

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Held Virtually Via Zoom June 2, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	John Stone	MassDOT District 5	Barbara Lachance
Abington	Bruce Hughes	Mass Development	Mary Ellen DeFrias
Bridgewater	Shane O'Brien	MassDOT	Raissah Kouame
Brockton	Brady Winsten	VHB	Rob Cahoon
Easton	Greg Swan	GPI	Sid Kashi
Easton	David Field	Walk Boston	Stacey Beuttell
Hanson	Jamison Shave	Senator Brady's Office	Al DeGirolamo
Hanson	Don Howard	Metro South Chamber	Chris Cooney
Kingston	Valerie Massard	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Stoughton	Joe Scardino	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
BAT	Kelly Forrester	OCPC	Guoqiang Li
BAT	Michael Lambert	OCPC	Ray Guarino
BAT	Glenn Geiler	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
BAT	Linda Sachetti	OCPC	Mary Waldron

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 May 5, 2022 Meeting

Vice Chairperson Salvucci asked if there is a motion to approve the May 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Don Howard and seconded by John Stone to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2022.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the May 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

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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:

- **Old Colony Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting** – June 6, 2022 at 11 AM
- **MassDOT Announces the Draft Capital Investment Plan Public Comment Period** – The comment period will conclude on June 8
- **Beyond Mobility – The Massachusetts 2050 Transportation Plan**
- **Virtual Design Public Hearing – Stoughton – Turnpike Street (Route 139) Reconstruction** – June 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- **BAT – Rockland Micro Transit Survey**

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

- **Presentation: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal**

Glenn Geiler reported on the following items:

- BAT has set their goal at 2.5% for FFY 2023. The goal has recently been advertised in the Brockton Enterprise. This is for all eligible contract awards and eligible operating expenses. Comments on the goal and the plan will be accepted for the next 45 days.

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

Shawn Bailey reported on the following items:

- There is a new administrator in negotiation for GATRA
- On-demand service is continuing to increase
- Drivers are still wearing masks. Passengers are advised to wear masks, however, are not required to do so

C. South Coast Rail Project

Shawn Bailey reported on the following:

- In May 2022, work conducted involved continued fencing installation in eight communities on Fall River and Middleborough Secondary Lines; utilizing Cotley Street in Berkley to access right-of-way (ROW) for various project activities; railroad work in Berkley (conduit, drainage, grubbing, and roadbed work); 24-hour work at the new Middleborough Station site (which included bus service replacing train service for May 14-15); 24-hour track work in Berkley and Fall River; 24-hour culvert work in Lakeville; 24-hour track utility work in Fall River; a detour at Pearce Street in

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Fall River; a detour in for crossing work at Malbone Street in Lakeville; and improvements to the CSX Rail Yard in Middleborough.

- 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 Freetown Station site and Weaver's Cove Layover Facility in Fall River as well as detours for various project activities.

6. Old Business

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

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

FFY 2025 PROJECTS:

- EASTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET (608195)
 - 25% Resubmission 1 Package received by MassDOT (2/25/2025).
 - Design Public held on May 12, 2022.
 - Cost Estimate is \$5,754,468.

CURRENTLY UNPROGRAMMED:

- STOUGHTON – RECONSTRUCTION OF TURNPIKE STREET (607214)
 - MassDOT comments on the 25% Package returned to the Design Engineer (as of 9/7/2021)
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase
 - Design Public Hearing Scheduled for June 16, 2022
 - Cost Estimate is \$29,272,890

7. New Business

A. Appointment of Nominating Committee for JTC Officers 2022-2023

Joe Scardino announced that the Nominating Committee have nominated Noreen O'Toole as the Chairperson and Dan Salvucci as the Vice Chairperson.

Vice Chairperson Salvucci asked if there is a motion to approve the nomination. A motion was made by Don Howard and seconded by John Stone.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the nomination.

Joe Scardino stated that the committee discussed a new model going forward where nomination will

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be sought out and provide for a line of succession. Old Colony Planning Council will review the bylaws of the Joint Transportation Committee, and the process will be reviewed in 2023.

B. WalkBoston: Making Massachusetts More Walkable

- **Guest Speaker: Stacey Beuttell, Executive Director of WalkBoston**

Stacey Beuttell took over as the Executive Director of WalkBoston in October 2019. She previously served as the Deputy Director where she oversaw WalkBoston's technical assistance programs that provided support to municipalities, community organizations, and residents to improve the safety and quality of the pedestrian environment. Shortly after joining the staff in 2013, Stacey focused her efforts on broadening WalkBoston's reach. Her work with the Department of Public Health's Mass in Motion program, MassDOT's Bicycle and Safety Awareness and Enforcement Program, and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Pedestrian Safety Planning Initiative has taken her across the state building municipal staff and community awareness around walkable design. She led the launch of the WalkMassachusetts Network, an initiative designed to connect and support local groups working on walking. Stacey is a member of the Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board. Prior to joining WalkBoston, Stacey was a Senior Associate at Sasaki Associates where she practiced as an urban designer and planner. She holds a Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Michigan and Bachelor of Arts in American Studies/Environmental Studies from Dickinson College.

Stacey Beuttell discussed the following items:

- In 2021, at least 75 pedestrians lost their lives in traffic crashes in Massachusetts, accounting for 18% of all lives lost in traffic crashes
- Of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts, 47 had a fatal pedestrian crash in 2021. Over half (40 of 75) of the deaths happened in 12 municipalities
- Older adults were hit and killed at a higher rate than those in other age groups: 36% of fatal crash victims were over the age of 65. In Massachusetts, only 17% of the population is over 65
- Over half of Massachusetts' fatal pedestrian crashes occurred on streets with speed limits of 30 to 35 MPH. These are neighborhood streets and main streets where more people are walking
- Roughly 65% of the people killed while walking were on roads owned by a city or town, while approximately 35% were walking on roads owned by a state agency

Joe Scardino stated that there are 2 state highways converging in the town center of Stoughton. There is a pedestrian signal crossing. The problem with those is you cannot see a pedestrian on the other side when a truck is in the way. There are also issues at pedestrian crossings where one car will stop to let a pedestrian go and a car arriving in the opposite direction does not see them. Stacey Beuttell stated that these are issues that WalkBoston deal with every day. Discussion followed.

C. Draft FFY 2023 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- **21-Day Public Comment Period**

Charles Kilmer discussed the Draft FFY 2023 Old Colony UPWP.

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The following are the main sections of the upcoming UPWP:

TASK 1000: MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT OF PLANNING PROCESS AND CERTIFICATION ACTIVITIES

- 1100 - 3C Program Support (\$75,437)
- 1200 - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (\$18,000)
- 1300 - Public Participation Program (PPP) (\$67,000)
- 1400 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (\$55,000)
- 1500 - Title VI and Environmental Justice (EJ) (\$45,000)

TASK 2000: DATA RECONNAISSANCE, ACQUISITION, AND ANALYSIS ACTIVITIES

- 2100 - Demographic and Land Use Surveillance (\$30,000)
- 2200 - Multi-Modal Transportation System Data Surveillance and System Monitoring (\$102,000)
- 2300 - System Planning Resource Activities (\$68,000)
- 2400 - Geographic Information System (GIS) (\$87,000)
- 2500 - Management Systems (Congestion, Pavement & Safety), and Travel Demand Modeling (\$106,000)

TASK 3000: SHORT RANGE AND LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- 3100 - Regional Multimodal Transportation Planning and Studies (\$92,000)
- 3200 - Local Highway Transportation Technical Assistance (\$87,000)
- 3300 - Route 18 Corridor Study (Bridgewater & East Bridgewater) (\$96,000)
- 3400 - 2024 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) (\$125,000)
- 3500 - Coordinated Human Services Transportation (CHSTP) Plan (\$59,000)
- 3600 - Performance Based Planning (\$39,000)

TASK 4000: OTHER TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

- 4100 - Transit Technical Assistance, and Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Support (\$45,000)
- 4200 - BAT Planning and Technical Studies (\$25,000)

Vice Chairperson Salvucci asked if there is a motion to approve the Draft FFY 2023 Old Colony UPWP. A motion was made by Don Howard and seconded by Joe Scardino.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the Draft FFY 2023 Old Colony UPWP.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

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

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Project Status Updates

Brockton

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

Plymouth

- Aerial Inventory of Multiple Locations (OCPC Drone Program) – Locations and Dates to be Finalized

Stoughton

- Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Audit of Pleasant Street (Route 139) and Lowe Avenue – Scheduled for June 2022
- Aerial Survey of Glen Echo Park – To Be Scheduled Summer 2022

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.

ENF

EEA #16558 – Lake Shore Center Phase 4 – Bridgewater

Phase 4 includes the following components:

- A 1-story, approximately 1,800 GSF Café shop
- A 5-story, 150-unit assisted living facility
- A 4-story, 225-unit 55+ residential community
- A 4-story, 102-room hotel, and a 4-story, 160-unit condominium community
- A 6,000 GSF restaurant on the north side of Pleasant Street adjacent to Lake Nippenicket

A total of 1,083 parking spaces are proposed to accommodate the varied uses across the site.

Certificates

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

The certificate states that this project requires the submission of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

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Public Notice

Notice of Intent to Initiate an Ecological Restoration Project – East Bridgewater

This proposed project would replace the deteriorated culvert at the Pond Street crossing of the Satucket River in order to mitigate further deterioration, prevent potential flooding caused by the existing undersized culvert, and meet the Massachusetts River and Stream Crossing Standards to the maximum extent practicable.

Notice of Scope of Work for a Hydrogeological Evaluation – Plymouth

The scope of work is for a proposed soil absorption system to be located on property at 450 Little Sandy Pond Road in Plymouth, MA. This is in support of a future application for a Ground Water Discharge Permit for subsurface disposal of 33,000 gallons per day of treated wastewater.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Joe Scardino informed the JTC that John Charbonneau has resigned from the Town of Stoughton.

Bruce Hughes asked when the new bridge over the train tracks on Route 18 will open. MassDOT had no information on this bridge. Barbara Lachance stated that she will get an update and send it in an email.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

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Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for June 2, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the May 5, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for June 2, 2022, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items