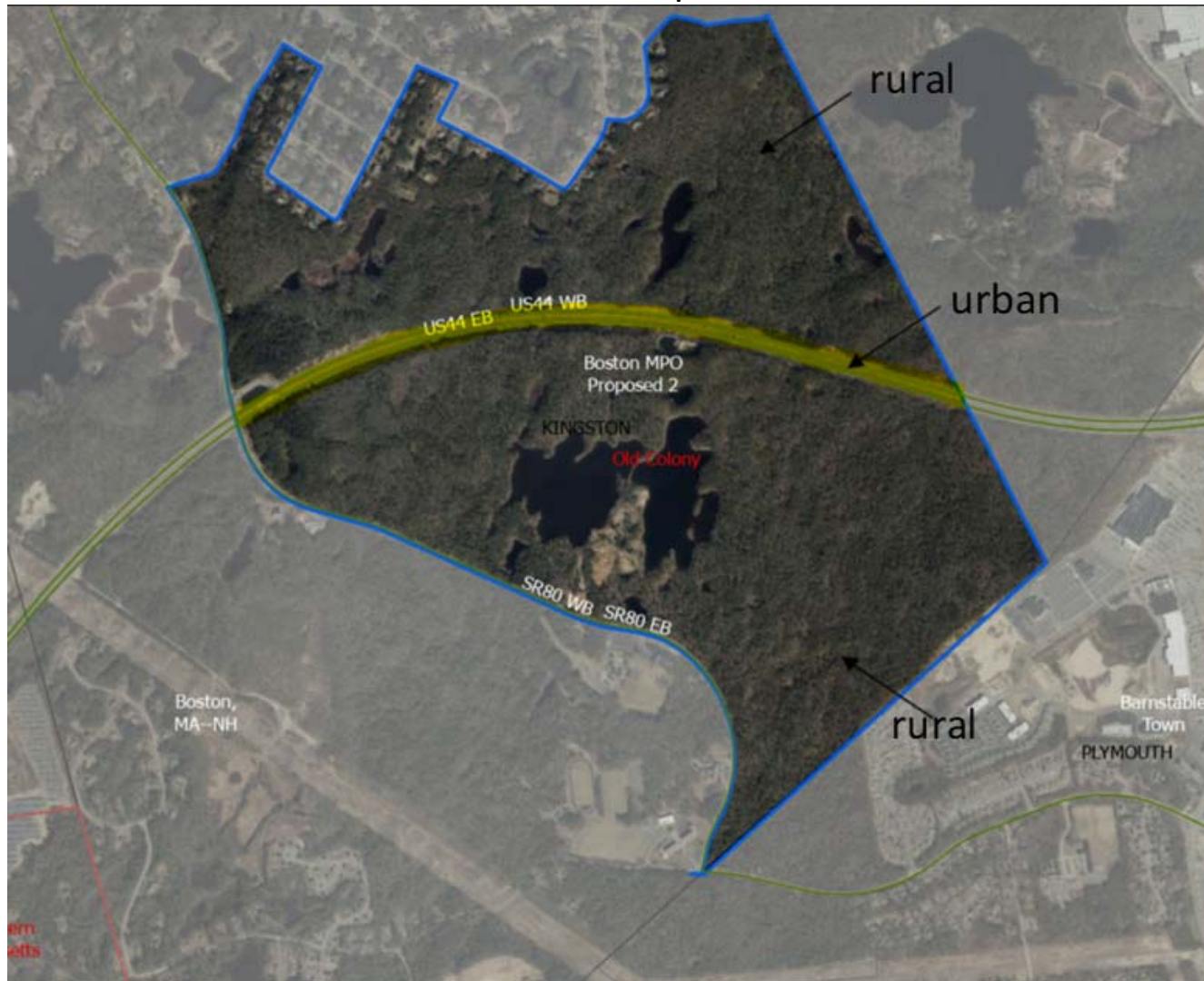
- Aligning with existing planning boundaries
- Incorporating local knowledge of urban landscape
- Addressing irregularities in boundary shapes
- Maintaining consistency with highway functional classifications

Adjustment Considerations

- Include entire municipality
- Include areas with urban characteristics
- Include large/significant traffic generators, e.g., airports, industrial areas, transportation terminals, transit routes
- Boundaries should be simple, without irregularities
- Boundaries should not split roadways or ramps
- Boundaries should be one contiguous area

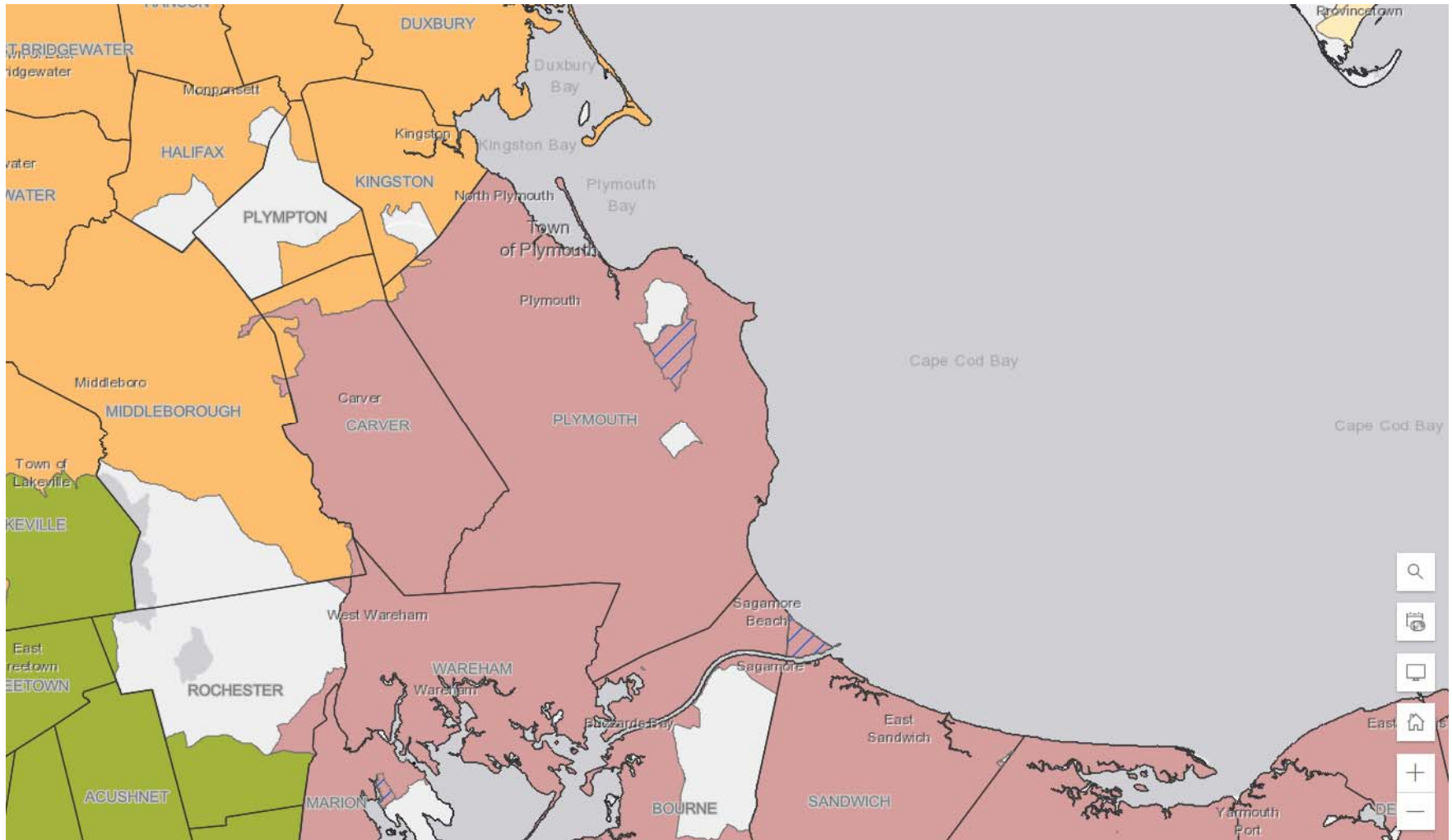
Kingston:

Route 44 Eastbound and Westbound and the sliver of land between the routes urban and leave the rest of the area rural – this would provide no break in Route 44



Plymouth:

Adding contiguous eastern portion of Pine Hills (Long Ridge Road) and development along Beaver Dam Road to the boundary with Minuteman Lane to align with existing Urbanized Area.



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Agenda Item 9
Administrative Matters, Other Business, and Date and Time of
Next Meeting(s)

Summary

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Webinar for Municipalities

Please join Safe Routes to School (SRTS) on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. for an hour-long webinar with time for questions at the end. Municipal staff transportation/mobility, public works, planning, police department, public health, etc.), SRTS task force members, SRTS School and Alliance Partners, and anyone interested in learning about the whole community approach to SRTS are encouraged to attend. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/event/safe-routes-to-school-webinar-for-municipalities-2024-01-24t120000-0500-2024-01-24t130000-0500>

FY 2024 Regional Transit Innovation Grant

Through the state budgeting process, MassDOT has available \$15 million in discretionary operating and capital funding to award to transit providers as Transit Innovation Grants. Awards will be made on a competitive basis with funding provided contractually. At least 25 percent of the funding (\$3,750,000) will be reserved for rural areas. Successful applicants will be required to report quarterly on their progress for the duration of the grant, as well as provide a one-page summary report of accomplishments at the end of the grant.

Any transit provider providing public transportation in Massachusetts is eligible. To receive an award, applicants must be registered with SAM.gov in active status. Organizations must be registered vendors of the Commonwealth.

Eligible Project Types

MassDOT is looking to fund projects that include, but are not limited to, the following categories and subcategories:

1. Enhancing and Expanding Transit Service

- a. New and innovative service delivery models - pilot a new approach that may provide better or more cost-effective service for your riders and service area
- b. Expanded service hours or weekend service - expand service temporarily to better serve rider needs
- c. Rural connectivity - provide transit in a rural area underserved by current options

- d. Connectivity improvements across regional transit authority service areas - expand options for riders looking to travel from one transit authority service area to another
- e. Expanding mobility for low-income individuals and any other transit dependent populations

2. Transit Electrification

- a. Small grants related to electrification of fleets, for expenses not covered by other funding streams

3. Other

Operating and capital expenses are eligible in each category.

Projects should not duplicate or compete with existing transit services already funded through MassDOT. Coordinating with and complementing existing services is encouraged.

Applications are due by December 8, 2023. For more information, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/regional-transit-innovation-grant>

AMPO NOFO Tracker

The Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization's (AMPO) live **Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Tracker** tool identifies and tracks federal funding opportunities from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)/Investment, Infrastructure, and Jobs Act (IIJA) that are most relevant to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). The NOFO Tracker is updated weekly with critical information on upcoming federal funding opportunities. Users are able to use the filter function to sort programs by application deadline, eligibility, category, agency, cost-share requirements and more. Users are also able to view the Tracker in different formats. AMPO's NOFO Tracker is available at:

<https://ampo.org/resources-publications/ampo-nofo-tracker/>

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

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

2024

- **January 16, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **February 20, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **March 19, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **April 16, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **May 21, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **June 18, 2024 at 10 AM**

November 21, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting
Agenda Item 10
Adjournment

Summary

Adjournment of meeting.