

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

*Advising the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
and the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)*

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Thursday, February 1, 2024, 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Minutes of January 4, 2024 Meeting
4. Communications
5. Reports
 - A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)
 - B. Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)
 - C. South Coast Rail (SCR) Project
6. Old Business
 - A. FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation
7. New Business
 - A. FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development
 - Development Timeline and Key Dates
 - B. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
 - Increases in Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Regional Targets – Bill McNulty
 - Discretionary Grant Funding Opportunities for Municipalities – Paul Umamo
8. Other Business
 - A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies
 - B. Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs and NPCs
 - C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues
9. 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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Call to Order, Accessibility Statement, Title VI Notice of Protection,
and Introductions

Summary

Call to order, Introductions, and Accessibility Statement and Title VI Nondiscrimination Statement.

Accessibility Statement and Title VI Nondiscrimination Statement

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Summary

Public comments.

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Minutes of January 4, 2024 Meeting

Summary

Old Colony JTC to consider approval of January 4, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting Minutes.

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Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Held Virtually Via Zoom January 4, 2024 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	John Stone	BAT	Kelly Forrester
Abington	Bruce Hughes	BAT	Michael Lambert
Abington	Kevin Cogan	GATRA	Mary Ellen DeFrias
Avon	Rick Jordan	MassDOT District 5	Barbara Lachance
Bridgewater	Julianna Curry	MassDOT	Derek Krevat
Bridgewater	Sristhi Jain	MassDOT	Raissah Kouame
Bridgewater	Shane O'Brien	Senator Michael Brady's Office	Karla Kahale
Brockton	Celia Canavan	BETA Group	Dan McCormack
Brockton	Rob May	Howard Stein Hudson	Steve Findlen
Duxbury	Jeff Lewis	TEC	Mike Myers
Duxbury	Sheila Sgarzi	GPI	Sid Kashi
Duxbury	Allison Shane	OCPC	Mary Waldron
Easton	David Field	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Hanson	Don Howard	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Kingston	Paul Basler	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Plymouth	James Downey	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Guoqiang Li
Whitman	Dan Salvucci		

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Bill McNulty then conducted the roll call.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

3. Minutes of December 7, 2023 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if there was a motion to approve the December 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Don Howard to approve the Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2023.

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The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the December 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

4. Communications

Shawn Bailey reviewed the contents of the communications staff report. Included were letters of correspondence, as well as notices of workshops and conferences. They are as follows:

- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Webinar for Municipalities – January 24, 2024
- FY 2024 Regional Transit Innovation Grant – Applications due by January 19, 2024
- 2024 Mass Trails Grant Application period is NOW OPEN! - Applications are due Thursday, February 1, 2024.
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office
- Bridge Investment Program – On December 30, 2023 the FHWA opened a NOFO for up to \$9.62 billion in FYs 2023 through 2026 Bridge Project grant applications and \$80 million in FYs 2023 through FY 2026 Planning Project grant applications under the Bridge Investment Program

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- BAT has launched its free fare program that will run through the end of May 2024
- Brockton Area Transit continues to explore grant opportunities. If people have ideas for projects or initiatives, they are encouraged to contact Brockton Area Transit.

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

Mary Ellen DeFrias reported on the following items:

- GATRA offered free fare on their system from Black Friday through New Year's Day. GATRA experienced a slight increase in ridership during this period.
- Sunday service on Plymouth routes begins February 5, 2024
- GATRA is in the process of moving their facility from Plymouth to Wareham
- There is a request from Halifax to join GATRA. The Board will meet to discuss.

C. South Coast Rail Project

- ***Invited Guest Speaker: Jean Fox, MassDOT, South Coast Rail Project Manager***

Shawn Bailey reported on the following:

In December 2023, work conducted involved fencing installation in seven communities; daytime sidewalk ramp and curb work at an intersection in Taunton; construction of a pedestrian bridge over

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Route 18 in New Bedford; daytime sidewalk, striping, curb, and signal adjustment work at two intersections in New Bedford; daytime traffic signal work on Route 105 and/or Route 28 near the new Middleborough Station; and signal system installation and testing in seven communities.

Additional work done included daytime construction at station sites, layover sites, and along the right-of-way from Middleborough to New Bedford as well as from Berkley to Fall River. There was also transportation of soil by truck to designated project sites.

6. Old Business

A. FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Bill McNulty provided an update on the following projects:

- PLYMPTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, WINNETUXET ROAD OVER WINNETUXET RIVER (609435)
 - 75% Comments to Design Engineer 11/23/2023.
 - Cost Estimate is \$ \$1,661,593.

- STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) FROM 300 FT NORTH OF CHARLES AVENUE TO LINCOLN STREET (PHASE 1)
 - Notice to Proceed Issued 12/22/2023
 - Construction Bid Price: \$8,725,969

7. New Business

A. Old Colony FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development – Reports on Project Status from Project Proponents

Bill McNulty discussed the projects for as this will inform the development of the FFY 2025-2029 TIP. Updates were provided by Project Proponents:

ABINGTON

- ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET (609440)
 - Programmed in FFY 2026.
 - MassDOT comments on the 25% Package returned to the Design Engineer (as of 9/6/2021).
 - 25% Design Hearing held in September, 2023.
 - Plan is to submit 75% Design Plans to MassDOT by the end of April, 2024
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,798,809.

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- **ABINGTON & BROCKTON - PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (609520)**
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Comments on the 25% Package returned to the Design Engineer (as of 5/18/2022).
 - Cost Estimate is \$20,029,176.

- **ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, RANDOLPH STREET AND RICHARD A. FITTS DRIVE (ROUTE 139) AT CHESTNUT STREET AND OLD RANDOLPH STREET (612525)**
 - Currently programmed for FFY 2027.
 - ICE Stage 2 was submitted and received by MassDOT.
 - Anticipate approval of ICE by the end of January.
 - ICE evaluation currently favors a signalized intersection.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,786,625.

- **ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, ROUTE 18 (BEDFORD STREET) AT ROUTE 123 (BROCKTON AVENUE) (612770)**
 - Currently programmed for FFY 2028.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$5,387,025.

AVON

- **AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 28, SPRING STREET AND HARRISON BOULEVARD (611979)**
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - The Notice to Proceed (NTP) to begin work on the contract has been issued. (7/14/2021).
 - 25% Design Hearing this summer.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,750,000.

- **AVON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 28 (610804)**
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,002,001.

BROCKTON

- **BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123), CARY STREET, AND LYMAN STREET (609410)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2024.
 - PS&E received by MassDOT (9/27/2023).

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- Cost Estimate is \$3,058,058.
- BROCKTON - ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (609052)
 - Programmed in FFY 2024.
 - 25% Package Resubmission received by MassDOT (3/13/2023).
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,792,790.
- BROCKTON - IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27), INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER (607818)
 - Currently Programmed in FFY 2025.
 - 25% Package Resubmission received by MassDOT (6/12/2023).
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,196,320.
- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/ QUINCY STREET/ MASSASOIT BOULEVARD (606143)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - 25% Package received by MassDOT (5/4/2015).
 - Cost Estimate is \$5,300,800 .
- ABINGTON & BROCKTON - PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (609520)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Comments on the 25% Package returned to the Design Engineer (as of 5/18/2022).
 - Cost Estimate is \$20,029,176.
- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), PEARL STREET AND STONEHILL STREET (612262)
 - Currently Programmed in FFY 2028.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$ 7,465,375.
- BROCKTON - IMPROVEMENTS ON FOREST AVENUE, FROM WEST STREET TO BREER STREET (612526)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$8,778,450.

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DUXBURY

- KINGSTON-DUXBURY - SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002)
 - Programmed in FFY 2026.
 - Currently going through ICE process.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,400,000.

- DUXBURY – BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY (612006)
 - Advance Construction in multiple years, currently programmed to begin FFY 2027.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$70,150,000.

DUXBURY – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 53 AND FRANKLIN STREET (613269)

- Currently Not Programmed.
- Approved by PRC June 1, 2023.
- Project is in the preliminary design phase.
- Cost Estimate is \$7,279,150.

EAST BRIDGEWATER

- EAST BRIDGEWATER - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18), WEST STREET (ROUTE 106) AND EAST STREET (611968)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,500,000.

- EAST BRIDGEWATER - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HIGHLAND STREET AND NORTH BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18) (611976)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,500,000.

- EAST BRIDGEWATER – BRIDGE REPLACEMENT POND STREET OVER SATUCKET RIVER (613806)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Approved by PRC June 1, 2023.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$1,197,225.

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EASTON

- **EASTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET (608195)**
 - Programmed in FFY 2025.
 - Will be advertised in the next year.
 - Awaiting PS&E Submission.
 - 100% Comments Sent to Design Engineer (10/10/2023).
 - Cost Estimate is \$7,103,967.

- **EASTON - RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 138 (ROOSEVELT CIRCLE TO STOUGHTON TOWN LINE) (608585)**
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,330,240.

- **EASTON - IMPROVEMENTS ON FOUNDRY STREET (ROUTE 106/123) (612269)**
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Pre 25% Design Stage.
 - Working towards securing ICE Approval.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$ 14,315,773.

- **EASTON - RECONSTRUCTION AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTES 138 AND 123, FROM BELMONT STREET TO DEPOT STREET (612617)**
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Preliminary meeting back in October, 2023.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$13,437,675.

- **EASTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 AND TURNPIKE STREET, AT ROUTE 138 AND PURCHASE STREET, AT TURNPIKE STREET AND PURCHASE STREET (612975)**
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$7,428,625

HANOVER

- **HANOVER – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 139 (HANOVER STREET) AT MAIN STREET, CENTER STREET, AND SILVER STREET (612769)**
 - Currently programmed for FFY 2028.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,156,600.

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- HANOVER –INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT COLUMBIA ROAD (ROUTE 53/139) AND BROADWAY (613559)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Approved by PRC October 12, 2023.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$5,968,600.

HANSON

- HANSON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 14 (MAQUAN STREET), FROM THE PEMBROKE T.L. TO INDIAN HEAD STREET AND RELATED WORK (608506) AC Phase 1 and 2
 - Programmed in FFY 2027.
 - MassDOT comments on the 25% Package returned to the Design Engineer (5/7/2020).
 - Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) needs to be conducted to determine condition of the water line.
 - Cost estimate is \$10,311,020).

KINGSTON

- KINGSTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, K-01-014, SMITHS LANE OVER ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY) (608615)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - ICE Stage 2 completed in September, 2023.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$12,788,000.

- KINGSTON & DUXBURY - SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002)
 - Programmed in FFY 2026.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,400,000.

PLYMPTON

- PLYMPTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, WINNETUXET ROAD OVER WINNETUXET RIVER (609435)
 - Programmed in FFY 2024.
 - 75% Package Received by MassDOT (as of 10/19/2023).
 - Cost Estimate is \$1,661,593.

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STOUGHTON

- STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138, FROM 300 FEET NORTH OF CHARLES AVENUE TO LINCOLN STREET (PHASE 1) (607403)
 - Programmed in FFY 2023 and FFY 2024.
 - Cost Estimate is \$11,281,679).

- STOUGHTON- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138, FROM CANTON T.L. TO CHARLES AVENUE (PHASE 2) (613358)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Approved by PRC June 1, 2023.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,058,600.

- STOUGHTON - RECONSTRUCTION OF TURNPIKE STREET (607214)
 - MassDOT comments on the 25% Package returned to the Design Engineer (as of 9/7/2021).
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Design Public Hearing Held on June 16, 2022.
 - Cost Estimate is \$42,975,486.

- STOUGHTON - CANTON STREET (ROUTE 27) & SCHOOL STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (611981)
 - Programmed in FFY 2028.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,300,000.

- STOUGHTON- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 27 (PARK STREET) AND TURNPIKE STREET (613277)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Approved by PRC June 1, 2023.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,264,123.

- STOUGHTON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 27 (PARK STREET) (613287)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Approved by PRC June 1, 2023.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,148,943.

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B. CY 2024 Safety Performance Targets

▪ Presentation and Discussion

Raissah Kouame presented on the CY 2024 Safety Performance Targets.

Fatalities: 377 for total fatalities and .61 for the rate for the two-year target and 362 for total fatalities and .54 for the rate for the four-year target.

Serious Injuries: 2,708 for total fatalities and 4.36 for the rate for the two-year target and 2,603 for total fatalities and 3.91 for the rate for the four-year target.

Nonmotorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries: 5 year average of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries decreasing from 480 (2018-2022) to 445 (2020-2024), a 7.3% reduction.

Bill McNulty stated that this will be presented to the MPO on January 16, 2024 for potential acceptance.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Bill McNulty reported on the following items:

The Towns of Kingston and Duxbury have requested OCPC conduct a traffic study to assess a potential Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion (HCVE) zone on the Landing Road/Loring Street corridor through their communities. Data collection for this traffic study is scheduled for May 2024.

Project Status Updates

Bridgewater

- Traffic Counts on Multiple Roadways
Data collection planned. For early 2024.

Duxbury / Kingston

- Traffic Study of Landing Road / Loring Street / Parks Street Corridor
Data collection planned for May 2024.

Plympton

- Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Zone Study for Multiple Roadways
Data collection planned for Spring 2024.

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Stoughton

- Traffic Study and Road Safety Audit of Pine Street Corridor
Report in Development.

B. Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs, and NPCs

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

Submitting Comments to MEPA

The Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) accepts written comments on projects currently under MEPA review. Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, via fax, or by hand delivery. Comments submitted to MEPA are public records and should be sent to the following address:

Secretary Kathleen Theoharides
EEA, Attn: MEPA Office
[Analyst Name], EEA No. _____
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

New Projects

EEA #16773 – Proposed ABC Recycling Facility – West Bridgewater

Environmental Notification Form (ENF)

The proposed project is to convert a portion of the open, previously disturbed parts of the 15 Maple Street lot as a solid waste recycling facility for asphalt, brick, and concrete building materials. Proposed work includes grading, construction of internal roads, stormwater infrastructure, a storage garage, and work area for the recycling facility itself.

EEA #16775 – Lakeside Road Residential Project – Hanson

Environmental Notification Form (ENF)

The project involves construction of three single-family homes with individual septic systems and common driveways. Retaining walls have been included in the areas where wetland impacts will occur to avoid and minimize wetland impacts to the greatest extent.

EEA #11085R – South Weymouth Naval Air Station Redevelopment Project – Abington, Rockland, Weymouth

Notice of Project Change (NPC)

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Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Previously Reviewed (2017 NPC)	Net Change	Currently Proposed
LAND			
Total site acreage	1,462	-22	1,440
Acres of land altered	663	-108	555
Acres of impervious area ¹	425	-25	400
Square feet of bordering vegetated wetlands alteration ²	10,790	--	--
Square feet of other wetland alteration ²	10,658	--	--
Acres of non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways	0	0	0
STRUCTURES			
Gross square footage	8,000,000 (commercial)	-6,000,000 (commercial)	2,000,000 (commercial)
Number of housing units ³	3,855	+3,419	7,274
Maximum height (in feet)	120	+5	125
TRANSPORTATION			
Vehicle trips per day	79,000	-25,562	53,438
Parking spaces	19,500 – 43,900	-8,450 – -23,400	11,050 – 20,500

WATER/WASTEWATER			
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	2,700,000	-900,000	1,800,000
GPD water withdrawal	90,000	-90,000	0
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	2,300,000	-700,000	1,600,000
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)			
On-site water	Approx. 6		Approx. 6
On-site sewer	Approx. 6		Approx. 6
Off-site water	Approx. 6 -15	0	Approx. 6 -15

Certificates

None

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Public Notices

Notice of Public Hearing – Vegetation Management Plan – Abington, Avon Hanover, Bridgewater, Brockton, Stoughton, East Bridgewater, Easton, West Bridgewater, Whitman, Pembroke

The National Grid Vegetation Management Plan Public Hearing will be held on January 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89288183866?pwd=cTVDNTZBRmsybUMza3M3OWkycjd3dz09>

Meeting ID: 892 8818 3866

Passcode: 332885

Notice of Submission of Yearly Operational Plan – Abington, Hanover, Stoughton, Avon, East Bridgewater, Easton, West Bridgewater, Bridgewater, Whitman, Brockton, Pembroke

This Yearly Operational Plan discusses National Grid’s intention to use herbicides to treat their electric Rights-of-Way in 2024. Comment period ends at the close of business on Friday, January 22, 2024.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Dan Salvucci stated that a resident in Whitman asked why when Route 14 was re-done why the sidewalks were not continued all the way to the Brockton line. This will be discussed at the next Selectmen’s meeting if it gets on the agenda. Charles Kilmer stated that Route 14 in that area is under municipal jurisdiction. As such, the town would be responsible for developing a project and then working with MassDOT and Old Colony MPO to seek funding through the TIP, if that’s the way the town would want to fund it. Another option may be to apply for a Complete Streets Project.

Dan Salvucci also commented that he wished there was more concern for the newly planted grass along Route 14. There are tire tracks in the new soil whether it be from delivery trucks, mail trucks, etc.

Charles Kilmer discussed Phase 3 of the Belmont Street Project in Brockton. The contractor has put down striping in recent weeks. This is a real testament to a safety approach through signs and lines, visibility, and channelization. Thank you to Brockton and MassDOT for that project.

Bruce Hughes stated that Abington hired a new Assistant Town Planner. Liz Shea is now the Town Planner. On Monday, January 29 at 6PM, the planning board is hosting an informational meeting at Abington Town Hall on the MBTA Community 3A Proposed Zoning Change.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt

Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for January 4, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the December 7, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for January 4, 2024, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
- MassDOT Presentation on CY 2024 Safety Performance Targets (PM1)

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TIME & DATE
10:00 AM
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

LOCATION
70 SCHOOL ST
BROCKTON, MA

ZOOM REGISTRATION




Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program - Division of Ecological Restoration (DER), Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game

DER's Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program is for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts local government units interested in replacing an undersized, perched, and/or degraded culvert located in an area of high ecological value.

This funding is to encourage applicants to replace aging culverts with better designed crossings that meet improved structural and environmental design standards and flood resiliency criteria. Only projects that intend to meet the goals of the Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards are considered for funding. The Request for Responses (RFR) is anticipated to be launched in February.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/culvert-replacement-municipal-assistance-grant-program>

Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office

The Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office is the lead agency within the Healey-Driscoll Administration tasked with implementing a whole of government approach to ensuring the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can leverage the historic opportunities available for federal funding.

The Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO) has launched an ambitious inter-agency strategy for the Commonwealth to successfully compete for the historic levels of federal funding available from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the CHIPS and Science Act, and more. FFIO is responsible for tracking federal opportunities, facilitating the submission of successful applications for federal funding, and advocating on behalf of Massachusetts projects that advance key priorities including infrastructure, jobs, economic competitiveness, affordable housing, clean energy, decarbonization, resilience, equity, and workforce development.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/federal-funds-infrastructure-office>

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/federal-funds-information-for-local-governments>

2024 MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference

Dates: 4/30/2024 & 5/1/2024

Location: DCU Center, 50 Foster Street, Worcester, Massachusetts

The annual MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference provides a forum for innovative transportation systems, management ideas, and initiatives. Each year, the conference provides an important opportunity for transportation practitioners to share knowledge, sponsor peer-to-peer learning, and collaborate on issues of mutual interest. Conference participants will have the opportunity to discuss the advantages and challenges associated with the innovative methods and technologies being presented.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.umasstransportationcenter.org/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=5432>



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Questions? Contact eprince@ocpcrpa.org

February 1, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting
Agenda Item 5A
Brockton Area Transit (BAT)

Summary

Brockton Area Transit to provide report.

February 1, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting

Agenda Item 5B

Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)

Summary

Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority to provide report.

February 1, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting
Agenda Item 5C
South Coast Rail Project

Summary

The South Coast Rail (SCR) project will restore commuter rail service between Boston and southeastern Massachusetts by spring/summer 2024. Taunton, Fall River, and New Bedford are the only major cities within 50 miles of Boston that do not currently have commuter rail service to Boston. SCR will reconnect this region to jobs and generate economic development.

South Coast Rail consists of two phases:

Phase 1 will provide a one-seat ride by extending the existing Middleborough/Lakeville commuter rail line from Boston to Taunton, Fall River, and New Bedford and it will deliver service to the South Coast by spring/summer 2024.

Full Build plans to extend Commuter Rail service to continue travel on the Stoughton branch of the Providence/Stoughton line, connecting to more communities in the region. Doing so would result in reconstructing the Canton Center and Stoughton stations to accommodate two rail lines.

In January 2024, work conducted involved fencing installation in six communities; track work between Elm Street and Copicut Road in Assonet; daytime traffic signal testing and adjustment work in Middleborough, New Bedford, and Taunton; construction of a pedestrian bridge over Route 18 in New Bedford; return of Mass Coastal Railroad daytime freight operations on the New Bedford Main and New Bedford Secondary lines; daytime signal adjustment work at one intersection in New Bedford; daytime brush cutting tree trimming along the railroad right-of-way in eight communities; daytime traffic signal work on Route 105 and/or Route 28 near the new Middleborough Station; and signal system installation and testing in seven communities.

Additional work done included daytime construction at station sites, layover sites, and along the right-of-way from Middleborough to New Bedford as well as from Berkley to Fall River. There was also transportation of soil by truck to designated project sites.

If anyone is interested in signing up for weekly updates on the South Coast Rail project, please click on the following link to enter an email address:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MADOT/subscriber/new?topic_id=MADOT_30

February 1, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting
Agenda Item 6A
FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Implementation

- Amendment 2 - 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.

On January 16, 2024, the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) released FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Draft Amendment 2 to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

Amendment 2 includes the following changes:

FFY 2024 - Transit

- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) ROCKLAND MICROTRANSIT SERVICE
 - Adding Project
 - State Fiscal Year 2024 Community Transit Grant Mobility Assistance Program
 - Total Project Cost is \$322,500

- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) BEYOND BROCKTON ADA CORRIDOR – AVON AND STOUGHTON
 - Adding Project
 - State Fiscal Year 2024 Community Transit Grant Mobility Assistance Program
 - Award Amount: \$50,000
 - Total Project Cost with Match is \$100,000

- TOWN OF BRIDGWATER – BRIDGEWATER CARES TRANSIT
 - Adding Project
 - State Fiscal Year 2024 Community Transit Grant Mobility Assistance Program
 - Total Project Cost is \$288,658

- OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL – AREA AGENCY ON AGING ELDER, DISABLED, AND CAREGIVER VOLUNTEER & ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION
 - Adding Project
 - State Fiscal Year 2024 Community Transit Grant Mobility Assistance Program

- Award Amount is \$30,000
 - Total Project Cost with Match is \$60,000
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- SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL – TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
OPERATING ASSISTANCE
 - Adding Project
 - State Fiscal Year 2024 Community Transit Grant Mobility Assistance Program
 - Total Project Cost is \$150,000

February 1, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting
Agenda Item 7A
Old Colony FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP) Development
Development Timeline and Key Dates

Summary

The development of the FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is underway. The TIP serves as a prioritized listing of highway, bridge, and transit projects for implementation during the next five (5) federal fiscal years that reflect the needs of the regional transportation system. In addition, the TIP is fiscally constrained based on expected federal funding, and it contains projects that are consistent with the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

The following table summarizes the development timeline for the Old Colony FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Development Timeline

Date	Progress / Milestone
Underway	Review of Project Statuses Consultation with Project Proponents and MassDOT
February 6-7, 2024	TIP Readiness Days
March 19, 2024	Old Colony MPO Reviews Scenarios and Potentially Selects Preferred Set of Projects
April 16, 2024	Old Colony MPO Reviews Draft FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Potentially Releases to 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period
May 21, 2024	Old Colony MPO Results of 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period, and Potentially Endorses Old Colony FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

February 1, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting
Agenda Item 7B

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- Increases in Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Regional Targets
 - Discretionary Grant Funding Opportunities for Municipalities

Summary

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) was enacted by President Joe Biden in 2021 and serves to allocate billions of dollars in competitive and formulaic funding available to municipalities, states, rural, tribal, and Regional Planning Agencies across new and existing programs. The focus of the legislation is tied to infrastructure improvements in transportation; climate, energy, and the environment; and broadband. Funding has also been appropriated to the Departments of Commerce, Agriculture, and Energy. Additional appropriations have also been provided to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Program.

Under the guidance of White House leadership, a guidebook has been developed that outlines both the sector and related programs to which funding has been appropriated. *Source:* <http://bit.ly/3tXDBvr>

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law ultimately resulted in substantial increases in regional TIP targets across the Commonwealth, including the Old Colony MPO. The attached tables demonstrate the increase in regional targets that resulted from the TIP. Following the enactment of the BIL, the region received a 17 percent increase over the life of the TIP in the FFY 2023-2027 TIP compared to the FFY 2022-2026 TIP, and when combined with state funded projects an increase in funding of 83 percent over the previous TIP.

In addition to increases in funding through the Transportation Improvement Program, the BIL also funded dozens of discretionary grant programs.

Table 1: Old Colony TIP Regional Funding Targets

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Overall	Overall Change from Previous TIP
2021-2025 TIP											
Regional Targets	\$11,296,118	\$11,320,658	\$11,567,910	\$11,719,528	\$11,445,933					\$57,350,147	
2022-2026 TIP											
Regional Targets		\$13,361,191	\$11,567,910	\$11,719,528	\$11,445,933	\$11,148,704				\$59,243,266	3%
2023-2027 TIP											
Regional Targets			\$13,683,676	\$13,863,758	\$13,628,243	\$13,294,825	\$14,670,156			\$69,140,658	17%
2024-2028 TIP											
Regional Targets				\$13,863,758	\$13,628,243	\$13,294,825	\$16,462,014	\$16,771,876		\$74,020,716	7%
2025-2029 TIP											
Regional Targets					\$13,628,242	\$13,294,825	\$16,462,014	\$16,771,876	\$17,087,936	\$77,244,893	4%

Table 2: Old Colony TIP Regional Funding Targets Plus State Funded Projects

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Overall	Overall Change from Previous TIP
2021-2025 TIP											
Regional Targets	\$11,296,118	\$11,320,658	\$11,567,910	\$11,719,528	\$11,445,933					\$57,350,147	
State Funded Project Totals	\$9,619,158	\$9,547,200	\$0	\$2,220,987	\$0					\$21,387,345	
	\$20,915,276	\$20,867,858	\$11,567,910	\$13,940,515	\$11,445,933					\$78,737,492	
2022-2026 TIP											
Regional Targets		\$13,361,191	\$11,567,910	\$11,719,528	\$11,445,933	\$11,148,704				\$59,243,266	3%
State Funded Project Totals		\$7,339,593	\$2,135,071	\$2,141,666	\$0	\$0				\$11,616,330	-46%
		\$20,700,784	\$13,702,981	\$13,861,194	\$11,445,933	\$11,148,704				\$70,859,596	-10%
2023-2027 TIP											
Regional Targets			\$13,683,676	\$13,863,758	\$13,628,243	\$13,294,825	\$14,670,156			\$69,140,658	17%
State Funded Project Totals			\$0	\$9,136,548	\$0	\$4,200,000	\$47,428,063			\$60,764,611	423%
			\$13,683,676	\$23,000,306	\$13,628,243	\$17,494,825	\$62,098,219			\$129,905,269	83%
2024-2028 TIP											
Regional Targets				\$13,863,758	\$13,628,243	\$13,294,825	\$16,462,014	\$16,771,876		\$74,020,716	7%
State Funded Project Totals				\$3,743,307	\$0	\$4,050,000	\$47,428,063	\$23,751,029		\$78,972,399	30%
				\$17,607,065	\$13,628,243	\$17,344,825	\$63,890,077	\$40,522,905		\$152,993,115	18%
2025-2029 TIP											
Regional Targets					\$13,628,242	\$13,294,825	\$16,462,014	\$16,771,876	\$17,087,936	\$77,244,893	4%
State Funded Project Totals					TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
					\$13,628,242	\$13,294,825	\$16,462,014	\$16,771,876	\$17,087,936	TBD	TBD



OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Overview & Resources

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Discretionary Grants

Advanced Transportation Technologies & Innovative Mobility Deployment (ATTAIN)- Directed through the Federal Highway administration (FHWA), ATTAIN provides eligible applicants the ability to deploy, install and operate advance transportation technologies that will improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment.

Award: \$12 million

Due Date: 2/2/24

Bridge Investment Program (BIP)- The goals of the Bridge Investment Program are to assist municipalities with bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects with total eligible costs not greater than \$100 million. These projects will seek to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges; improve the condition of bridges in the United States by reducing (a) the number of bridges and the total person miles traveled over bridges, that are in poor condition or fair condition and at risk of falling into poor condition over the next 3 years, (b) the number of bridges and total person miles traveled over bridges that do not meet the current geometric design standards.

Award: No Maximum

Grant Type: Planning or Bridge Project Grants

Due Date: Planning Grants (2/19/24); Bridge Project Grants (3/19/24)

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant (CFI)- Goals of the CFI program is to accelerate electrification and alternative fuel transportation systems that are convenient, affordable, reliable, equitable, accessible, and safe. This program is on a path to a nationwide network of at least 500,000 EV chargers by 2030 and improve networks for vehicles using hydrogen, propane, and natural gas.

Award: \$15 million (maximum award)

Deadline: TBA FY24

Multimodal Discretionary Grant Program (MDGP)- The MDGP contains three grant programs: the National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program (Mega), the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects grants program (INFRA), and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program. These funding opportunities are awarded on a competitive basis for surface transportation infrastructure projects—including highway and bridge, intercity passenger rail, railway-highway grade crossing or separation, wildlife crossing, public transportation, marine highway, freight projects, or groups of projects with national significance.

Award Max: None

Deadline: TBA FY2024-2025

National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant- This program provides competitive grants for the replacement, removal, and repair of culverts and weirs that would meaningfully restore fish passage for anadromous fish and may include infrastructure to facilitate fish passage around or over the weir.

Award: \$100,000-\$2,000,000

Deadline: TBA FY24

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation

(PROTECT)- The purpose of the PROTECT program is to plan for and strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural hazards. Funded projects address the climate crisis by improving the resilience of surface transportation systems, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity rail.

Award: No maximum limit (all tracts)

Deadline: TBA FY204-2025

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)- A discretionary grant program awarded for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness, and opportunity.

Award: \$25 million (maximum award)

Deadline: February 28, 2024 (FY24); January 13, 2025 (FY25); January 13, 2026 (FY26)

Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program- Funding is provided for highway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving safety and mobility of people and goods. Eligible projects include a grade separation or closure, including through the use of a bridge, embankment, or tunnel; track relocation; improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, or signs; other means to improve safety if related to the mobility of people and goods at highway-grade crossings; and the planning, environmental review, and design of an eligible project type.

Award: TBA

Deadline TBA, February 2024

Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN)- This program seeks to advance community centered transportation connection projects with a priority for projects that benefit disadvantaged communities to improve access to daily needs such as jobs, education, and healthcare. Grant funding for planning and capital construction will address infrastructure barriers, restore community connectivity, and improve people's lives. Improvements to walkability, safety, and affordable transportation access, while remediating or mitigating negative impacts on the human or natural environment.

Award: \$5 million for capital construction; \$2M for community planning

Deadline: TBA FY24

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)- Awarded on a competitive basis, SS4A supports planning infrastructure, behavioral, operational initiatives to prevent death and series injuries on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators. There are three program tracts Planning Grants, Demonstration Grants, and Implementation Grants. Before an applicant can apply for an implementation grant, they must have an approved Safety Action Plan.

Award: \$10 million maximum (Planning and Demonstration Grants); \$25 million maximum (Implementation Award)

Deadline: Expected release FY24, February 2024

Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Technology (SMART)- This program seeks to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety. Applicants under the Stage 1: Planning and Prototyping Grants focus on pilot projects that focus on using technology interventions to solve real-world challenges and build data and technology capacity and expertise in the public sector. Stage 2 implementation projects should result in a scaled-up demonstration of the concept, integrating it with an existing transportation system, and refining the concept such that it could be replicated by others.

Award: Stage 1- Planning and Prototyping Grants (\$2 million)

Deadline: Stage 1 & 2 expected release Summer 2024

Thriving Communities Technical Assistance- This program is designed to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to advance a pipeline of transportation and community revitalization activities that increase mobility, reduce pollution from transportation sources, expand affordable housing options, improve health outcomes, facilitate efficient land use, preserve or expand jobs, and enhance connections to health care, education, and food security to benefit disadvantaged populations and communities. Technical assistance provides direct individualized planning and capacity building support including assistance with grant applications, project scoping, planning, and pre-development activities. Additionally, DOT officials will provide for project development, funding and financing, and project delivery.

Award: Technical Assistance

Deadline: TBA FY24

NEW: Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program- Funding totaling over \$100 million over five years will be allocated to fund state and local government technical, financial, and legal advisory service costs for alternative project delivery. This includes assisting eligible public entities in facilitating and evaluating public-private partnerships and exploring opportunities for innovative finance delivery and delivery for eligible transportation infrastructure projects, including highway, transit, passenger rail, port projects, airports, and transit-oriented development projects. Two types of grants will be available: Technical Assistance Grants will be awarded to build organizational capacity to explore innovative finance

opportunities in a portfolio of assets and projects. Expert Services Grants will be awarded for the project development of identified needs, including hiring professionals to explore opportunities for leverage.

Award: \$2 million (projected)

Deadline: TBA

Railroad Crossing Elimination Program- This program provides funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving safety and mobility of people and goods. Eligible projects include a grade separation or closure, including through the use of a bridge, embankment, tunnel or combination thereof; track relocation improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, or signs; measures to improve safety related to a separation, closure, or track relocation project; planning, environmental review, and design of an eligible project type.

Award: TBA

Deadline: TBA, February 2024

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)- Brownfields Grants:

- Assessment Grants- Provides funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach.
 - Communities that are beginning to address brownfield challenges, as well as for communities that have ongoing efforts to bring sites into productive reuse.
 - Applicants may request up to \$500,000 to assess sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or petroleum.
- Cleanup Grants- Provides funding to conduct cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant.
 - Performance period is up to 4 years.
 - Sites may not receive this funding more than once.
 - Applicants may request up to \$500,000, up to \$2 million, or up to \$5 million to address one or more brownfield sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants.
- Multipurpose Grants- identified through community engagement efforts, a discrete area such as a neighborhood, district, corridor, shared planning area or census tract, with one or more brownfield sites.
- Revolving Loan Fund Grants- provide funding to conduct cleanup activities at brownfield sites. When loans are repaid, the loan amount is returned to the fund and re-lent to other borrowers, providing an ongoing source of capital within a community.
- Job Training Grants- provide environmental training for residents impacted by brownfield sites.

Open & Active Brownfield Grants

- [FY 2024 Technical Assistance to Existing and Potential Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund \(RLF\) Grant Recipients](#) (open until March 1, 2024)
- [FY 2024 Supplemental Funding Requests for Eligible Revolving Loan Fund Grants](#) (open until March 15, 2024)

Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dam Program (HHPD)- This program provides technical, planning, design, and construction assistance in the form of grants for rehabilitation of eligible high hazard potential dams.

Award: 65% of the total eligible project cost

Deadline: February 29, 2024

[Rehabilitation Of High Hazard Potential Dam \(HHPD\) Grant Program | FEMA.gov](#)

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) (Formula Funding)- EECBG funding is designed to assist states, local governments, and Tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency. Cities and towns through a formula allocation can apply for funding either as a grant or through a voucher. The Department of Energy has suggested selecting a voucher if a municipality, state, or tribe received an amount \$200,000 or below to reduce the administrative burden on the entity.

OCPC Region Allocation by Community

[IJA \(40552\) EECBG Program Attachment 1a. Local Govt. Allocations FINAL.pdf \(energy.gov\)](#)

City/Town	Formula Allocation
Brockton	\$151,670
Plymouth	\$121,930

To assist state and local governments with determining eligible projects, a series of Program Blueprints were developed to offer ideas in energy efficiency, renewable energy, transportation electrification, clean energy, finance, and workforce development. These blueprints are also designed to assist municipalities streamline the environmental review process.

[Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Blueprints | Department of Energy](#)

Deadline: Complete applications- April 30, 2024

[EECBG Program Formula Grant Application Hub | Department of Energy](#)

Grants for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Improvements at Public Facilities Program-

Funding is provided to make public schools and their fleet vehicles more energy efficient. Eligible uses include improvements, repairs, or renovations that reduce energy costs or lead, improve teacher and student health, and achieve energy savings; installation of renewable energy; alternative fueled vehicle infrastructure; purchases or leases of alternative fueled vehicles or their upgrades.

Award: Amounts vary

Deadline: TBA, FY24

[Grants for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities program | US Department of Transportation](#)

Funding to Address Indoor Air Pollution at Schools- Applications are solicited to enable low-income disadvantaged schools, and or school districts across rural, suburban, and or urban areas to monitor and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and indoor air pollutants through the development and adoption of comprehensive indoor air quality management plans.

Award: \$3M-8M

Deadline: 3/19/24

[Grant Funding to Address Indoor Air Pollution at Schools | US EPA](#)

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program- This program seeks to implement the building of a circular economy for all strategy series; improve local post-consumer materials management programs, including municipal recycling; and make improvements to local waste management systems. Eligible activities include innovative solutions or programs that provide or increase access to prevention, reuse, and recycling in areas that currently do not have access; purchase of recycling equipment, including but not limited to, sorting equipment, waste metering, truck, processing facilities; upgrades to material recovery facilities (MRFs) such as optical sorters; development of or upgrades to composting facilities or anaerobic digesters to increase capacity for organics recycling; and development of or upgrades to curbside collection programs or drop-off stations.

Award: \$500,000-\$4,000,000

Deadline: TBA, FY24

Watershed Rehabilitation Program- Through the Department of Agriculture, the Watershed Rehabilitation Program assists project sponsors rehabilitate aging dams that are reaching the end of their design life and no longer meet federal or state safety criteria or performance standards.

[Watershed Rehabilitation | Natural Resources Conservation Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

Contacts: Deron Davis (deron.davis@usda.gov); Xavier Rivera (xavier.riveria@usda.gov); Mia Halter (mia.halter@usda.gov)

Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant- The purpose of program is to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing, or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing, or leasing bus-related facilities.

Award: No maximum

Deadline: TBA, FY24

[Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program | US Department of Transportation](#)

Rail Vehicle Replacement Grants- Competitive funding for rail vehicle replacement, specifically to replace rail rolling stock that is past its useful life.

Award: No maximum

Deadline: TBA, FY24

[Rail Vehicle Replacement Program | US Department of Transportation](#)

Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development- Provides funding to communities to integrate land use and transportation planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity transit project corridors. Eligible activities include enhancing economic development, ridership, and other goals established during the project development and engineering process; facilitate multimodal connectivity and accessibility; increase access to transit hubs for pedestrian and bicycle traffic; and enable mixed-use development.

Award: \$250,000-\$2,000,000

Deadline: TBA, FY24

[Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning FY2021 Notice of Funding | FTA \(dot.gov\)](#)

Airport Infrastructure Grants- The purpose of the ATP is to make annual grants available to eligible airports for airport terminal and airport-owned Airport Traffic Control Towers development projects that address the aging infrastructure of our nation's airports.

[Airport Terminal Program; FY 2024 Funding Opportunity | US Department of Transportation](#)

Additional Resources

US DOT Navigator- The DOT Navigator is a resource to help communities understand how to apply for grants, and plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services.

[DOT Navigator | US Department of Transportation](#)

State Transportation Grants Dashboard

[Grants | geoDOT Local \(arcgis.com\)](#)

[Key Notices of Funding Opportunity | US Department of Transportation](#)

[AMPO NOFO Tracker - AMPO](#)

Federal Funds Information for Local Governments - Resources for local leaders to maximize federal funding for Massachusetts communities.

[**Federal Funds Information for Local Governments | Mass.gov**](#)

Local Infrastructure Hub- National League of Cities

[Funding Opportunities](#)

February 1, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting
Agenda Item 8A
Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Summary

Through Task 3200 (Local Highway Technical Assistance) of the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) FFY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program, Old Colony Planning Council provides local traffic planning and technical analysis services to its member communities.

Old Colony Planning Council completed a Road Safety Audit of the Pine Street corridor in Stoughton. The Final Report for the Audit has been distributed to the Town, MassDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration.

Project Status Updates

Bridgewater

- Traffic Counts on Multiple Roadways
Data collection planned for early 2024.

Duxbury / Kingston

- Traffic Study of Landing Road / Loring Street / Parks Street Corridor
Data collection planned for May 2024.

Plympton

- Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Zone Study for Multiple Roadways
Data collection planned for Spring 2024.

For information about local technical assistance studies prepared by OCPC or to request technical assistance in your community, please direct inquiries to Bill McNulty, PTP (wmcnulty@ocpcrpa.org) at (774) 539-5103.

February 1, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting
Agenda Item 8B
Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs, and NPCs

Summary

The reviews on Environmental Notification Forms (ENFs), Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs), and Notices of Project Change (NPCs) staff report includes projects that are subject to Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) review under M.G.L. c. 30, sections 61-62H. The staff report provides information about proposed projects, proponent and MEPA points of contact, and comment period deadlines in order to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on any and all proposed projects. Information on the MEPA review process; project filing procedures; the staff directory; and information on current and past projects can be accessed at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/mepa/>.

Submitting Comments to MEPA

The Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) accepts written comments on projects currently under MEPA review. Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, via fax, or by hand delivery. Comments submitted to MEPA are public records and should be sent to the following address:

Secretary Kathleen Theoharides
EEA, Attn: MEPA Office
[Analyst Name], EEA No. _____
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New Projects

None

Certificates

**EEA #16758 – Plymouth Wastewater Treatment Facility Treated Effluent Discharge –
Plymouth**

Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF)

The certificate states that this project **requires an Environmental Impact Report.**

EEA #16773 – Proposed ABC Recycling Facility

Environmental Notification Form

The Certificate states that this project **does not require an EIR.**

EEA #16775 – Lakeside Road Residential Project

Environmental Notification Form

The Certificate states that this project **does not require an EIR.**

EEA #16692 – Plymouth Municipal Airport

Draft Environmental Impact Report

The Certificate states that this project **adequately and properly complies with MEPA.**

Public Notices

None

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