

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

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

Roll Call/Attendance

<u>Members/Designees</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Stephen Woelfel	Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Secretary, MassDOT	Present
Richard Bilski	Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division	Present
John Messia	Mayor Robert Sullivan, City of Brockton	Present
Lee Hartmann	Richard Quintal, Jr., Town of Plymouth	Present
Michael Perez	Town of West Bridgewater – Representing Avon, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Plympton, and West Bridgewater	Present
Daniel Salvucci	Town of Whitman – Representing Abington, Bridgewater, Duxbury, Easton, Pembroke, Stoughton, and Whitman	Present
Michael Lambert	Brockton Area Transit (BAT)	Present
Rebecca Coletta	Old Colony Planning Council	Present

Ex-Officio Members

Cecelie Cochran	Joi Singh, FHWA	Present
Kirstie Horstetter	Peter Bulter, FTA Regional Administrator, Region 1	Absent
Noreen O’Toole	Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee	Present

Also Present

Richard Jordan	Avon
Kelly Forrester	Brockton Area Transit (BAT)
Anna Sangree	BETA Group
Jaklyn Centracchio	BETA Group
Austin Pszenny	BETA Group
Allison Shane	Duxbury
Cecelia Cochran	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mary Ellen DeFrias	Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)
Alan Castaline	MBTA Advisory Board
Bonnie Roalsen	Massachusetts Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
Raissah Kouame	Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)
Derek Krevat	Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)
Derek Shooster	Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)
Barbara Lachance	Massachusetts Department of Transportation District 5
Shawn Bailey	Old Colony Planning Council
Matt Dyer	Old Colony Planning Council
Ray Guarino	Old Colony Planning Council

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Charles Kilmer	Old Colony Planning Council
Guoqiang Li	Old Colony Planning Council
Bill McNulty	Old Colony Planning Council
Kyle Mowatt	Old Colony Planning Council

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. Chairperson Woelfel read the meeting accessibility statement and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Roll call was then conducted by Charles Kilmer.

2. Opening Remarks and MassDOT Report

▪ Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt, MassDOT

Chairperson Woelfel stated that Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt had a late breaking meeting so she will not be attending the meeting today. The plan is to have her attend the September MPO Meeting.

3. Old Colony Regional Priorities and Updates

Charles Kilmer notes that this agenda item will be moved to the September MPO Meeting when Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt is in attendance.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

5. Minutes of the June 18, 2024 Meeting

A motion to approve the draft minutes of the June 18, 2024 meeting was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Rebecca Coletta. Members voted as follows:

Stephen Woelfel	Aye
Richard Bilski	Abstain
John Messia	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Michael Perez	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Rebecca Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

6. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

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- Ridership levels continue to increase. Currently at a 22 year high. This is boosted by BAT's fare free program which they are able to extend through the end of the calendar year.
- First set of electric buses have arrived on property. Training and setting up of chargers are now in progress. The ribbon cutting will be in the Fall, 2024.
- BAT recently received a grant from MassDOT to provide transportation via Uber, Lyft, Taxi during overnight hours for people who commute to work between 9:00 pm and 6:00 am. This will be open to all of BAT's member communities.

7. Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) Report

Mary Ellen DeFrias reported on the following items:

- GATRA is seeing a continuous increase in ridership. Mary Ellen DeFrias congratulated BAT on their increase in ridership.
- New diesel buses have arrived on property and will soon be seen in the Plymouth/Wareham area.
- GATRA is working on the design of the new Wareham Station that will cover Plymouth and Wareham. Electric vans will be rolling out of that site. The electric vans will be here this summer, but they will primarily be stationed down in Wareham once the new facility is built.
- GATRA is looking to expand service in the Fall. Some of the routes will be going a little later based on ridership.

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

- **Amendment 4 (BAT and SSCAC Community Transit Grant Program/ 5310 Projects) - Public Comments and Potential Endorsement**
- **Adjustment 3 (BAT Projects, and TIP Universe of Projects) - Review and Potential Approval**

Bill McNulty reported on the FFY 2024-2028 Old Colony TIP Amendment 4.

Amendment 4 includes the following changes:

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1. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)
 - Add Project
 - Purchase of Six (6) Type E2A Vehicles
 - Cost is \$728,208
2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (BAT)
 - Add Project
 - Purchase of Four (4) Type E2A Vehicles, Six (6) Type DA Vehicles, and (1) Type Low-Floor Vehicle
 - Cost is \$1,007,386

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3. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (BAT)
 - Add Project

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- Purchase of Four (4) Type E2A Vehicles, Six (6) Type DA Vehicles, and (1) Type Low-Floor Vehicle
- Cost is \$251,846

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4. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (BAT)
 - Add Project
 - Purchase of Four (4) Type E2A Vehicles, Six (6) Type DA Vehicles, and (1) Type Low-Floor Vehicle
 - Cost is \$194,122

Public comments received are as follows:

Date	Name	Representation	Comment or Comment Summary	Response
6/26/2024	Old Colony Planning Council	Old Colony Planning Council	The Old Colony Planning Council approved Amendment 4.	Noted.

A motion to endorse Amendment 4 was made by Lee Hartmann and seconded by Dan Salvucci. Members voted as follows:

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| Stephen Woelfel | Aye |
| Richard Bilski | Aye |
| John Messia | Aye |
| Lee Hartmann | Aye |
| Michael Perez | Aye |
| Dan Salvucci | Aye |
| Michael Lambert | Aye |
| Rebecca Coletta | Aye |

The motion passed.

Bill McNulty then reported on Adjustment 3:

FFY 2024

TRANSIT PROJECT COST ADJUSTMENTS

1. RTD0011335 : BAT - BUY ASSOC CAP MAINT ITEMS
 - Former Programmed Valuer: \$10,000
 - New Value: \$15,000
 - Cost Variance: \$5,000

2. T00117 : BAT - Acquire Shop Equipment

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- Former Programmed Valuer: \$15,000
- New Value: \$10,000
- Cost Variance: -\$5,000

UNIVERSE OF PROJECTS - FFY 2024-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Additionally, the following un-programmed project was added to the Universe of Projects section of the FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program document:

1. Regional: OCPC Intra-Regional Multi-Modal Active Transportation Network

A motion to approve Adjustment 3 was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by John Messia. Members voted as follows:

Stephen Woelfel	Aye
Richard Bilski	Aye
John Messia	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Michael Perez	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Rebecca Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

9. Old Colony Safe Streets for All Action (SS4A) Plan

▪ Update from BETA Group, Inc.

Jaklyn Centracchio, Anna Sangree, and Austin Pszenny from BETA Group presented on the Old Colony Safe Streets for All Action (SS4A) Plan.

The overarching goal of SS4A is to reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries for all users within the region. The plan's objective is to identify locations and trends and then to propose countermeasures.

An interactive map and dashboard were showcased. Charles Kilmer noted that a link to the interactive map and dashboard will be located on the OCPC website on the SS4A page.

Rebecca Coletta asked if we are encouraging people to add to the interactive map. Austin Pszenny stated that there will be a page on the website where people can go and input their concerns.

Lee Hartmann asked if the crash data includes interstate roads. Austin Pszenny stated that it does not include interstates.

Rebecca Coletta asked if this is on the website today. Jaklyn Centracchio stated that the plan is to release it today to the MPO to look at and to make any suggestions/tweaks, and then by the end of the week, post it to the OCPC website.

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Richard Bilski enquired about the 31% that were single vehicle crashes. He asked what are these fixed roadside elements that they are hitting? Austin Pszenny stated that this is broken down in the data, it is just not shown on the slide in the presentation. Richard Bilski asked if we will be able to query that data in the dashboard. Austin Pszenny does not know if it is able to do it currently, but if it is something that is important then it can be added. Richard Bilski would like to know what elements are being hit so MassDOT can address those in the design process.

Rebecca Coletta asked how many of these crashes are due to substance abuse. Austin Pszenny stated that they're using MassDOT Impact Data and that does not have data on substance abuse involved crashes.

Richard Jordan inquired about the Crashes per Road Mile slide to confirm that Avon and Abington are in the second to highest category, and whether rate shown was a specific standard benchmark. Austin Pszenny stated that yes, they are in the top 5 in the region. Regarding the rate, Austin Pszenny noted that the rate shown was not an industry standard, but rather a function of the actual data.

Richard Bilski asked about the Severity by Town slide. The fatal injury is not showing due to the scaling. Austin Pszenny noted that this will be fixed.

OCPC will coordinate with MassDOT and BETA group to review data and discuss further, before the dashboard and interactive map are posted to the website.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

- 2024 Moving Together Conference - Early Bird Registration is Now Open! - October 23, 2024, Sheraton Boston Hotel
- MassDOT Online Grant Management Tool: Grant Central
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) - Planning and Demonstration Activities Funding Opportunity - Applications are due by Thursday, August 29, 2024
- Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office - Next Federal Funds Partnership Meeting is July 23, 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).

2024

- **August 20, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **September 17, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **October 15, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **November 19, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **December 17, 2024 at 10 AM**

Charles Kilmer stated that unless there are any action items, OCPC respectfully suggests that the MPO does not meet in August.

11. Adjournment

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A motion to adjourn was made by Rebecca Coletta and seconded by Dan Salvucci. Members voted as follows:

Stephen Woelfel	Aye
Richard Bilski	Aye
John Messia	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Michael Perez	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Rebecca Coletta	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

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

- Minutes of June 18, 2024, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for July 16, 2024 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Presentation (BETA Group)