

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, January 16, 2024 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

Signatories Present:

Derek Krevat, Representing Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Shaun Handy, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit (BAT)
Mary Waldron, Representing Becky Coletta, President, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)
John Messia, Representing Mayor Robert Sullivan, City of Brockton
James Downey, Representing Richard Quintal, Chair, Select Board
Dan Salvucci, Board of Selectmen, Town of Whitman

Others Present:

Kelly Forrester, BAT
Bob Rulli, Bridgewater
Zack Blais, CMRPC
Eric Gemperline, CMRPC
Nathan Lewis, CMRPC
Robert Raymond, CMRPC
Adam Wriggins, CMRPC
Mary Ellen DeFrias, GATRA
Melissa Ferretti, Herring Pond Wampanoag, Bourne
Valerie Massard, Kingston
Raissah Kouame, MassDOT
Andrew Wang, MassDOT
Barbara Lachance, MassDOT District 5
Greg Lucas, Tighe & Bond
Colleen Pekrul, MA Safe Routes to School
Bonnie Roalsen, MA Safe Routes to School
Zachary Gavel, WSP
Charles Kilmer, OCPC
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Ray Guarino, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC
Shawn Bailey, OCPC
Andrew Vidal, OCPC
Elise Prince, OCPC

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Derek Krevat called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. Charles Kilmer then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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3. Minutes of the November 21, 2023 Meeting

Chairperson Krevat asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting.

Mary Waldron made a motion and John Messia seconded to endorse the minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted via roll to endorse the minutes of the November 21, 2023 Old Colony MPO Meeting. James Downey abstained from the vote.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert provided the following updates:

- BAT continues to provide free fares on buses and paratransit services which runs through the end of May. This is designed to benefit current customers, offer easy introduction to service for new customers, and to help boost ridership.
- Capital Investment Plan process has begun. This is a five year plan which outlines planned infrastructure improvements during that time.
- BAT remains on schedule to have the first battery operated buses on site in late Spring. BAT is working with National Grid to make sure the charging infrastructure is in place.

5. Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority Report

Mary Ellen DeFrias reported on the following items:

- GATRA ran their fare free service from Black Friday through New Year's Eve. There was an increase of about 4,000 trips in comparison to numbers from last December.
- Sunday service has started on limited routes back in October. All routes will be operating Sunday service by February.
- As of February 5, 2024, the operations in Plymouth will be moving to Wareham.
- Four electric buses are on order and an arrival later in the Fiscal Year.
- Four diesel buses expected in June.

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

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

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

- At 25% Design and expecting 75% design submission in April, 2024

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

- Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) received in Mid-December (Currently under review)

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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 and 2 received in November (Currently under review)

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

- MassDOT is awaiting Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) Submission

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

- At 25% Design
- New design schedule is needed

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

- Pre 25% Scoping meeting was held in January, 2023

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

- MassDOT is waiting for Subsurface Utility Exploration (SUE) to be scheduled

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

- In Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Process. Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Stage 2 Revision 1 was completed the beginning of January, 2024

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

- Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Stage 2 was received beginning of January, 2024 (Currently under review)

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

- Coordination Meeting was held in mid-December, 2023

7. Performance Based Planning and MassDOT Proposed Performance Measures and Targets (PM1)

- **Discussion, and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Set of Federally Required Performance Measures and Targets Pertaining to Highway Safety (PM1) for 2024**

Raissah Kouame presented the PM1 Safety Performance Targets for 2024. They are as follows:

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.

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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.

Chairperson Krevat asked if there is a motion to endorse the PM1 Highway Safety Targets.

Mary Waldron made a motion and Michael Lambert seconded.

The Old Colony MPO then voted via roll call to endorse the PM1 Highway Safety Targets.

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

- **Amendment 2 (Community Transit Grants – BAT, Bridgewater, AAA, and SSCAC Projects) – Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Bill McNulty provided a description of the projects being added to the TIP via Amendment 2. The project additions include:

- 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
- SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL - TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM OPERATING ASSISTANCE
 - Adding Project
 - State Fiscal Year 2024 Community Transit Grant Mobility Assistance Program

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- Total Project Cost is \$150,000

Chairperson Krevat asked if there is a motion to release Amendment 2 to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

The motion was made by Michael Lambert and seconded by James Downey.

The Old Colony MPO voted via roll call to release Amendment 2 to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

9. Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revised Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC)

▪ Review and Potential Endorsement

Bill McNulty provided an overview of the Old Colony TIP Revised Transportation Evaluation Criteria.

The proposed updated Transportation Evaluation Criteria replaces the 18-point system used by Old Colony Planning Council in recent years with a 100-point system that scores projects by specific defined criteria in the following categories:

- System Preservation - 30 Points
- Safety - 30 Points
- Mobility - 10 Points
- Economic Impact - 10 Points
- Environmental and Health Impact - 10 Points
- Community Support and Consistency with Policy - 10 Points

The updated Transportation Evaluation Criteria is designed to be clearly presented and fully transparent, considering all modes of transportation and users in transportation projects. The criteria also take into consideration recent initiatives and policies, such as Complete Streets and MPO adopted Performance Targets.

Chairperson Krevat asked if there is a motion to approve the Revised Transportation Evaluation Criteria.

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

Mary Waldron stated that this will streamline the process. The work put into this is much appreciated.

The Old Colony MPO voted via roll call to approve the Revised Transportation Evaluation Criteria.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Webinar for Municipalities - January 24, 2024

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- 2024 MassTrails Grant Application period is Now Open! Applications are due Thursday, February 1, 2024
- Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program - Division of Ecological Restoration (DER), Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game
- Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office - Next Federal Funds Partnership Meeting is on January 23, 2024 at 2:00 PM
- 2024 MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference is on 4/30/2024 & 5/1/2024

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).

Charles Kilmer announced that Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt will be chairing the February 20, 2024 MPO Meeting and encouraging all to attend in person, but that a virtual option will be available.

2024

- **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**

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Krevat adjourned the meeting at 10:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the January 16, 2024 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of November 21, 2023, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for January 16, 2024 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- Performance Measures and Targets Pertaining to Highway Safety (PM1) for 2024 Presentation