

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Held Virtually Via Zoom December 1, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	Howard Stein Hudson	Steven Findlen
Abington	John Stone		Fred Chase
Bridgewater	Shane O'Brien	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Hanover	Rhonda Nyman	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Ray Guarino
MassDOT District 5	Cheryll Ann Senior	OCPC	Guoqiang Li
CDM Smith	Lisa Sherman	OCPC	Dottie Fulginiti

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chairperson Dan Salvucci called the meeting to order at 12:02 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 November 3, 2022 Meeting

Chairperson Salvucci asked if there is a motion to approve the November 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Glenn Geiler and seconded by Shane O'Brien to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2022.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the November 3, 2022 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:

- Try Transit – November 25 through December 31 BATs bus and paratransit services will be free thanks, in part, to a grant included in the state budget and awarded by MassDOT.
- Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Primer for Planners – December 16, 2022 at 1PM
- Old Colony Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting – December 16, 2022 at 1PM

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Charles Kilmer announced the date of the 2022 OCPC Summit which will be held on December 8, 2022 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- BAT is excited to offer free trips on fixed route and paratransit services from now until the end of December
- BAT is starting to roll out their micro transit service in the town of Rockland. This is part of BATs workforce CMAQ grant
- BATs microtransit app is available for download. It is called BAT Flex
- BAT thanked Mary Waldron and her team for having BAT be a part of the DBA and the Holiday Parade

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

Shawn Bailey reported on the following items:

- GATRA is also offering free fares for their fixed route buses from November 25-December 31.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Shawn Bailey reported on the following:

In November 2022, work conducted involved fencing installation in eight communities on Fall River & Middleborough Secondary Lines and New Bedford Main Line; utilizing Cotley Street in Berkley to access right-of-way (ROW) for various project activities; 24-hour track work in Freetown and New Bedford; 24-hour culvert work in Fall River; shoulder closure on Route 140 Southbound in Taunton for curb and sidewalk installation; daytime track work in Berkley; overnight road work and lane closures for crossing work in Taunton; a detour in Fall River for bridge work; and daytime and overnight roadwork on Route 105 in Middleborough and Route 140 in New Bedford.

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 along the right-of-way from Berkley to Fall River. There was also overnight and daytime transportation of soils by truck to designated project sites as well as detours for various project activities.

6. Old Business

A. FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

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Bill McNulty reported on changes to projects within the TIP. They are as follows:

FFY 2023 Projects:

- STOUGHTON – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) AC PHASE 1 OF 2
 - 100% Design Package Received 10/27/2022
 - Cost Estimate for AC Phase 1 is \$9,264,000 (Total cost is \$16,444,496)

FFY 2024 Projects:

- STOUGHTON – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) AC PHASE 2 OF 2
 - Total cost is \$16,444,496

7. New Business

- A. *Development of FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)***
 - ***Universe of Projects and Project Updates***

Bill McNulty discussed the Universe of Projects. The projects are as follows:

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).
 - Cost Estimate is \$5,374,667.
- ABINGTON & BROCKTON - PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (609520)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - 25% Package received by MassDOT (7/9/2021).
 - 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 not programmed.
 - Project approved by the MassDOT Project Review Committee (PRC) on 10/21/2021.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,786,625.

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- ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, ROUTE 18 (BEDFORD STREET) AT ROUTE 123 (BROCKTON AVENUE) (612770)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project approved by the MassDOT Project Review Committee (PRC) on 5/12/2022.
 - 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).
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,200,000.
- 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.
 - 25% Package Resubmission 1 received by MassDOT (7/9/2021).
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,074,203.
- BROCKTON - ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (609052)
 - Programmed in FFY 2024.
 - 25% Package received by MassDOT (11/15/2021).
 - Design Engineer Reports Updated Data Collection and Analysis Required for 25% Design (8/26/2022).
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,251,087.
- BROCKTON - IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27), INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER (607818)

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- Programmed in FFY 2025.
- 25% Resubmission 1 Package received by MassDOT (12/24/2019).
- Design Engineer Reports Updated Data Collection and Analysis Required for 25% Design (8/26/2022).
- Cost Estimate is \$4,536,000.

- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/ QUINCY STREET/ MASSASOIT BOULEVARD (606143)
 - Programmed in FFY 2025.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,148,928

- BROCKTON & ABINGTON - PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (609520)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,129,363.

- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), PEARL STREET AND STONEHILL STREET (612262)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - 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 approved by the MassDOT Project Review Committee (PRC) on 10/21/2021.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Pre-25% Design Scoping Meeting Held 4/8/2022.
 - Cost Estimate is \$8,778,450.

DUXBURY

- 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 \$2,688,000.

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- DUXBURY – BRIDGHE REPLACEMENT – POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY (612006)
 - Advance Construction in multiple phases in FFYs 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$157,257,710.

- DUXBURY- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, D-14-010 (48H & 48J), ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY) NB/SB OVER FRANKLIN STREET (605294)
 - Programmed in FFY 2023.
 - Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) received by MassDOT (10/4/2022).
 - Cost Estimate is \$33,412,501.

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.

EASTON

- EASTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET (608195)
 - Programmed in FFY 2025.
 - 25% Resubmission 1 Package received by MassDOT (2/25/2022).
 - Design Public Hearing Held on May 12, 2022.
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,938,302.

- 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 \$4,025,000.

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- EASTON - IMPROVEMENTS ON FOUNDRY STREET (ROUTE 106/123) (612269)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Pre-25% Design Meeting held March 1, 2022
 - 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.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$13,437,675

HANOVER

- HANOVER – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 139 (HANOVER STREET) AT MAIN STREET, CENTER STREET, AND SILVER STREET (612769)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project approved by the MassDOT Project Review Committee (PRC) on 5/12/2022.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,156,600

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 2026 and 2027
 - MassDOT comments on the 25% Package returned to the Design Engineer (5/7/2020).
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - AC Phase 1 is \$5,232,158; AC Phase 2 is \$6,316,184 and will be programmed in FFY 2027 of FFY 2023-2027 TIP (Total cost is \$10,311,020).

KINGSTON

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

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PLYMPTON

- PLYMPTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, WINNETUXET ROAD OVER WINNETUXET RIVER (609435)
 - Programmed in FFY 2024.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,062,345.

STOUGHTON

- STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) AC PHASES 1 AND 2
 - Programmed in FFY 2023 and FFY 2024.
 - 100% Package Received (10/27/2022).
 - Design Public Hearing held February 16, 2022.
 - Total cost is \$16,444,496.
- STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE (608279)
 - Programmed in FFY 2023.
 - MassDOT comments on the 100% Package returned to the Design Engineer (3/24/2021).
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,242,977.
- 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 \$29,272,890.
- STOUGHTON - CANTON STREET (ROUTE 27) & SCHOOL STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (TBD)
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,300,000.

Rhonda Nyman thanked OCPC for all the work they've done in Hanover.

Rhonda Nyman asked what it means when a project is unprogrammed. Bill McNulty stated that each year has an allocated amount of funds to program projects. An unprogrammed project is not in one of 5 programmed years for the TIP and waiting for a spot. Just because a project is not in the current programmed 5 years does not mean it can't move into the TIP the next year.

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B. MassDOT IMPACT Crash Portal – Overview and Demonstration

Ray Guarino provided an overview and demonstration on the MassDOT IMPACT Crash Portal.

IMPACT is MassDOT's interactive on-line tool containing motor vehicle crash information and crash data for end users for crash analyses. This online website is a public multi-use tool for easy crash data extraction utilizing its dashboard function and built-in reports or more complex data extraction using its advanced query features (via Structured Query Language, SQL) or cross tabulation. It has a map visualization function for easily capturing crash data points within a geographic area as well as the flexibility of data extraction compatible with spreadsheet capabilities (EXCEL compatible xlsx, comma separated values csv, or pdf). OCPC has utilized this on-line tool for Road Safety Audits, corridor studies, and other traffic studies.

C. Old Colony 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Development Update

Bill McNulty provided an update on the Old Colony 2050 LRTP.

Old Colony Planning Council is collaborating with MassDOT and mobility partners in the region to plan focus group meeting(s) in the coming months to discuss mobility needs and challenges for the region to be focused on in the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. The first focus group meeting will be held in cooperation and collaboration with the Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Authority and will be scheduled in December or January.

A public survey will be launched in the next couple of weeks. This survey was developed in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Bill McNulty reported on the following Community Local Technical Assistance Studies.

Old Colony Planning Council has completed a traffic study of traffic within Kingston, counting the number of vehicles accessing the Kingston Commuter Rail Station over a one-week (including weekends) period. This data was distributed to the Town.

A traffic study of the intersection and surrounding area of Route 106 at Bridge Street in East Bridgewater was recently completed for the Town.

Old Colony Planning Council in cooperation with the Town of Stoughton recently conducted a walkability audit of Pleasant Street (Route 139) at Lowe Avenue.

Old Colony Planning Council recently completed traffic counts by request for the Town of Whitman.

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Project Status Updates

Duxbury

- Traffic Study for Route 3A at Oak Street and Parks Avenue, and Route 3A at Elm Street and Soule Avenue
Data collection in progress

East Bridgewater

- Central Street Corridor Traffic Study
Data analysis underway

Kingston

- Road Safety Audit of Landing Road
RSA to be scheduled

Plymouth

- Aerial Inventory of Locations (OCPC Drone Program)
Drone flights to be scheduled

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

Notice of Project Change (NPC)

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EEA #15870 – Plymouth Light Station Mixed Sediment Berm – Plymouth

Three material changes to the project are as follows:

1. The preferred alternative for shoreline protection is a beach compatible mixed sediment berm backed by a low-crested revetment.
2. The site recommended for the material and equipment storage area is located in an upland area outside of NHESP Jurisdiction. This material and equipment storage area is not located in a wetland resource area.
3. Upland drainage improvements along the bluff crest are proposed to ensure that overland flow does not exacerbate bluff-face erosion.

Certificates

EEA #16104 - Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (EIR) – Kingston

Certificate states project **adequately and properly** complies with MEPA.

EEA #16561 - Raynham Park Redevelopment - Raynham

Certificate states project **does not adequately and properly comply** with MEPA.

EEA #16578 - Owl Ridge Estates (EIR) - Easton

Certificate state project **adequately and properly complies** with MEPA.

EEA #16538 – Long Beach Mixed-Sediment Nourishment – Plymouth

Certificate states project **adequately and properly complies** with MEPA

Public Notices

Notice of Application for a 401 Water Quality Certificate - Duxbury

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 M.G.L. c. 21 §§ 26 -53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application filed by the MassDOT Highway Division, Ten Park Plaza, Room 7360, Boston, MA 02116 for the replacement of two existing bridges carrying Route 3 NB and SB, over Franklin Street in Duxbury, Massachusetts. The project will replace the existing bridges with new structures with improved vertical clearance. This will require shifting the northbound bridge and lane approaches west into the median, resulting in permanent wetland fill as well as temporary impacts during the construction phase.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

There were no regional concerns or local community transportation issues at this time.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt

Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for December 1, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the November 3, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for December 1, 2022, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items