

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Held Virtually Via Zoom February 3, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	John Stone	Ward 5 Councilor	Jeffrey Thompson
Abington	Bruce Hughes	10 th Plymouth District	Michelle DuBois
Avon	Bill Fitzgerald	Mass Development	Mary Ellen DeFrias
Brockton	Mayor Robert Sullivan	VHB	Rob Cahoon
Brockton	Brady Winsten	BETA Group	Dan McCormack
Easton	Greg Swan	United Way – Greater Plymouth	Dennis Carman
Kingston	Valerie Massard	Metro South Chamber	Chris Cooney
Plymouth	James Downey	CDM Smith	Lisa Sherman
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Whitman	Noreen O’Toole	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
BAT	Linda Sacchetti	OCPC	Bill McNulty
BAT	Michael Lambert	OCPC	Guoqiang Li
BAT	Abigail Adams	OCPC	Dottie Fulginiti
MassDOT District 5	Barbara Lachance	OCPC	Andrew Vidal
Safe Routes to School	Maggie Burke	OCPC	Mary Waldron
Safe Routes to School	Rachel McCafferey		

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

Dan Salvucci announced that he was re-elected to a two-year term on the Old Colony MPO representing towns with a population greater than 15,000.

3. Minutes of January 6, 2022 Meeting

Chairperson O’Toole asked if there is a motion to approve the January 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Bill Fitzgerald to approve the Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2022.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously via roll call to approve the January 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

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4. Communications

Shawn Bailey reviewed the contents of the communications staff report. Included were letters of correspondence and notices of workshops and conferences, including:

- **Multi-Family Zoning Requirement for MBTA Communities** – Virtual Webinar on February 10, 2022 at 2:30 PM
- **Route 24 Over Canton Street Bridge Replacement Virtual Design Public Hearing** – Held virtually on February 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- **Route 138 (Washington Street) Corridor Improvements Project Virtual Design Public Hearing** – Scheduled for February 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- **MA Safe Routes to School Networking Call** – The Networking Call will be held on March 16, 2022 at 10:00 AM
- **Release of the 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) NOFO** – The application deadline is April 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM
- **MassDOT Safe Speeds Webpage with Resources**

Chairperson O’Toole asked if Abington is moving forward on the Multi-Family in the MBTA District. Bruce Hughes stated that multi-family development in Abington Center, which is less than one-half a mile from the Abington MBTA Commuter Rail Station, satisfies the zoning requirement.

Mary Waldron encouraged everyone to join the Webinar on February 10, 2022.

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- Ridership is currently about 58% of pre-pandemic levels. Ridership is expected to increase as most recent surge in COVID cases and transmission rates subside.
- Over the past month, BAT set a record internally for positive tests among its employees. 100% of workforce is back at work
- Governor Baker released the budget last week, which was disappointing from a regional transit point of view. There was a reduction of base level funding to regional transit authorities statewide. BAT will be working with the legislature, advocates, and communities to try and reverse that cut over the course of the budget process

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

Shawn Bailey reported on the following items:

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- Ridership is up slightly
- GATRA reports that micro-transit service has been successful.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Shawn Bailey reported on the following:

- In January 2022, work conducted involved continued 24-hour bridge and track work at Turner Street in Fall River; fencing installation in six communities on Fall River and Middleborough Secondary Lines; utilizing Cotley Street in Berkley to access right-of-way (ROW) for various project activities; and railroad work at Myricks Street in Berkley (conduit, drainage, grubbing, and roadbed work)
- 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 to the Middleborough, Taunton, & Fall River sites

Shawn Bailey played a project update video, *When Rail Rules Southeastern Massachusetts and Will Again*, produced by South Coast Rail.

Representative Michelle DuBois stated that she has been receiving phone calls with people inquiring if South Coast Rail will be going through Easton. Charles Kilmer stated that Phase 1 is currently under construction and will extend the Middleborough line to connect to Fall River and New Bedford. If it goes through Easton, that would be determined within the Full Build Scenario, which would be along the Stoughton/Easton Alternative.

Dottie Fulginiti stated that there has been no notice in Easton that anything has changed.

Charles Kilmer stated that Jean Fox, the Project Manager for South Coast Rail, will be at the next JTC Meeting to discuss this topic.

6. Old Business

A. FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Charles Kilmer 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
 - Design Public Hearing Scheduled for February 16, 2022

FFY 2024 Projects

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- STOUGHTON – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) AC PHASE 2 OF 2
 - Design Public Hearing Scheduled for February 16, 2022

Charles Kilmer stated that there are two projects programmed in 2022 that have been advertised for construction bids by MassDOT. Those projects are as follows:

- AVON & STOUGHTON – PAVEMENT PRESERVATION AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 24 (608496)
- PEMBROKE – REHABILITATION OF ROUTE 36 (CENTER STREET) FROM ROUTE 27 TO ROUTE 14 (600380)

Charles Kilmer stated that OCPC is working on the 2023-2027 TIP, and will be reaching out to communities, MassDOT, and designers to gather project schedules and any obstacles that could be holding projects up, or any opportunities where a project might be accelerated through the design permitting process.

7. New Business

- ***Performance Based Planning- Highway Safety Planning Targets (PM1)***

Bill McNulty provided an overview of the Highway Safety Planning Targets (PM1).

The five Safety Performance Target Areas are:

Fatalities

- Due to reduced vehicle miles traveled (VMT) related to the pandemic, 2020 data was disregarded given the unique circumstances surrounding data from that year
- CY22 projections are based on a 2.5% reduction in fatalities from CY21
- Target for CY 2022 is to reduce the number of total fatalities to 340, or .56 fatality rate (per 100 million VMT)

Serious Injuries

- Due to unpredictable fluctuations between 2019 and 2020 data and an overall decreasing trendline, a 3% reduction in annual serious injuries from 2018 to 2021, and a 4% annual reduction from 2021 to 2022, were assumed to calculate the 2022 target
- Target for CY 22 is to reduce the total number of serious injuries to 2,504, or 4.11 serious injury rate (per 100 million VMT)

Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

- To project the non-motorist fatality and serious injuries for 2022, a 2% reduction was estimated
- Target for CY 22 is to reduce the number of non-motorist fatalities and injuries to 471

Chairperson O'Toole asked if the lower number of cars on the roads with higher speeds led to more fatalities. Bill McNulty stated that that appeared to be the trend.

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B. Road Safety Audits at Multiple Locations – FFY 2022 Project Update

Bill McNulty provided an update on the Road Safety Audits at Multiple Locations Project.

Road Safety Audits are currently being scheduled for the following locations:

Abington

- Groveland Street and Linwood Street
- Central Street Corridor

Brockton

- Warren Avenue at Market Street
- West Chestnut Street at Southworth Street

Duxbury

- Summer Street (Route 53) at Franklin Street and High Street
- Congress Street (Route 14) at Franklin Street
- Tremont Street / Enterprise Street (Route 3A) at Tremont Street / Church Street (Route 139)

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 completed traffic data and safety analysis of Crescent Street (Route 27) at Quincy Street and Massasoit Boulevard and Centre Street (Route 123) at Quincy Street. Data along with analysis and findings have been distributed to the City of Brockton.

Technical assistance was provided to the Town of Easton, with peak hour turning movement counts conducted at Washington Street (Route 138) and Turnpike Street; Washington Street (Route 138) at Purchase Street; and Turnpike Street at Purchase Street. Data has been distributed to the Town.

Project Status Updates

Brockton

- Level of service Analysis and Crash Rate Analysis of Three Belmont Street (Route 123) Intersections – Data Collection Underway

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Kingston

- Technical Assistance with Identifying Thickly Settled Residential Areas – Analysis Underway

Plymouth

- Survey of Billington Street via Drone Program – 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.

EIR

EEA# 16383 - West Bridgewater - Lincoln Park (FEIR)

The proposed project is centered around the development of a 350,000-sf warehouse with other areas of the site, potentially being used for a 100,000-sf warehouse or expanded trailer parking area. The northern most corner of the property would be used in conjunction with a portion of the existing Lincoln Street layout for a 13,000-sf retail venue on roughly 1.5 acres of land.

For Copies: Jeffrey Bandini – jbandini@mcmahonassociates.com

Bill McNulty stated that a Road Safety Audit was required for this project. McMahon Associates hosted the Audit that OCPC participated in. This Audit looked at Route 106 from West Street to the Route 24 Ramps.

Certificates

EEA # 16478 - 850 Bedford Street – Bridgewater

The Certificate states that this project **Does Not** require an Environmental Impact Report.

Public Notices

MassDEP - Notice of Combined Chapter 91 Waterways License/Permit and 401 Water Quality Certification – Hanover

Public notice is hereby given of the Combined Chapter 91 Waterways License/Permit and 401 Water Quality Certification Application by the Fireworks Site Joint Defense Group to conduct improvement dredging of approximately 4.5 acres of contaminated river bottom sediment approximately 3 feet in depth and to back fill the dredge footprint with an equivalent amount of clean fill material involving the

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installation and maintenance of a sheet pile cofferdam. The proposed project has been determined to be a Water-Dependent Use.

Notice of Application for a Chapter 91 Waterways Permit – Plymouth

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by the Town of Plymouth, Department of Marine & Environmental Affairs to authorize improvement dredging off 0 Spring Lane, in the municipality of Plymouth, in waters of Jenney Pond on Town Brook. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Chairperson O'Toole thanked all the government officials and representatives that take the time to attend the JTC Meetings.

Mayor Robert Sullivan thanked OCPC and every elected official for the data and safety analysis on Quincy Street, Crescent Street, and Massasoit Boulevard. This is extremely important for the revitalization of that area.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

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Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for February 3, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the January 6, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for February 3, 2022, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items