

# **OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)**

## **Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Held Virtually Via Zoom May 2, 2024 at 12:00 P.M.**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Abington	Bruce Hughes	GATRA	Mary Ellen Defrias
Abington	John Stone	MassDOT District 5	Barbara Lachance
Bridgewater	Shane O'Brien	Safe Routes to School	Bonnie Roalsen
Bridgewater	Yamaris Terrero	Tighe & Bond	Greg Lucas
Bridgewater	Michael Dutton	Howard Stein Hudson	Steve Findlen
Bridgewater	Greg Tansey	VHB	Rob Cahoon
Brockton	Celia Canavan	Bridgewater Resident	Adelene Ellenberg
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Mary Waldron
Plymouth	James Dowey	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Guoqiang Li
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
BAT	Michael Lambert	OCPC	Ray Guarino
MassDOT	Raissah Kouame	OCPC	Shawn Bailey

### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

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. Shawn Bailey then conducted the roll call.

### **2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.

### **3. Minutes of April 4, 2024 Meeting**

Chairperson O'Toole asked if there is a motion to approve the April 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by John Stone to approve the Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2024.

*The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously via roll call to approve the April 4, 2024 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:

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- MassDOT Route 24 Over Canton Street Bridge Replacement Stage 1 Work Weekend – May 3-May 6, 2024
- Proposed MBTA FY 2025 – 2029 Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Public Meetings – May 2 and May 7, 2024
- Beyond Mobility, MassDOTs Next Statewide Long Rang Transportation Plan – Public Review and Comment Period will end on May 31, 2024
- Massachusetts Project Intake Tool (MaPIT) 5.0 Virtual Classroom – May 16, 2024 at 10 AM
- MassDOT – Online Grant Management Tool: Grant Central – Releasing on May 23, 2024
- Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office – Federal Funds Partnership Meeting is May 28, 2024

### **5. Reports**

#### **A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)**

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- With fare-free service, ridership continues to increase, and ridership is exceeding pre-pandemic levels dating back to 2017.
- BAT presented at the MassDOT Innovation Conference. BAT’s response to the pandemic was discussed during the presentation.

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

Mary Ellen DeFrias reported on the following items:

- GATRA ridership continues to increase.
- New software has been implemented on Dial-a-Ride paratransit. GATRA is able to serve more riders during the day. GATRA is continuing to explore how the service can be expanded.

#### **C. South Coast Rail Project**

Shawn Bailey reported on the following:

In April 2024, work conducted involved fencing installation in five communities; overnight work and train testing in four communities; construction of a pedestrian bridge over Route 18 in New Bedford (night work and detours resumed week of April 7 and closures began April 16<sup>th</sup>); bus service between Bridgewater and Middleborough/ Lakeville stations from April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup> to allow for work on the project; brush cutting and tree trimming along the railroad right-of-way in three communities; and signal system installation and testing in seven communities.

Additional work done included daytime construction and signal work 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.

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## 6. Old Business

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

#### ▪ Amendment 3 Public Review and Comment

Charles Kilmer discusses Amendment 3.

#### FFY 2024

- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123) AND PLYMOUTH STREET (609052)
  - PROJECT WILL NOT BE READY FOR ADVERTISEMENT IN FFY 2024. PROJECT TEMPORARILY MOVED TO FFY 2026 BUT PROGRAMMED IN FFY 2025 IN DRAFT FFY 2025-2029 TIP.
  - FORMER VALUE: \$2,792,790.
  - NEW FFY 2024 VALUE: \$0
  
- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123), CARY STREET, AND LYMAN STREET (609410)
  - PROJECT COST INCREASE
  - FORMER VALUE: \$2,506,679.
  - NEW FFY 2024 VALUE: \$3,379,840.
  - VARIANCE \$873,161.
  
- PLYMPTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, P-14-001 (445), WINNETUXET ROAD OVER WINNETUXET RIVER (609435)
  - PROJECT COST INCREASE
  - FORMER VALUE: \$1,236,628.
  - NEW FFY 2024 VALUE: \$2,320,635
  - VARIANCE \$1,084,007.

#### FFY 2026

- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123) AND PLYMOUTH STREET (609052)
  - PROJECT WILL NOT BE READY FOR ADVERTISEMENT IN FFY 2024. PROJECT TEMPORARILY MOVED TO FFY 2026 AND IS PROGRAMMED IN FFY 2025 IN THE DRAFT FFY 2025-2029 TIP.
  - FORMER FFY 2026 VALUE: \$0.
  - NEW FFY 2026 VALUE: \$2,792,790.

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Chairperson O'Toole asked if there is a motion to approve Amendment 3. A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by James Downey.

*The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously via roll call to approve Amendment 3.*

## **7. New Business**

### **A. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Old Colony JTC Officers 2024-2025**

Chairperson O'Toole asked for three volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee. Michael Lambert, John Stone, and James Downey all volunteered.

### **B. Draft FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

#### **▪ 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period**

Charles Kilmer discussed the Draft 2025-2029 TIP.

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).

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

- \$234.3 Million - 17 Road Projects and 6 Bridge Projects
- \$62.4 Million - Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT) capital and operational assistance

On April 16, 2024, the Old Colony MPO released the Draft FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to a public review and comment period.

The projects in the TIP are as follows:

<b>FFY 2025 PROJECTS:</b>
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- BROCKTON - ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (609052)
  - Project is at 25% design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$2,792,790.
  
- EASTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET (608195)
  - Project is at 100% design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$9,508,591.

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- STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (613358) (PHASE 2) FROM CANTON TOWN LINE TO CHARLES AVENUE
  - Project is at 100% design phase.
  - Cost Estimate: \$9,206,820.

### **FFY 2026 PROJECTS:**

- ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET (609440)
  - Project is at 25% design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$4,798,810.
- AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 28, SPRING STREET AND HARRISON BOULEVARD (611979)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$5,935,197.
- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT LYMAN STREET/ GROVE STREET/ SUMMER STREET & REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER (607818)
  - Project is at 25% design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$6,444,173.

### **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 \$4,089,555.
- DUXBURY - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY (612006)
  - Advance Construction in multiple phases beginning in FFY 2027.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$86,128,000.
- KINGSTON & DUXBURY - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 3 RAMPS (NB/SB) AND ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$3,296,038.

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### **FFY 2028 PROJECTS:**

- ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, ROUTE 18 (BEDFORD STREET) AT ROUTE 123 (BROCKTON AVENUE) (612770)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$5,387,025.
  
- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), PEARL STREET, AND STONEHILL STREET (612262)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$8,361,220.
  
- DUXBURY - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY (612006)
  - Advance Construction in multiple phases beginning in FFY 2027.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$86,128,000.
  
- DUXBURY - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 53 AND FRANKLIN STREET (613269)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$8,152,648.
  
- HANOVER - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 139 (HANOVER STREET), MAIN STREET, CENTER STREET, AND SILVER STREET (612769)
  - Project is IN the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$6,895,392.
  
- KINGSTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, K-01-014, SMITHS LANE OVER ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY) (608615)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$12,788,000.
  
- STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CANTON STREET (ROUTE 27), SCHOOL STREET AND SUMMER STREET(611981)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$4,754,320.

### **FFY 2029 PROJECTS:**

- BRIDGEWATER- BRIDGE REHABILITATION, B-23-001 (44H), VERNON STREET OVER TAUNTON RIVER (613292)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.

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- Total Cost Estimate is \$20,613,180.
- BROCKTON & ABINGTON - PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (609520)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$31,093,225 (\$2,000,000 in FFY 2029)
- DUXBURY - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY (612006)
  - Advance Construction in multiple phases beginning in FFY 2027.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$86,128,000.
- EAST BRIDGEWATER - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 18 (NORTH BEDFORD STREET) AND HIGHLAND STREET (611976)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$4,060,000.
- EAST BRIDGEWATER - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, E-01-010 (BVT) POND STREET OVER SATUCKET RIVER (613306)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$1,197,125.
- HANOVER - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT COLUMBIA ROAD (ROUTE 53/139) AND BROADWAY (613599)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$6,888,776.
- STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 27 (PARK STREET) AND TURNPIKE STREET (613277)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$3,786,383.
- WEST BRIDGEWATER - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, W-18-004, FOREST STREET OVER TOWN RIVER (613132)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$5,081,844.

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole asked if there is a motion to approve the Draft 2025-2029 TIP. A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by James Downey.

*The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously via roll call to approve the Draft 2025-2029 TIP.*

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## **C. Bay State Bike Month – May 2024**

Kyle Mowatt discussed events happening during Bay State Bike Month in May.

- **Safe Routes to School - Massachusetts Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day**  
May 1, 2024
  - May 1, 2024 is Massachusetts Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day. Students and families across Massachusetts will walk, bike, and roll to school to enjoy a safe, healthy, and active lifestyle.
  - Schools in Brockton, Duxbury, Stoughton, and Plymouth will be participating in the event.
  
- **Bike Month Event Save the Date: Bike with BAT**  
Wednesday, May 15 from 6-9 AM  
*Rain Date is Wednesday, May 22*
  - Old Colony Planning Council is partnering with Brockton Area Transit (BAT) for a Bike with BAT event for Bay State Bike Month. Whether you're traveling by bike to work, for leisure, or exercise, stop on by the BAT Centre for light refreshments and celebrate Bike Month.

Additional social media efforts will be made to highlight trails and bike shops in our region

If you know of any events going on in your community, please share with us and we can promote them through our newsletter and social media.

- **Old Colony Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 8 from 10:30-11:30 AM  
Guest Speakers Include:
  - Colleen Pekrul, Massachusetts Safe Routes to School
  - Pete Sutton, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Coordinator, MassDOT

Charles Kilmer recognized and thanked OCP's Megan Fournier and Elise Prince for their great work on the flyer for the Bike with BAT Event.

## **8. Other Business and Public Comment**

### **A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies**

Kyle Mowatt reported on the following items:

The Old Colony Planning Council recently joined Duxbury officials for a tour of roadways in South Duxbury to observe and discuss traffic challenges on those roadways. These roadways will be studied as part of the traffic study for the Landing Road / Loring Street corridor, with data collection planned for this month.



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## Project Status Updates

### Duxbury / Kingston

- Traffic Study of Landing Road and Maple Street in Kingston, and South Duxbury  
*Data collection planned for May 2024.*

### Plympton

- Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Zone Study for Multiple Roadways  
*Data analysis in progress.*
- Road Safety Audit for Palmer Road (Route 58) and Center Street  
*Data analysis in progress. Road Safety Audit to be scheduled for this Spring.*

### **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 #16819 – Proposed Mixed Use Development - Bridgewater**

##### *Environmental Notification Form (ENF)*

The project will consist of Three (3) mixed-use buildings, including retail, commercial, residential, and restaurant; Approximately 361 parking spaces; associated driveways for access and circulation; residential amenity spaces; public amenity spaces including pedestrian pathways, public boat launch, and green space; community gardens; pedestrian walkways; bike storage; associated stormwater

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features; and associated utilities. Site located at 180 Broad Street, Bridgewater, MA. Comments to MEPA on the project will be welcome in writing on or before May 14, 2024

## **Certificates**

None

## **Public Notices**

### **Notice of Application and Issuance of a Draft Groundwater Discharge Permit - Plymouth**

This application is for the residences at Atlantic Country Club at 450 Little Sandy Pond Road, Plymouth.

#### ***C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues***

Dan Salvucci stated that he volunteers his time, and would like to stay as the Vice-Chairperson of the JTC.

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole stated that she is more than willing to continue serving as the Chairperson for the JTC.

Mary Waldron reminded attendees that a survey was sent out to gauge everyone's preference on the time and day of the JTC meetings going forward, and posted the survey link in the meeting's chat.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt

Senior Transportation Planner

### **List of Documents for May 2, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting**

- Minutes of the April 4, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for May 2, 2024, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items