Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Held Virtually Via Zoom February 2, 2023 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	MassDOT District 5	Barbara Lachance
Abington	John Stone	MassDOT District 5	Pam Haznar
Avon	Bill Fitzgerald	Senator Brady's Office	Al DeGirolama
Bridgewater	Shane O'Brien	Safe Routes to School	Rachel McCaffery
Bridgewater	Carlton Hunt	Tighe & Bond	Dan Murphy
Bridgewater	Bob Rulli	VHB	Rob Cahoon
Brockton	Kamiya Parkin	Environmental Partners	Benny Hung
Brockton	Rob May	OCPC	Mary Waldron
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Hanson	Don Howard	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Hanson	Jamison Shave	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Kingston	Valerie Massard	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Guoqiang Li
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Andrew Vidal
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Bill McNulty

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chairperson Dan Salvucci 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 January 5, 2023 Meeting

Vice Chairperson Salvucci asked if there is a motion to approve the January 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Glenn Geiler and seconded by Don Howard to approve the Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2023.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the January 5, 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:

- Biden-Harris Administration Announces Historic \$800 Million for More than 500 Projects to Improve Roads at the Local Level and Tackle National Traffic Fatalities — OCPC was awarded \$320,000 for the development of a Regional SS4A Strategic Action Plan
- RAISE Discretionary Grants NOFO Deadline for applications is 11:59 PM on February 28, 2023
- Join USDOT on February 8, 2023 for a Webinar on Preparing for Upcoming Discretionary Grant Opportunities – February 8, 2023 at 3:00 PM
- Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Spring Webinar: New Tools for Schools April 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM
- Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Save the Dates:
 - Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 1:00 3:00 PM
 - Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 1:00 3:00 PM
 - Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 1:00 3:00 PM
 - Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 1:00 3:00 PM
 - Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 1:00 3:00 PM

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiler reported on the following items:

- BATs Rockland Micro-Transit Service, which kicked off in September is ongoing and ridership has been steady
- BAT is currently reviewing their system performance measures.
- BAT is working on the MassDOT Memorandum of Understanding in regard to performance measures.

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

Shawn Bailey reported on the following items:

- GATRA will be having a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at the Attleborough Train Station on February 6 and March 10 from 10 AM- 2PM
- GATRA Coast, Sea Coast Service in Scituate, will be free through February 28, 2023. After this time it will be \$2 per trip
- There will be a public meeting on February 6 regarding route changes in Attleborough at 4 PM

C. South Coast Rail Project

Shawn Bailey reported on the following:

In January 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; shoulder and lane closure on Route 140 Southbound in Taunton for curb and sidewalk installation; daytime track work in Berkley; daytime signal work in Berkley; water main work at the Samuel Barnet Boulevard crossing in New Bedford; daytime roadwork on Route 105 in Middleborough; and signal system installation and testing 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 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

TIP Amendment 1

The following is Amendment 1 that was released to a public review and comment period by the Old Colony MPO on January 17, 2023:

FFY 2023

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1. BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT UDNING FOR STAFF SALARIES, OUTREACH AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS, AND PARATRANSIT SCHEDULING SOFTWARE FOR A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE WEEKLY SHUTTLES AND ON-DEMAND TRIPS
- COST IS \$27,600 (\$22,080 FEDERAL: \$5,520 LOCAL)

2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT EXPAND SERVICE TO TOWN OF ROCKLAND
- o COST IS \$275,000 (\$137,500 FEDERAL: \$137,500 LOCAL)

3. OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (VTP)
- COST IS \$60,000 (\$30,000 FEDERAL: \$30,000 LOCAL)

4. SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT SSCAC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
- COST IS \$250,000 (\$125,000 FEDERAL: \$125,000 LOCAL)

Vice Chairperson Salvucci asked if there is a motion to approve TIP Amendment 1. A motion was made and was seconded.

Glenn Geiler thanked MassDOT for their interest in BATs ongoing service in Rockland as part of the Community Transit Grant.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve TIP Amendment 1.

7. New Business

A. MARPA Regional Trails Mapping Project

Project Update

Andrew Vidal provided a project status update on the MARPA Regional Trails Mapping Project.

The MARPA Regional Trails Mapping Project is an effort by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which is funding a grant for standardized statewide trail mapping. The 13 RPAs have collaborated on creating a trail data standard and establishing work flows to streamline the aggregation from all the RPAs.

Old Colony Planning Council's plan is to build out the attributes in the current data, verify location accuracy, and then contribute all of the data to the state standard.

A workshop was held in December, virtually and in person, to determine what attributes should be included in the statewide map standard.

B. FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Project Status Updates

Bill McNulty provided project stats updates for the FFY 2024-2028 TIP

ABINGTON

<u>ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET</u> (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.

John Stone stated the project is at 25% Design, consultant is now reviewing the second round of comments from MassDOT. The utility site meeting will be held in the near future.

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.

<u>ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, RANDOLPH STREET AND RICHARD A. FITTS DRIVE</u> (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.

John Stone stated that the project is at pre 25% Design.

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

Barbara Lachance stated that the project is pre 25% Design.

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.

Barbara Lachance stated that the project is pre 25% Design. Pre-Scoping meeting was held in September of 2022.

AVON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMEMENTS ON ROUTE 28 (610804)

- Currently not programmed.
- Project is in the preliminary design phase.
- Cost Estimate is \$4,002,001.

Barbara Lachance stated that the project is pre 25% Design. No new activity.

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.

Barbara Lachance stated that the 75% submission is due in February.

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.

Barbara Lachance stated that there was a comment resolution meeting held last year.

<u>BROCKTON - IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27), INCLUDING</u> REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER (607818)

- 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%
 - o Design (8/26/2022).
- Cost Estimate is \$4,536,000.

Barbara Lachance stated that the comment resolution meeting was held on January 6, 2023. Revised 25% Design is due in April, 2023.

BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/ QUINCY STREET/ MASSASOIT BOULEVARD (606143)

- Programmed in FFY 2027
- Project is in the preliminary design phase.
- Cost Estimate is \$6,148,928

Barbara Lachance stated that the City of Brockton is reviewing design alternatives. A new schedule is needed from City of Brockton. Bill McNulty stated that OCPC is meeting with the City regarding this project next week.

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.

Barbara Lachance stated that the project is pre 25% Design. Pre-Scoping meeting was held in March.

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.

Charles Kilmer stated that the design of this project is on hold as the City is working to determine the preferred land use scenario for the redevelopment of the Fairgrounds.

DUXBURY

<u>DUXBURY - SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET)</u> (606002)

- Programmed in FFY 2026.
- Project is in the preliminary design phase.
- Cost Estimate is \$2,688,000.

Pamela Haznar stated that a pre-25% scoping meeting was held.

DUXBURY - BRIDGE 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.

Pamela Haznar stated that this project is at pre 25% Design. There have been a number of meetings with Town of Duxbury and abutting towns. Still very preliminary.

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.

Barbara Lachance stated that the project is at 25% Design.

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.

Pamela Haznar stated that this project was approved for HSIP funding. No new advancement.

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.

Pamela Haznar stated that this project was approved for HSIP funding. No new advancement.

EASTON

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

- 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.

Barbara Lachance stated that this project is at 75% Design.

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.

Greg Swan stated that portions of this project have been paved as part of other projects.

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.

Greg Swan stated that CEC received pre 25% comments in November. CEC is in the process of addressing those comments and submitting them in the near future.

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

Pamela Haznar stated that there was a scoping meeting, and a consultant is on board.

HANOVER

<u>HANOVER – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 139 (HANOVER STREET) AT MAIN STREET, CENTER STREET, AND SILVER STREET (612769)</u>

- 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

Pamela Haznar stated that the survey is complete and design consultant is secured. At pre 25%.

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).

Bill McNulty stated that OCPC attended a coordination meeting last week with the Town of Hanson and MassDOT.

Jamison Shave stated that the town is looking at different funding opportunities, and trying to work with the Abington/Rockland Water Commission to come to some common ground.

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.

Valerie Massard stated that there was a meeting a couple weeks ago regarding constructing the bridge with two offramps on either side. The design consultant wants to conduct a new traffic study to get updated data.

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.

Pamela Haznar stated that this project is programmed with statewide funding. The only responsibility for the town is any right of way. Barbara Lachance stated that the project is at 25% Design. Next steps include a utility site walk.

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.

Barbara Lachance stated that PS&E is under review.

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.

Barbara Lachance stated that PS&E is under review.

STOUGHTON - RECONSTRUCTION OF TURNPIKE STREET (607214)

- MassDOT comments on the 25% Package returned to the Design Engineer (as of 9/7/2021).
- Design Public Hearing Held on June 16, 2022.
- Cost Estimate is \$29,272,890.

Barbara Lachance stated that the 75% Design was received yesterday and is under review.

STOUGHTON - CANTON STREET (ROUTE 27) & SCHOOL STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (611981)

- Currently not programmed.
- Project is in the preliminary design phase.

Cost Estimate is \$2,300,000.

Barbara Lachance stated that MassDOT is waiting on the 25% Design. GPI is regrouping and refining the design due to the close proximity of the railroad crossing.

C. Old Colony 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan – Regional Highway Chapter Stakeholder Input and Needs Assessment

Ray Guarino provided an update on the Regional Highway Chapter for the Old Colony 2050 LRTP.

The Highway Chapter of our LRTP consists of a review of the current Highway and roadway network, discerning what the problems are, collaborating with stakeholders such as the local municipalities and MassDOT, projecting and estimating future volumes and road network use, and developing potential projects and plans for improvements to the system. This involves understanding the issues within the road network.

These issues include:

- Traffic volumes and trends within the network
- Congestion points and bottlenecks
- Freight movement and truck constraints such as poor turning radii and low bridges (other issues such as lack of truck rest stops, congestion, and Truck Travel Time Reliability)
- Road surface pavement and bridge conditions

The highway section will have a final section on Recommendations for the Highway network system to address the issues and problems. Public input will be an important element of the recommendation section. OCPC has a variety of activities we have used to keep the public engaged and informed. These include (but not limited to):

- Public Surveys and Questionnaires
- Workshops and webinars
- Table events
- Meetings and interviews with local officials, and other groups

Vice Chairperson Salvucci commented that on Route 14 and 18 in Whitman there should be a setback for cars to not be so close to the intersection for when a truck wants to take a right onto route 14. There is not a lot of space for trucks to make a turn.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Old Colony Planning Council received a request from the Town of Avon for a Road Safety Audit of South Street in the area of DW Field Park. Old Colony Planning Council is preparing data analysis and working with the Town of the scheduling of this Audit.

The Town of Halifax has requested a Road Safety Audit of the intersection of Plymouth Street (Route 106) at Pine Street. This Road Safety Audit is scheduled to be completed this Spring.

Project Status Updates

Avon

• South Street Road Safety Audit

Data analysis in progress; Audit to be scheduled.

Duxbury

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

Data analysis in progress; Audit to be scheduled

Kingston

 Road Safety Audit of Landing Road
 RSA to be scheduled.

Halifax

Road Safety Audit of Plymouth Street (Route 106) at Pine Street
 Data Collection in progress; RSA to be scheduled this Spring

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

FEIR Rollover

EEA #16636 - Ellis Brett Pond Dam Repairs - Brockton

The following repairs are proposed for the dam and dike:

- Remove remaining brush, stumps and root systems, from within 20 feet of the dam. Unstable portions of the dike will be regraded.
- Regrade the embankment at the dam and associated dike to have a uniform crest with a downstream and upstream slope
- Provide vegetated articulated concrete block matting.
- Restore gravel access drive along dike to uniform elevation
- Grass area downgradient of the wetland flags will be restored with a mowable native wetland or conservation seed mix

Certificates

EEA #16636 Ellis Brett Pond Dam Repairs – Brockton

The Certificate states that this project **REQUIRES** the submission of an EIR.

EEA #16638 - Doyle Aquaculture - Plymouth

The Certificate states that this project **DOES NOT** require an EIR.

EEA #15870 – Light Station Mixed Sediment Berm – Plymouth

The Certificate states that this project **DOES NOT** require an EIR.

Public Notice

Abington – Notice of Intent to Initiate an Aquatic Plant Management Program

Mary Waldron thanked Kyle Mowatt for preparing the MEPA Notifications and including them in the Staff report.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

There were to concerns at this time.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Kyle Mowatt*Kyle Mowatt

Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for February 2, 2023 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the January 5, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for February 2, 2023, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items