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Thursday, May 4, 2023, 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

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 - 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).

May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 1 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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- "This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Microphones or telephones will be used by all speakers. Large- print materials are available upon advance request. If you would like either of these accommodations, please contact Mary Waldron at 508-583-1833."
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May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 2 Public Comments

Summary

Public comments.

May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 3 Minutes of April 6, 2023 Meeting

Summary

Old Colony JTC to consider approval of April 6, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting Minutes.

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Held Virtually Via Zoom April 6, 2023 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	Transit AMS	Jim Jihan
Avon	Bill Fitzgerald	Tighe & Bond	Greg Lucas
Bridgewater	Shane O'Brien	GPI	Sid Kashi
Brockton	Alan Castaline	BETA, Inc.	Dan McCormack
Hanson	Don Howard	OCPC	Mary Waldron
Plymouth	James Downey	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Stoughton	Marc Tisdele, P.E.	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Guoqiang Li
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Jay Song
MassDOT District 5	Barbara Lachance	OCPC	Bill McNulty
MassDOT	Alex Duggan		

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:00 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 March 2, 2023 Meeting

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole asked if there is a motion to approve the March 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Don Howard to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2023.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the March 2, 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 were as follows:

Announcement of FHWA Leadership Panel on Equity in Roadway Safety, to be held April 17, 2023

from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

- Announcement of Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Spring Webinar on April 26, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- Announcement by the MBTA on the Public Review and Comment Period for their FY 2024-2028
 Capital Improvement Program (Cip)

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiller reported on the following items:

- BAT is working with Old Colony Planning Council to develop its Title VI Plan, which is updated every three years, along with its limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan. .
- The expansion of microtransit service in the Town of Rockland has been successful, and BAT is adding flexibility to how users can add funds to their accounts by contacting Customer Service.
- BAT is in the process of applying for a Low and No Emissions Grant t and Busses and Bus Facilities
 Grant through the Federal Transit Administration and thanked all who have provided letters of
 support.

Chairperson O'Toole commended Brockton Area Transit for providing greater payment flexibility on the Rockland microtransit service.

Charles Kilmer recognized and congratulated Glenn Geiller of Brockton Area Transit for being nominated as Northeastern University's first Founders Fellow with the American Society for Public Administration.

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

Shawn Bailey reported on the following items:

GATRA has announced service changes on seven routes, going into effect on March 6, 2023.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Shawn Bailey provided a construction update for South Coast Rail Phase 1, which is expected to open for service later in 2023.

6. Old Business

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

Review and Discussion of Amendment 2

Bill McNulty provided an overview of FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2, which makes the following changes to the TIP to accommodate cost increases on two projects in FFY 2023.

FFY 2023

- STOUGHTON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) AC YEAR 1 OF 2
 - Total Project Cost Increase to \$17,404,332
 - Advance Construction Year 1: \$8,411,033 (Year 1 amount decreased by \$822,967)
- STOUGHTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE (608279)
 - Updated Cost \$5,242,643 (Increase of \$999,666).

FFY 2024

- STOUGHTON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) AC YEAR 2 OF 2
 - Total Project Cost Increase to \$17,404,332
 - Advance Construction Year 2: \$8,963,299 (Year 2 amount increased by \$6,098,947)

Marc Tisdele, P.E. thanked all who have worked with the Town of Stoughton on advancing these projects, and the Joint Transportation Committee for their consideration to support this Amendment.

Bill McNulty asked the Joint Transportation Committee for a vote of approval of this proposed Amendment as presented.

The Joint Transportation Committee voted unanimously via roll call to approve the FFY 2023-2027 Old Colony TIP Amendment 2 as presented.

7. New Business

- A. FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Review and Discussion of Preferred Set of Projects

Bill McNulty reported on the preferred set of projects selected by the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the development of the FFY 2024-2028 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program. This preferred set of projects had been developed through analysis of Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC) scoring of each project, consultation with communities and project proponents, and coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Glenn Geiller to approve this preferred set of projects for the FFY 2024-2028 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program.

The Joint Transportation Committee voted unanimously via roll call to approve the preferred set of projects for the FFY 2024-2028 Old Colony TIP.

B. Development of FFY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

• Discussion of Universe of Projects

Charles Kilmer provided a review of the Old Colony Universe of Projects, and how each project is being evaluated on scoring criteria as development of the FFY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program is underway. This Universe of Projects, along with consultation with communities and planning partners, is used to determine projects that may be included as planning items in the Unified Planning Work Program.

Charles Kilmer encouraged people to provide comments to the Old Colony Planning Council, and noted that the Draft FFY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program will be released for public review and comment later this Spring.

Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) - Draft Universe of Projects for Element 3000

ID	COMMUNTY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT TYPE	MEETS LRTP IDENTIFIED NEED	CONDITION, MAINTENANCE, MODERNIZATION, AND EFFICIENCY	LIVABILITY AND ECONOMIC BENEFIT	МОВІПТУ	ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE	TRANSPORTATION EQUITY	SAFETY AND SECURITY	CMP CONGESTED AREA	HP CORRIDOR STUDY COMPOSITE SCORE
1	Avon	West Main Street from Brockton City Line to Route 28	Corridor	V	V	V	✓	~	1	1		53
2	Bridgewater	Route 104 from Raynham Town Line to Bridgewater Central Square	Corridor	V	✓	✓	1	~		1		64
3	Bridgewater	Route 104 from Bridgewater Central Square to Halifax Town Line	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	V	✓	V		57
4	Bridgewater	Route 18 and Route 18/Route 28	Corridor	~	✓	✓	V	V		V		56
5	Brockton	Oak Street from North Pearl Street to Route 28	Corridor	1	V	✓	1	1	✓	1		80
6	Brockton	Route 27 from Main Street to Whitman Town Line	Corridor	✓	✓	~	~	✓	~	~	V	69
7	Brockton	East Ashland Street	Corridor	~	✓	~	1	~	✓	1		66
8	Brockton	Main Street from Plain Street to Avon Town Line	Corridor	1	✓	1	1	1	1	1	1	62
9	Brockton	Route 27 from Stoughton Town Line to Main Street	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	62
10	Brockton	Route 28	Corridor	1	✓	~	1	~	1	1		54
11	Brockton	Route 123 from Downtown to Abington Town Line	Corridor	~	✓	~	V	~	✓	~		53
12	East Bridgewater	Route 14	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	V	V		1		54
13	East Bridgewater	Pleasant Street/ North Central Street/ Central Street	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	V		✓		53
14	Kingston	Route 3A and Vicinity Transportation and Land Use Study	Corridor and Land Use	✓	✓	V	√	~		V	V	
15	Pembroke	Route 36 from Halifax Town Line to Route 14	Corridor	V	✓	✓	1	1		1		56

Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) - Draft Universe of Projects for Element 3000

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16	Plymouth	Route 3A	Corridor	1	1	1	1	~		1	1	65
17	Plymouth	Carver Road (Former Route 44) from Carver Town Line to Route 3A	Corridor	√	✓	✓	V	1		1	✓	64
18	Plymouth	Long Pond Road from Route 3A (Herring Pond Road) to Route 3	Corridor	1	✓	~	1	1		1		53
19	Stoughton	Route 139 from Stoughton Center to Randolph Town Line	Corridor	1	✓	1	V	V	V	1		55
20	Stoughton	Route 27	Corridor	1	~	~	✓	1	~	1	1	53
21	Whitman	Route 27	Corridor	~	~	~	~	1		~		54
22	Regional	Road Safety Audits (RSAs) at Multiple Locations	Intersections and Corridors	✓	✓	√	✓	V	1	✓		
23	Regional	Major Bottleneck Identification Study	Corridor	✓	✓	~	✓	1	1	1	~	

C. Old Colony 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan – Development Update

Bill McNulty provided an update on the development of the Old Colony Vision 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Old Colony Planning Council hosted an information session virtually via Zoom on March 21, 2023. During this information session, Staff presented an overview of the Vision 20250 Long Range Transportation Plan and discussed the contents of each section (Goals and Objectives, Performance Targets and Measurement, Planning Scenarios, Regional Profile, Highway, Transit, Vulnerable Users, Safety and Security). Old Colony Planning Council will next host an information table at Bridgewater State University's Earth Day Celebration on April 21, 2023

Collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), and UMASS Donahue Institute continuous, reviewing, and socioeconomic (population, households, and employment) estimates for 2030, 2040, and 2050. A final set of figures is anticipated very soon.

Stakeholder engagement is currently underway. Meetings with stakeholders are being scheduled to discuss their needs and solicit their input into the process. A series of public engagement events (webinars, open houses, information tables) are also being planned and scheduled.

Old Colony Planning Council is currently performing a pavement conditions assessment of the federalaid eligible roadway network in the Old Colony region. This assessment will be used in developing investment scenarios and an overall investment figure needed to improve and maintain the entire system in a state of good repair.

The Draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan will be released for public review and comment later this Spring.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Bill McNulty provided an update of project statuses being prepared through the Old Colony MPO's Local Highway Technical Assistance Program.

Old Colony Planning Council recently completed Road Safety Audits on South Street in Avon, and at the intersections of Route 3A at Oak Street and Parks Street and Route 3A at Elm Street and Soule Avenue in Duxbury. Old Colony Planning Council would like to thank the Towns of Avon and Duxbury, along with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, for their participation in these Road Safety Audits. Final reports for these RSAs are in development and will be released for review shortly.

Project Status Updates

Avon

South Street Road Safety Audit
 Road Safety Audit Completed; Report in Development

Duxbury

 Traffic Study for Route 3A at Oak Street and Parks Avenue, and Route 3A at Elm Street and Soule Avenue

Road Safety Audit Completed; Report in Development

Halifax

Road Safety Audit of Plymouth Street (Route 106) at Pine Street
 Data collection underway; RSA to be scheduled.

Kingston

Road Safety Audit of Landing Road
 Data collection underway; RSA to be scheduled.

Stoughton

- Traffic Study and Road Safety Audit of Plain Street Corridor
 Data collection planned; Coordination with Town underway.
- B. Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs, and NPCs

Guoqiang Li 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.

New Projects

Environmental Status and Planning Report (ESPR)

EEA #11202 - MassDOT Snow and Ice Control

- The following represents some of the changes from the completion of the 2017 ESPR:
- MassDOT now uses over 75 liquid-intensive slurry-spreaders statewide, which are highly effective
 in preventing hardpack from forming on the pavement and keeping snow in a more plowable
 form during prolonged winter events.
- MassDOT has added over 25 vehicle mounted mobile Road Weather Information System (RWIS) sensors to supplement the over 45 fixed stations across the state.
- Calibration contractors are now required to add visible markings on the rear of the spreader vehicles to indicate the gate opening at the time of calibration, which allows visual inspections of gate opening during the winter season.
- In the last 5 years, MassDOT has reduced its average annual statewide salt usage from 26.9 to 23.0 tons per lane-mile, which approximately 30% less than the 33.4 tons per lane-mile used on an average annual basis between FY01 and FY 10 under similar winter weather severity conditions.

Supplementary Draft Environmental Impact Report (SDEIR)

EEA #16561 - Raynham Park Redevelopment

The Proponents submitted a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on August 31, 2022, and received a Certificate on October 18, 2022 requiring a Supplemental DEIR (SDEIR). Since the filing of the DEIR, there have been several advancements including:

- Commitment to conduct a Stage 1 ICE Screening with MassDOT
- Commitment to work with Town Officials on special event days
- Commitment to discuss Route 2 expansion with GATRA
- Commitment to 55 degrees and no cooling within warehouses
- Expansion of "EV ready" spaces

Projects Under Review

Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF)

EEA #16665 - East Bridgewater-Brockton Sewer Extension Project

The proposed sewer extension project includes construction of several thousand feet of gravity and force

main pipe and one wastewater pumping station to service a limited area sewer district in the Town of East Bridgewater. The virtual site visit for this project was held on March 15, 2023. Comments are due by March 27, 2023.

Certificates

EEA #16636 Ellis Brett Pond Dam Repairs – Brockton

The Certificate states that this project ADEQUATELY AND PROPERLY COMPLIES with MEPA.

EEA #16626 Raynham Riverwalk 40B

The Certificate states that this project **ADEQUATELY AND PROPERLY COMPLIES** with MEPA.

Public Notices

Notice of Federal Consistency Review – Statewide

The United States Environmental Protection Agency intends to issue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit MAG640000 for discharge from Potable Water Treatment Facilities (i.e., the Potable Water Treatment Facility General Permit or PWTF GP) to eligible PWTFs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of New Hampshire. The PWTF GP authorizes the discharge of drinking water residuals from up to 77 eligible potable water treatment facilities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of New Hampshire (i.e., 71 in Massachusetts and up to 6 in New Hampshire). Of the 71 Massachusetts facilities eligible for potential coverage under the PWTF GP, one facility discharges to the coastal zone. The Newburyport Water Works facility discharges to a Class SB segment (MA84A-06) of the Merrimack River (NPDES Permit Number MAG640018). EPA notes that this facility is already authorized to discharge under the existing PWTF GP, and effluent limitations and permit conditions have not been made any less stringent in the Draft PWTF GP.

Notice of Intent to Initiate an Ecological Restoration Project - Marshfield

The proposed project includes dam removal, restoring continuity and enhancing fish passage, lagoon water conservation improvements, and park access, safety, and aesthetic improvements.

Notice of Submission of a Yearly Operational Plan – Multiple Municipalities in Region

A Yearly Operational Plan has been submitted for: Keolis Commuter Services, LLC (Keolis). This plan has been prepared and submitted to the Department of Agricultural Resources by Fair Dermody Consulting Engineers of Portland, Maine. Municipalities identified in the Keolis YOP as locations where the rights-of-way will be treated with herbicides during the 2023 calendar year are: Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, Canton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanson, Holbrook, Kingston, Middleborough, Plymouth, Plympton, Randolph, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, Weymouth, and Whitman.

Notice of Issuance of Draft Water Management Act Permits - East Bridgewater

MassDEP has issued the following DRAFT Water Management Act permits for a 30-day public comment period. Draft permits can be found on the MassDEP WMA Draft Permits webpage at Water Management

Act Permits and Decisions | Mass.gov. Written comments on the granting of the permits are to be filed within thirty (30) days of the draft permit notice posted in the March 22, 2023, Environmental Monitor.

Notice of Submission of a Yearly Operational Plan - Canton

A Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) has been submitted for: Town of Canton.

Notice of Submission of a Yearly Operational Plan - Canton, Mansfield, and Sharon

A Yearly Operational Plan has been submitted for: AMTRAK National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Charles Kilmer announced that as the MBTA makes their FY 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) available for Public Review and Comment, Old Colony Planning Council will request the MBTA consider allocation of funds for environmental review and ultimately construction of double tracking on the Commuter Rail line in Quincy and Dorchester. The current single-track facility in this area is a bottleneck that constrains rail service to the South Shore.

Additionally, the Joint Transportation Committee voted unanimously to request the MBAT consider allocating funds for environmental review and construction of a double track in Quincy and Dorchester to alleviate capacity constraints on the Old Colony and South Coast Rail Commuter Rail Lines.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
William McNulty
William McNulty
Principal Transportation Planner

List of Documents for April 6, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the March 2, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for April 6, 2023, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items

May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 4 Communications

Summary

Are you interested in expanding mobility for older adults and people with disabilities?

MassDOT's annual <u>Community Transit Grant Program</u> provides grants to transit authorities, municipalities, Councils on Aging, and nonprofits for projects that expand mobility for older adults and people with disabilities. This year's application for operating and mobility management projects opens May 8. Please email <u>Rachel.L.Fichtenbaum@dot.state.ma.us</u> to sign up for application training on Friday, May 5 (10-noon) or Monday, May 8 (1-3 PM) to learn more!

Later this year, MassDOT will announce the training and application dates for grants for wheelchair-accessible vehicles. The spring cycle is only for operating and mobility management grants.

<u>Learn more about the Community Transit Grant Program</u>, including examples of past projects. <u>See all projects</u> funded in last year's operating and mobility management cycle.

For more information, please visit: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/community-transit-grant-program-details-and-eligibility

<u>Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program</u>

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently <u>announced the availability</u> of \$848 million in competitive grant funding for local governments and organizations, including transit agencies, to undertake projects to address the climate crisis. Fiscal Year 2022-23 funding is now available through the <u>Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program</u>. The competitive grant supports projects that improve the resilience of surface transportation systems, including highways, public transportation, pedestrian facilities, ports, and intercity passenger rail.

States, MPOs, local governments, transit agencies, and Tribes can apply. FHWA encourages applicants to use the <u>application checklist</u> when preparing their application.

Applications must be submitted electronically through grants.gov by Friday, August 18, 2023.

More information on the PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program is available on the <u>FHWA</u> website at: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/protect/discretionary/

Bike with BAT Day - May 17

As we celebrate Old Colony Planning Council Bike Month and Baystate Bike Month, please join Brockton Area Transit and Old Colony Planning Council for **Bike with BAT Day** on May 17, from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. This is an interactive in-person event held at the BAT Centre located at 155 Court Street, Brockton. Hope to see you there!



SAVETHE DATE BIKE WITH BAT Get to work with your Bike & BAT

Q-00 10-00 AM

8:00 - 10:00 AM

Food & Beverages to be served at Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Intermodal Centre



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May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 5A Brockton Area Transit (BAT)

Summary

Brockton Area Transit to provide report.

May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 5B Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)

Summary

Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority to provide report.

May 4, 2023 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 the end of 2023. 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 late 2023.

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 April 2023, 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; radio tower work at two towers in Berkley; daytime shoulder and lane closure on Route 140 Southbound in Taunton for utility installation & traffic signal modifications; daytime track work in Berkley; overnight and weekend crossing work in New Bedford; 24-hour track work between Samuel Barnet Boulevard to south of Route 140 in New Bedford; road closure in Fall River for culvert work; daytime roadwork on Route 105 in Middleborough; restarting Mass Coastal Railroad evening freight operations on the Fall River Secondary and New Bedford Main Lines; road closure and detour in New Bedford; and signal system installation and testing in seven communities on the Fall River & Middleborough Secondary and New Bedford Main Lines.

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

May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting
Agenda Item 6A
FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Implementation
Update on TIP Amendment 2

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 April 18, the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization voted unanimously to endorse the FFY 2023 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program as Amended with the following project cost adjustments:

Amendment 2 includes the following three (3) changes:

FFY 2023

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 - Updated Cost \$5,242,643 (Increase of \$999,666).

FFY 2024

- STOUGHTON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) AC YEAR 2 OF 2
 - Total Project Cost Increase to \$17,404,332
 - Advance Construction Year 2: \$8,963,299 (Year 2 amount increased by \$6,098,947)

May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 7A Appointment of Nominating Committee for JTC Officer 2023-2024

Summary

The term of office for the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson is one year (July 1 to June 30). As such, the appointment of a Nominating Committee (three members) for the election of Officers to serve the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 Term is requested. The Nominating Committee shall report their recommendations at the next meeting of the Old Colony JTC.

2022-2023 Old Colony JTC Officers

- Chairperson Noreen O'Toole, Whitman
- Vice Chairperson Daniel Salvucci, Whitman

May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting
Agenda Item 7B
FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Amendment 3

21-Day 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 April 18, 2023, the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization released FFY 2023=2-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 3 to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period. Amendment 3 adds a Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Program Grant awarded to the City of Brockton for its Downton Brockton Transportation Technology Project.

Amendment 3 includes the following change:

The City of Brockton has been awarded. a Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Program Grant from the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,496,630 for its Downton Brockton Transportation Technology Project. Per the project schedule, this BIL Discretionary Grant award must be programmed in the FFY 2023 element of the FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

FFY 2023

- BROCKOTN DOWNTOWN BROCKTON TRASNPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT
 - o Total Project Cost Is \$1,496,630
 - o Project is 100% funded by Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant and does not affect existing programmed projects or regional target.

May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 7C Draft FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) • 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period

Summary

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).

Over the upcoming five years, the TIP provides the following funding:

- \$172.9 Million 11 Road Projects and 1 Bridge Project
- \$25.4 Million Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT) capital assistance
 - o Includes replacement of 17 fixed route buses

On April 18, 2023 the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) released the Draft FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

FFY 2024 PROJECTS:

- BROCKTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123), CARY STREET, AND LYMAN STREET (609410)
 - Project is at 25% Design Stage.
 - o Cost Estimate is \$2,955,964.
- BROCKTON ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (609052)
 - o Project is at 25% Design Stage.
 - o Cost Estimate is \$2,164,507.
- PLYMPTON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, WINNETUXET ROAD OVER WINNETUXET RIVER (609435)
 - o Project is at 25% Design Stage.
 - o Cost Estimate is \$\$1,339,330.
- STOUGHTON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) AC PHASE 2 OF 2
 - o Project is at 100% Design Stage. Phase 2 Cost Estimate: #8,963,299/ Total cost is \$17,528,345.

FFY 2025 PROJECTS:

- BROCKTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT LYMAN STREET/ GROVE STREET/ SUMMER STREET & REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER (607818)
 - o Project is at 25% Design Stage.
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,368,000.
- EASTON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET (608195)
 - o Project is at 25% Design Stage.
 - Cost Estimate is \$7,181,554.

FFY 2026 PROJECTS:

- ABINGTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET (609440)
 - o Project is at 25% Design Stage.
 - Cost Estimate is \$5,182,715.
- AVON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 28, SPRING STREET AND HARRISON BOULEVARD (611979)
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.

- o Cost Estimate is \$4,050,000.
- DUXBURY SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002)
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - o Cost Estimate is \$2,592,000.

FFY 2027 PROJECTS:

- ABINGTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, RANDOLPH STREET AND RICHARD A. FITTS DRIVE (ROUTE 139) AT CHESTNUT STREET AND OLD RANDOLPH STREET (612525)
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,241,0205.
- HANSON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 14 (MAQUAN STREET), FROM THE PEMBROKE T.L. TO INDIAN HEAD STREET AND RELATED WORK (608506)
 - Advance Construction in multiple phases in FFYs 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030.
 - o Project is at 25% Design Stage.
 - o Cost Estimate is \$11,248,352.
- 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.
- o Cost Estimate is \$70,150,000.
- o FFY 2027 Phase 1 Cost Estimate: \$47,428,063. FFY 2028 Phase 2 Estimate: \$31,139,937

FFY 2028 PROJECTS:

- ABINGTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, ROUTE 18 (BEDFORD STREET) AT ROUTE 123 (BROCKTON AVENUE) (612770)
 - Project approved by the MassDOT Project Review Committee (PRC) on 5/12/2022.
 - o Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - o Cost Estimate is \$6,248,949
- <u>BROCKTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), PEARL STREET, AND STONEHILL STREET (612262)</u>
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$8,659,835.
- 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.
 - o Cost Estimate is \$70,150,000.

- o FFY 2027 Phase 1 Cost Estimate: \$47,428,063. FFY 2028 Phase 2 Estimate: \$31,139,937
- KINGSTON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, K-01-014, SMITHS LANE OVER ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY) (608615)
 - o Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - o Cost Estimate is \$14,834,312.
- <u>STOUGHTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CANTON STREET (ROUTE 27), SCHOOL STREET AND SUMMER STREET (611981)</u>
 - o Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - o Cost Estimate is \$2,668,000.

May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 7D Nay State Bike Month - May 2023

Summary

To increase its participation in both Bay State Bike Month and National Bike Month, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) has created a Proclamation for Old Colony Bike Month. To add to Bay State Bike Month activities such as "Massachusetts Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day" on May 3rd and "Bike to Work Day" on May 19th, OCPC is hosting "Bike with BAT Day" on May 17th from 8-10am at the BAT Intermodal Centre. All are welcome to attend and refreshments from Lady C&J Café will be served.

Attachment(s)
Old Colony Bike Month Proclamation



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OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

PROCLAMATION

OLD COLONY BIKE MONTH

WHEREAS, May is Bay State Bike Month, sponsored by MassBike; and

WHEREAS, May 3, 2023 is "Massachusetts Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day", May 15-19, 2023 is "Bike to Work Week", and May 19, 2023 is "Bike to Work Day"; and

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of the Old Colony Planning Council Region's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the residents of the Old Colony Planning Council Region and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of the region, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, Old Colony Planning Council, MassBike, the League of American Bicyclists, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2023; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

WHEREAS, the following tips will help you enjoy biking more and be safer:

- Have your bike checked over at a bicycle shop
- Always wear a helmet for protection in the event of a crash
- Ride with traffic, not against traffic (unless you are on a sidewalk)
- Obey all traffic lights and signs as well as lane markings



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- Look before changing lanes/signaling a turn, provide a hand signal, and then proceed
- Be as visible as possible, wear reflective clothing or accessories, and signal all turns

THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Coletta, as Acting President of Old Colony Planning Council, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as "Old Colony Bike Month" in the Old Colony Planning Council Region, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 26th day of April, 2023

President, Old Colony Planning Council

May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 7E Old Colony 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Development Update

Summary

Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan continues. Old Colony Planning Council recently had an information table at Bridgewater State University's Earth Day Celebration on April 21, 2023, and met with commuters at the Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Intermodal Centre on April 25 and 26, 2023.

Collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), and UMASS Donahue Institute continuous, reviewing, and socioeconomic (population, households, and employment) estimates for 2030, 2040, and 2050. A final set of figures is anticipated very soon.

The Old Colony Planning Council is currently performing a pavement conditions assessment of the federal-aid eligible roadway network in the Old Colony region. This assessment will be used in developing investment scenarios and an overall investment figure needed to improve and maintain the entire system in a state of good repair.

The Draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan will be released for public review and comment later this Spring.

If you have any questions about these Goals of the Plan, please contact LRTP Project Manager Bill McNulty at wmcnulty@ocpcrpa.org or (774) 539-5103.

May 4, 2023 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 2022 Unified Planning Work Program, Old Colony Planning Council provides local traffic planning and technical analysis services to its member communities.

Project Status Updates

Halifax

Road Safety Audit of Plymouth Street (Route 106) at Pine Street
 Data collection underway; RSA planned for May 2023.

Kingston

Road Safety Audit of Landing Road
 Data collection underway; RSA planned for May / June 2023.

Stoughton

Traffic Study and Road Safety Audit of Plain Street Corridor
 Data collection planned; Coordination with Town underway.

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.

May 4, 2023 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._____ 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114

New Projects

<u>EEA #16692 – Plymouth Municipal Airport Runway 6 Extension – Plymouth, Carver Environmental Status and Planning Report (ESPR)</u>

The Project proposes to extend Runway 6 southwestward by 351 feet, increasing the total runway length to 5,001 feet to increase available pavement and safety margins. The Runway 6 extension would be 75-ft wide and includes extensions of Taxiway E and Taxilane A to meet FAA standards for parallel taxiways. In addition, the Project proposes to construct two (2) general aviation hangars along Taxilane A, each approximately 10,000 square feet, to meet hangar space needs at the Airport. The Project will increase overall safety and efficiency of the Airport in accordance with the recent 2023 Technical Master Plan Update.

The Project is anticipated to meet the following ENF review thresholds:

• **301 CMR 11.03 (2) Rare Species** – greater than two acres of disturbance of designated priority habitat, as defined in 321 CMR 10.02, that results in a take of a state—listed endangered or threatened species or species of special concern.

• 301 CMR 11.03 (6) (b) 3 Transportation - Expansion of an existing runway at an airport. Given the impact to approximately 7.04 acres of mapped Priority Habitat, the Project will require an amended Conservation and Management Permit from the MassWildlife's Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program.

Projects Submitted – Site Visits

<u>EEA #16692 – Plymouth Municipal Airport Runway 6 Extension – Plymouth, Carver Environmental Status and Planning Report (ESPR)</u>

Remote Meeting being held May 10th at 10:00AM; deadline to request is May 10th at least one hour, preferably one day before.

Projects Under Review

<u>EEA #16684 – Route 27 Intersection Improvements - Stoughton</u> Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF)

The purpose of this project is to provide traffic and safety improvements at the intersections of

Central Street (Route 27) with Canton Street (Route 27) and Tosca Drive. The intersection and

surrounding area currently exhibit a variety of operational, safety, and accessibility issues related to intersection geometry, pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, lack of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) / Architectural Access Board (AAB) compliant pedestrian curb ramps and crossings, and a lack of MUTCD compliant signage and signals.

<u>EEA #16561 – Raynham Park Redevelopment - Raynham</u> Single Draft Environmental Impact Report (SDEIR)

The proposed project includes two components that will be developed by different entities concurrently but independently. One parcel will include two distribution/logistics buildings, and the other parcel will include a relocated simulcast facility (or sports betting center, pending recently passed legislation). At this time, the decision of simulcast facility versus sports betting center has not been made, as the implications of the recently approved legislation are not fully understood by all. For consistency's sake, the nonlogistics building will be referred to as a "simulcast facility" in this DEIR.

Certificates

<u>EEA #16665 East Bridgewater-Brockton Sewer Extension Project – Brockton, East Bridgewater</u>

The Certificate states that this project requires a Single Environmental Impact Report

Public Notices

Notice of Submission of a Yearly Operational Plan – Multiple Municipalities in Region

A Yearly Operational Plan has been submitted for: Massachusetts Coastal Railroad. This plan has been prepared and submitted to the Department of Agricultural Resources by: TEC Associates of South Portland, Maine. Municipalities identified in the Massachusetts Coastal Railroad YOP as locations where the rights-of-way will be treated with herbicides during the 2023 calendar year are Attleboro, Barnstable, Berkley, Bourne, Dartmouth, Fall River, Falmouth, Foxborough, Framingham, Freetown, Lakeville, Mansfield, Medfield, Middleborough, New Bedford, Norton, Raynham, Rochester, Sandwich, Seekonk, Sherborn, Taunton, Walpole, Wareham, Westport, Westwood, and Yarmouth.

May 4, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 8C Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Summary

Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues.