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#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Minutes of October 6, 2022 Meeting
- 4. Communications
- 5. Reports
  - A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)
  - B. Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)
  - C. South Coast Rail (SCR) Project
- 6. Old Business
  - A. FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation
- 7. New Business
  - A. TransitMatters: Regional Rail on the South Shore and Greater Brockton
    - Guest Speaker: Ethan Finlan, TransitMatters
  - B. Old Colony Congestion Management Process (CMP)
    - Results of October 2022 Commuter Parking Utilization Survey
  - C. Old Colony 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
    - Draft Public Survey
- Other Business
  - 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).

### November 3, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 1 ity Statement, Title VI Notice of Protection

### 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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## November 3, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 2 Public Comments

#### **Summary**

Public comments.

#### November 3, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 3 Minutes of October 6, 2022 Meeting

#### **Summary**

Old Colony JTC to consider approval of October 6, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting Minutes.

### November 3, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 4 Communications

#### **Summary**

#### FHWA publishes Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment Guidance

Secretary Buttigieg recently announced that the Federal Highway Administration published the Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment guidance. The Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment is a new requirement in the Highway Safety Improvement Program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. All States are required to develop a Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment by November 15, 2023. The Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment includes a quantitative analysis of vulnerable road user fatalities and serious injuries to identify areas as "high-risk" to vulnerable road users. The States will consult with local governments that represent the high-risk areas to identify a program of projects or strategies to reduce safety risks to vulnerable road users in these areas.

For background information and further clarification of the requirements for the Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment, please visit:

https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/2022-10/VRU%20Safety%20Assessment%20Guidance%20FINAL\_508.pdf

Virtual Design Public Hearing ADA Retrofits at Various Locations - Design Public Hearing - November 9, 2022 at 6 p.m.

The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of existing pedestrian curb ramps to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Architectural Access Board (AAB) standards at various locations throughout MassDOT District 5, including the Towns of Fairhaven, Hingham, Norwood, Plymouth, Swansea, and Walpole. The ramps included in this project have been identified by MassDOT as priority locations of substandard pedestrian ramps based on an assessment of the entire District. The additional required work to reconstruct each curb ramp may include, but is not limited to, sidewalk and curb reconstruction (where it exists today), full depth pavement reconstruction and/or milling & overlay of the existing roadway in the intersections, and restoration of existing grass areas.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments during the meeting. This meeting will be recorded and transcribed by a stenographer. Visit <a href="https://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings">www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings</a> for more information and how to register.

Bourne - Cape Cod Canal Bridges Program Virtual Public Information Meetings – November 15 and 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

A Live Virtual Public Information Meetings will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present an overview of the proposed Cape Cod Bridges Program in Bourne, MA.

The proposed program consists of replacement of the Bourne and Sagamore bridges, as well as improvements to the approach roadway networks to address the multimodal deficiencies within the Cape Cod Canal area.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to <a href="MassDOTMajorProjects@dot.state.ma.us">MassDOTMajorProjects@dot.state.ma.us</a> or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 608020. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public meeting transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the meeting is posted to the MassDOT website listed below.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments during the meeting. This meeting will be recorded and transcribed by a stenographer. Visit <a href="https://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings">www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings</a> for more information and how to register.

#### **Thriving Communities Program (TCP) Notice of Funding Opportunity**

Funded with \$25 million through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) new Thriving Communities Program (TCP) aims to ensure that disadvantaged communities adversely or disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health policy outcomes have the technical tools and

organizational capacity to compete for federal aid and deliver quality infrastructure projects that enable their communities and neighborhoods to thrive.

The TCP is designed to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to advance a pipeline of transportation and community revitalization activities that increase mobility, reduce pollution from transportation sources, expand affordable transportation and housing options, improve health outcomes, facilitate efficient land use, preserve or expand jobs, and enhance connections to health care, education, and food security to benefit disadvantaged populations and communities. The Thriving Communities Program will support and build local capacity to improve project acceleration, access to and management of Federal funding, and deployment of local hiring, workforce development and inclusive community engagement practices. The TCP facilitates the planning and development of transportation and community revitalization activities and provides tools to ensure that under-resourced communities can access the historic funding provided in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

The Thriving Communities Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is now available on <u>Grants.gov</u>. You can find it by searching Opportunity Number DOT-TCP-FY22-01. **Applications in response to the NOFO must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on November 22, 2022.** As a reminder, you **must** complete the Grants.gov registration process before submitting the final application, which can take several weeks to finalize. Applicants are encouraged to start the Grants.gov registration process now. Visit the <u>How to Apply</u> page for more information.

If a prospective TCP applicant is experiencing delays related to the SAM.gov/UEI/Grants.gov registration, one solution is for that entity ("intended applicant") to partner with another eligible applicant ("submitting applicant") with an active Grants.gov account to submit on behalf of the intended applicant. DOT does not require an active UEI at the time of application but does require an active UEI to be a recipient of Federal funds, if awarded.

If an applicant pursues this option, DOT encourages the applicant to:

- 1. Identify the intended applicant [organization name and location] upon whose behalf the submitting applicant is acting at the top of the application narrative.
- 2. Note the submitting applicant does NOT have to serve as the recipient / administrative agent of the grant, if awarded.

For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.transportation.gov/grants/thriving-communities">https://www.transportation.gov/grants/thriving-communities</a>

## November 3, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 5A Brockton Area Transit (BAT)

#### **Summary**

Brockton Area Transit to provide report.

## November 3, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 5B Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)

#### **Summary**

Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority to provide report.

## November 3, 2022 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 October 2022, work conducted involved continued 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; 24-hour track work in New Bedford; 24-hour crossing work in Freetown; overnight crossing work in New Bedford; shoulder closure on Route 140 Southbound in Taunton for curb and sidewalk installation; daytime track work in Berkley, Lakeville, Middleborough, Raynham, and Taunton; overnight road work and lane closures for crossing work in Taunton; daytime and nighttime work at the Fall River Depot site; a detour in Fall River for bridge work; daytime and overnight roadwork on Route 105 in Middleborough, 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 by truck to designated project sites as well as detours for various project activities.

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

# November 3, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 6A FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

#### **Summary**

The Transportation Improvement Program projects programmed in Year 1 must be ready for advertisement within that year (design, engineering, permits, and approvals, etc. completed).

#### **FFY 2023 PROJECTS:**

- DUXBURY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ROUTE 3 (PILGRIMS HIGHWAY) NB/SB OVER FRANKLIN STREET
  - 25% Package received by MassDOT (2/22/2022).
  - Design Public Hearing held October 6, 2022.
  - Cost Estimate is \$30,575,483
- STOUGHTON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) AC PHASE 1 OF 2
  - MassDOT comments on the 75% Package returned to the Design Engineer (6/21/2022).
  - Design Public Hearing held February 16, 2022.
  - Cost Estimate for AC Phase 1 is \$9,264,000 (Total cost is \$12,128,352).

- STOUGHTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE (608279)
  - MassDOT comments on the 100% Package returned to the Design Engineer (3/24/2021).
  - Cost Estimate is \$4,242,977.

#### **FFY 2024 PROJECTS:**

- BROCKTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123), CARY STREET, AND LYMAN STREET (609410)
  - 25% Package Resubmission 1 received by MassDOT (7/9/2021).
  - Cost Estimate is \$3,074,203.
- <u>BROCKTON CITYWIDE SYSTEMIC COUNTERMEASURES AND SAFE SYSTEMS</u> IMPLEMENTATION (609410)
  - o Project is in the preliminary design phase Cost Estimate is \$3,074,203.
  - o Cost Estimate is \$4,000,000.
- <u>BROCKTON ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND</u> GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (609052)
  - o 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.
- PLYMPTON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, WINNETUXET ROAD OVER WINNETUXET RIVER (609435)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$\$2,062,345.
- STOUGHTON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) AC PHASE 2 OF 2
  - MassDOT comments on the 75% Package returned to the Design Engineer (6/21/2022).
  - Design Public Hearing Scheduled for February 16, 2022.
  - Cost Estimate for AC Phase 2 is \$2,864,352 (Total cost is \$12,128,352).

#### **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)
  - 25% Resubmission 1 Package received by MassDOT (12/24/2019).
  - Design Engineer Reports Updated Data Collection and Analysis Required for 25% Design (8/26/2022).

- Cost Estimate is \$4,536,000.
- 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 (2/25/2022).
  - Design Public Hearing Held on May 12, 2022.
  - Cost Estimate is \$6,938,302.

#### **FFY 2026 PROJECTS:**

- ABINGTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET (609440)
  - MassDOT comments on the 25% Package returned to the Design Engineer (as of 9/6/2021).
  - Cost Estimate is \$5,374,667.
- 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.

- DUXBURY SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002)
  - o Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$2,688,000.
- HANSON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 14 (MAQUAN STREET), FROM THE PEMBROKE T.L. TO INDIAN HEAD STREET AND RELATED WORK (608506) AC Phase 1 of 2
  - 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).

#### **FFY 2027 PROJECTS:**

- BROCKTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27) / QUINCY STREET / MASSASOIT BOULEVARD (606143)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$6,148,928.

- HANSON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 14 (MAQUAN STREET), FROM THE PEMBROKE T.L. TO INDIAN HEAD STREET AND RELATED WORK (608506) AC Phase 2 of 2
  - 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).
- 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.
  - Cost Estimate is \$157,257,710.

#### **CURRENTLY UNPROGRAMMED PROJECTS IN FFY 2023-2027 TIP**

- ABINGTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, RANDOLPH STREET AND RICHARD A. FITTS
  DRIVE (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.

- 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
- ABINGTON & BROCKTON PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (609520)
  - Currently not programmed.
  - 25% Package received by MassDOT (7/9/2021).
  - Cost Estimate is \$3,129,363 (\$20,029,176 from 25% Design Submission).
- AVON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMEMENTS ON ROUTE 28 (610804)
  - Currently not programmed.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$4,002,001.
- 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.
- o Cost Estimate is \$8,778,450.
- 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.
- EAST BRIDGEWATER INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18),
   WEST STREET (ROUTE 106) AND EAST STREET (611968)
  - Currently not programmed.
  - o Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$3,500,000.
- 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.
- 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.

#### EASTON - IMPROVEMENTS ON FOUNDRY STREET (ROUTE 106/123) (612269)

- Currently not programmed.
- Project is in the preliminary design phase.
- o Pre-25% Design Meeting held March 1, 2022
- Cost Estimate is \$ 14,315,773.

#### 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

### ■ HANOVER — CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 139 (HANOVER STREET) AT MAIN STREET, CENTER STREET, AND SILVER STREET (612769)

- 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

- KINGSTON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, K-01-014, SMITHS LANE OVER ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY) (608615)
  - Currently not programmed.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - o Cost Estimate is \$12,788,000.
- PEMBROKE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT WASHINGTON STREET AND SCHOOSETT STREET (611978)
  - Currently not programmed.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$2,500,000.
- STOUGHTON INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CANTON STREET (ROUTE 27), SCHOOL STREET AND SUMMER STREET (611981)
  - Currently not programmed.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$2,300,000.

#### ■ <u>STOUGHTON - RECONSTRUCTION OF TURNPIKE STREET (607214)</u>

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

## November 3, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 7A TransitMatters: Regional Rail on the South Shore

#### **Summary**

TransitMatters is dedicated to improving transit in and around Boston by offering new perspectives, uniting transit advocates, and informing the public. We utilize a high level of critical analysis to advocate for plans and policies that promote convenient, effective, and equitable transportation for everyone.

Their vision is to make a sustainable, equitable, and reliable public transportation system accessible to everyone in Metropolitan Boston by advancing proven best practices as well as high-impact, low-cost initiatives.

# October 6, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 7B Old Colony Congestion Management Process (CMP) Results of October 2022 Commuter Parking Utilization Study

#### **Summary**

Between October 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, members of Old Colony Planning Council's Transportation Department conducted its bi-annual Congestion Management Process (CMP) data collection at 15 MBTA Commuter Rail stations and five MassDOT Park & Ride lots. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, utilization at the visited facilities was extremely low. Over time, the utilization has increased each and last month continued that trend. While overall utilization is between 40-50% of pre-pandemic levels, it is trending back in the direction of pre-pandemic levels and gives hope for the future.

All 15 Commuter Rail stations experienced an increase of utilization, ranging from 4% higher utilization at the Holbrook/Randolph station to 56% higher at the Abington station. Before the pandemic, all 15 stations yielded vehicle totals in the hundreds. The October 2021 data collection saw the return of triple digit counts at six of the stations, April 2022 yielded eight stations in the hundreds, and last month had 11 stations with over 100 vehicles. It was announced that the Plymouth station would reopen in July, however that did not occur, and it

is uncertain if that station will ever be used again. Even with people working remotely or hybrid, there is a clear increase in workers utilizing the commuter rail.

The Park & Ride lots had a different result; there was only one increase in utilization from April at one location, and overall, there was a decrease from April's count. The lone increase was experienced at the Plymouth lot on Route 3, and a 10% increase was yielded. The West Bridgewater lot, which historically has been well utilized, had under 100 vehicles for the second time since the pandemic and had not been experienced before the pandemic (dating back to 2001). This is likely due to the change in provided bus service at this location. The previous service (Bloom bus) provided four morning and four afternoon peak trips, both inbound and outbound. The new service (Plymouth & Brockton) provides six inbound and six outbound trips spread throughout the day and is less ideal for commuters who need bus service at this lot for their work commute.

Attachment(s)
PowerPoint Presentation





### October Commuter Rail Results

Location	Total Spaces	<u>ا</u> Spaces	Bicycle Spaces	Total Parked	<u>اج</u> Parked	Bicycles Parked	Survey Date	Staff Initials	Total Utilization	<b>L</b> Utilization	Bicycle Utilization
Providence/Stoughton Line											
Canton Junction	762	12	48	481	1	5	10/27/22	KM	63.12%	8.33%	10.42%
Canton Center	215	4	10	51	0	2	10/27/22	KM	23.72%	0.00%	20.00%
Stoughton	311	10	13	162	0	3	10/27/22	KM	52.09%	0.00%	23.08%
Middleborough/Lakeville Line											
Holbrook/Randolph	362	14	24	85	0	2	10/27/22	SB	23.48%	0.00%	8.33%
Montello	351	12	36	157	1	1	10/27/22	SB	44.73%	8.33%	2.78%
Brockton (BAT Facility)	323	11	52	66	1	1	10/27/22	SB	20.43%	9.09%	1.92%
Campello	552	11	26	104	0	0	10/27/22	SB	18.84%	0.00%	0.00%
Bridgewater	499	10	28	298	0	2	10/26/22	SB	59.72%	0.00%	7.14%
Middleborough/Lakeville	769	13	8	329	0	0	10/26/22	SB	42.78%	0.00%	0.00%
Kingston/Plymouth Line											
South Weymouth	636	13	28	323	1	0	10/25/22	AV	50.79%	7.69%	0.00%
Abington	404	9	12	210	0	7	10/25/22	AV	51.98%	0.00%	58.33%
Whitman	199	7	12	66	0	1	10/25/22	AV	33.17%	0.00%	8.33%
Hanson	428	8	14	130	0	0	10/26/22	GL	30.37%	0.00%	0.00%
Halifax	412	10	19	134	0	0	10/26/22	GL	32.52%	0.00%	0.00%
Kingston	1,030	22	32	293	0	0	10/25/22	RG	28.45%	0.00%	0.00%
<u>Total Providence/Stoughton Line</u>	1,288	26	71	694	1	10	><		53.88%	3.85%	14.08%
Total Middleborough/Lakeville Line	2,856	71	174	1,039	2	6			36.38%	2.82%	3.45%
Total Kingston/Plymouth Line	3,109	69	117	1,156	1	8			37.18%	1.45%	6.84%

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Location	Total Spaces			

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1,571

1,625

4,354

Providence/Stoughton Line

Middleborough/Lakeville Line

Holbrook/Randolph

Brockton (BAT Centre)

Middleborough/Lakeville

Total Providence/Stoughton Line

Total Kingston/Plymouth Line

Total Middleborough/Lakeville Line

Kingston/Plymouth Line South Weymouth

1,030

1,300

2,856

3,205

7,361

1,365

1,369

3,645

1,011

1,457

1,316

3,784

1,051

1,438

1,414

3,903

1,149

1,443

1,622

4,214

1,187

1,544

1,504

4,235

1,204

1,669

1,636

4,509

**Canton Junction** 

Canton Center

Stoughton

Montello

Campello

Abington

Whitman

Hanson

Halifax

Kingston

Plymouth

Total All Stations

Bridgewater

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1,224

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Spaces | Apr-12 | Oct-12 | Apr-13 | Oct-13 | Apr-14 | Oct-14 | Apr-15 | Oct-15 | Apr-16 | Oct-16 | Apr-17 | Oct-17 | Apr-18 | Oct-18 | Apr-19 | Oct-19 | Apr-20 | Oct-20 | Apr-21 | Oct-21 | Apr-22 | Oct-22 | Oct-22 | Oct-23 | Oct-24 | Oct-25 | Oct-25 | Oct-25 | Oct-26 | Oct-27 | Oct

1,163

1,613

1,752

4,528

1,096

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4,728

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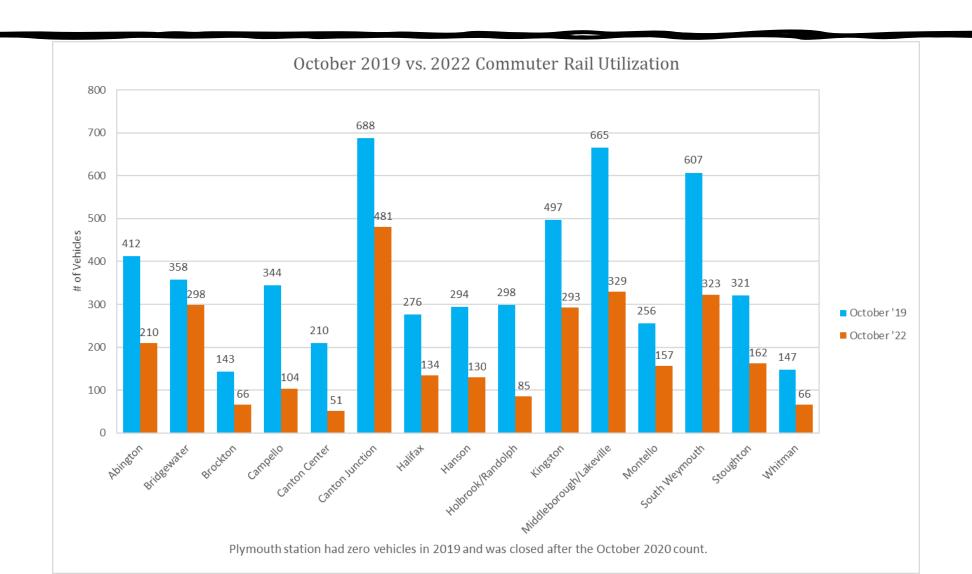
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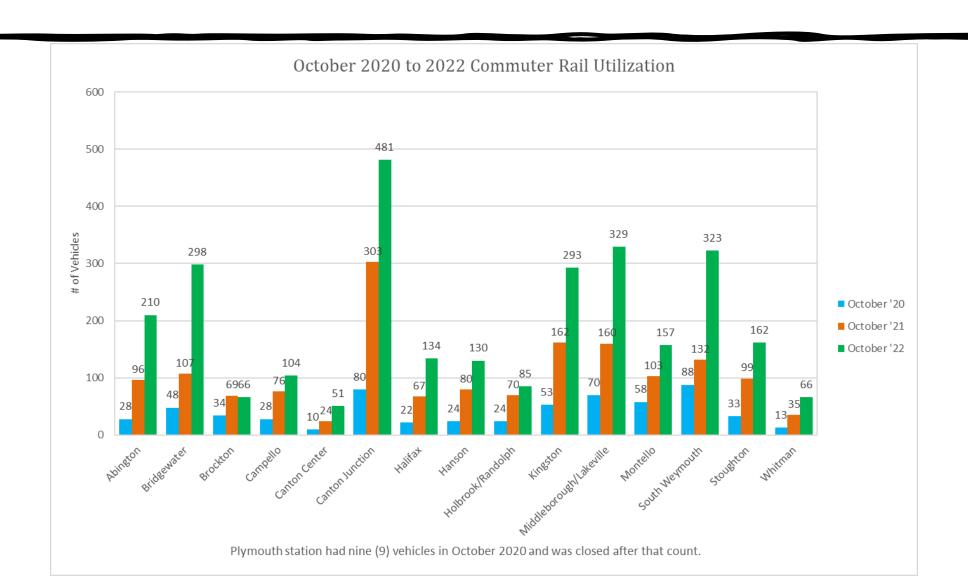
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10-Year Commuter	Rail	Utilization
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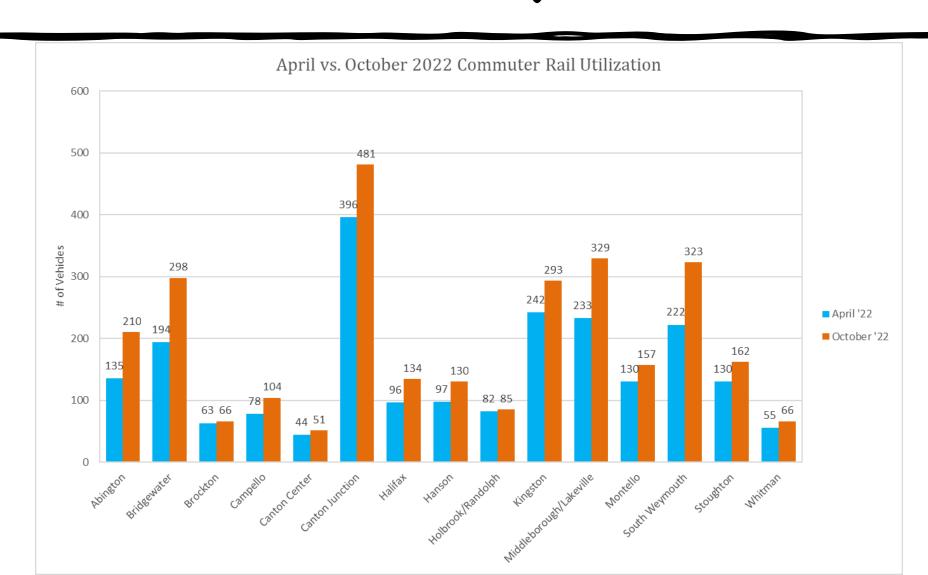
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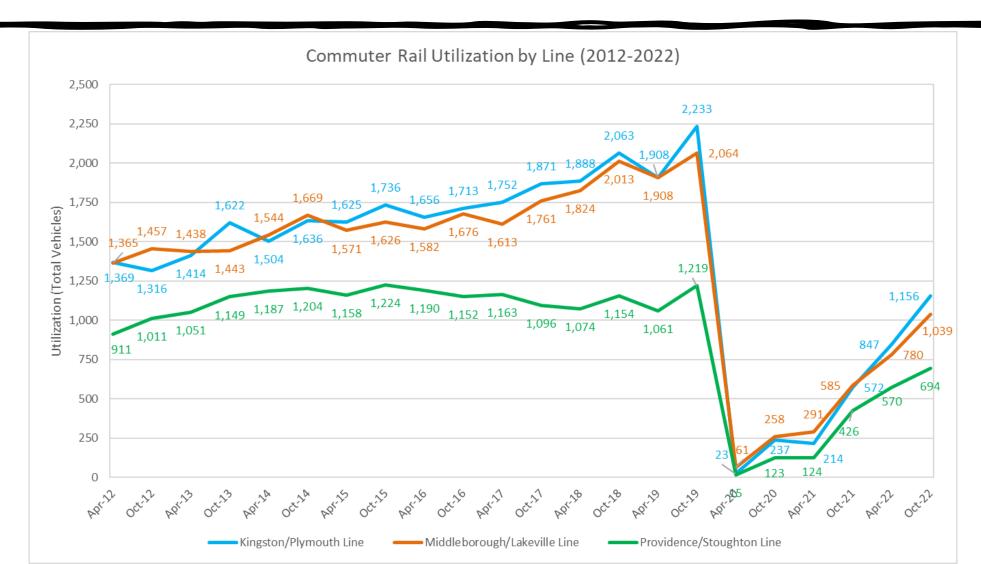
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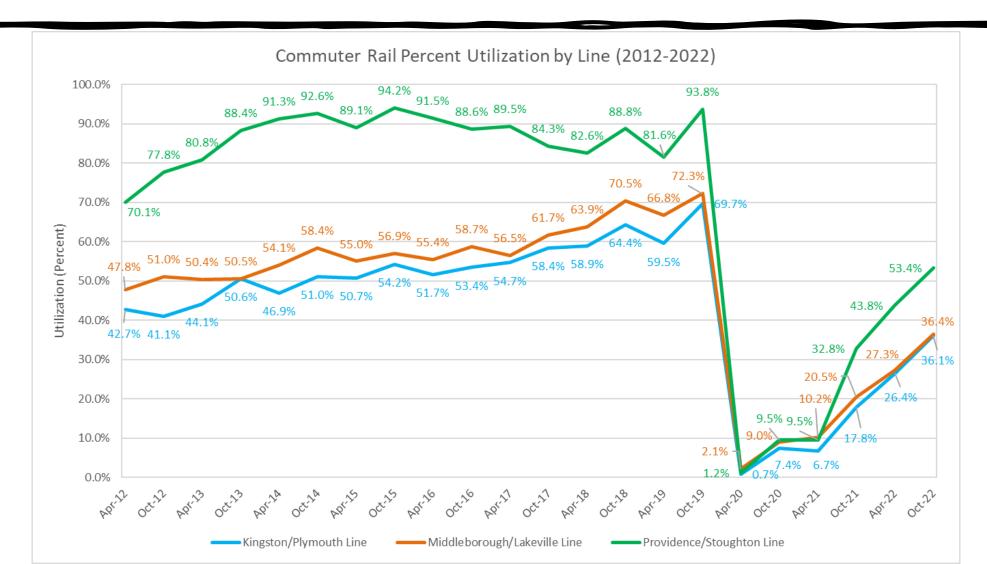
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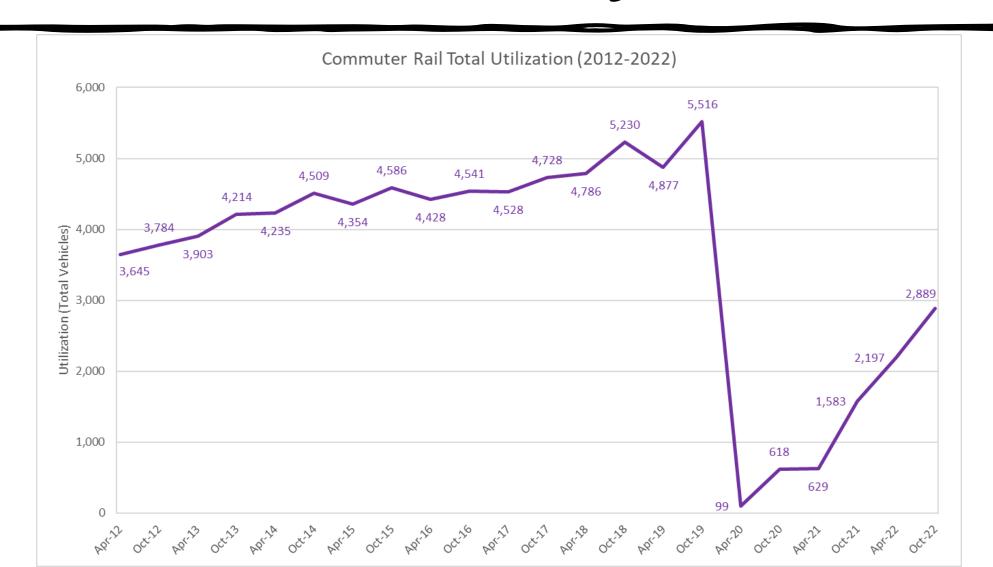
## 2012-2022 Utilization by Line



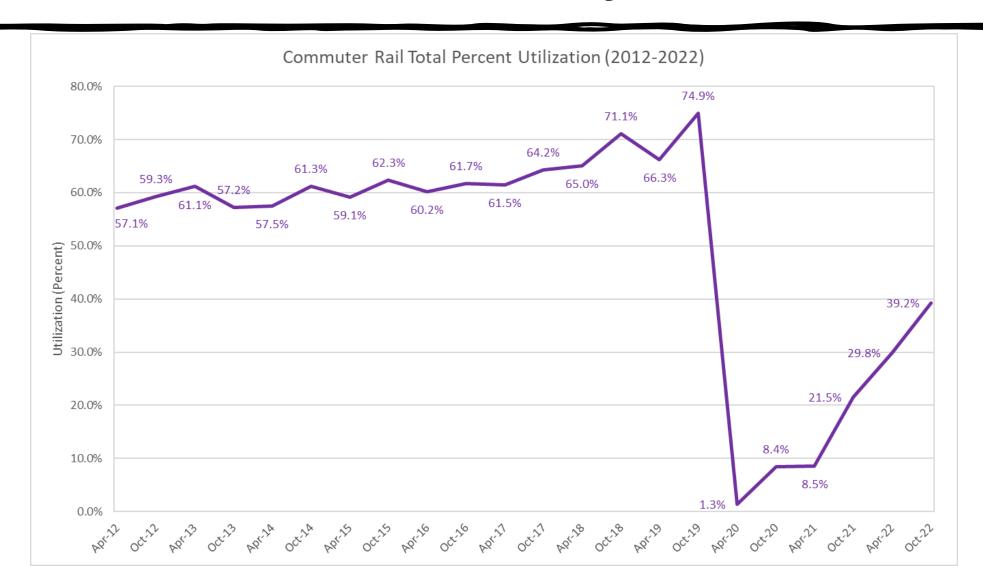
### 2012-2022 Utilization % by Line



### 2012-2022 Total Utilization



### 2012-2022 Total Utilization %



### Commuter Rail Results/Looking Ahead

- Every station had an increase above April 2022.
  - Increases ranged from 4% (Holbrook/Randolph) to 56% (Abington).
  - Stoughton line increased 22%, Middleborough/Lakeville line increased 33%, Kingston line increased 36%.
  - Overall increase was 31%.
- Highest vehicle count and utilization was Canton Junction (481 vehicles and 63.1% utilized).
  - Four other locations above 50% utilized (Bridgewater, Abington, South Weymouth, & Stoughton).
- Combined utilization of 39.2% (Compared to 29.8% in April 2021).



### October Park & Ride Results

Location	Total	E	Bicycle		
200000	Spaces	Spaces	Spaces		
Route 3 Corridor					
Rockland - Route 3, Exit 35 (Route 228)	440	8	0		
Plymouth - Route 3, Exit 13 (Long Pond Road)	200	8	0		
Bourne - Route 3, Exit 1A (Route 6) (Sagamore)	377	6	10		
Route 24 Corridor					
West Bridgewater - Route 24, Exit 28 (Route 106)	185	7	11		
Bridgewater - Route 24, Exit 24 (Route 104)	60	0	0		
<u>Total Route 3 Corridor</u>	1,017	22	10		
Total Route 24 Corridor	245	7	11		

1,262

Total All Lots

Total	Ł	Bicycles	Date of	Staff
Parked	Parked	Parked	Survey	Initials
174	2	0	10/25/22	AV
110	0	0	10/25/22	RG
242	2	0	10/25/22	RG
90	0	0	10/26/22	SB
11	0	0	10/26/22	SB
526	4	0		
101	0	0		

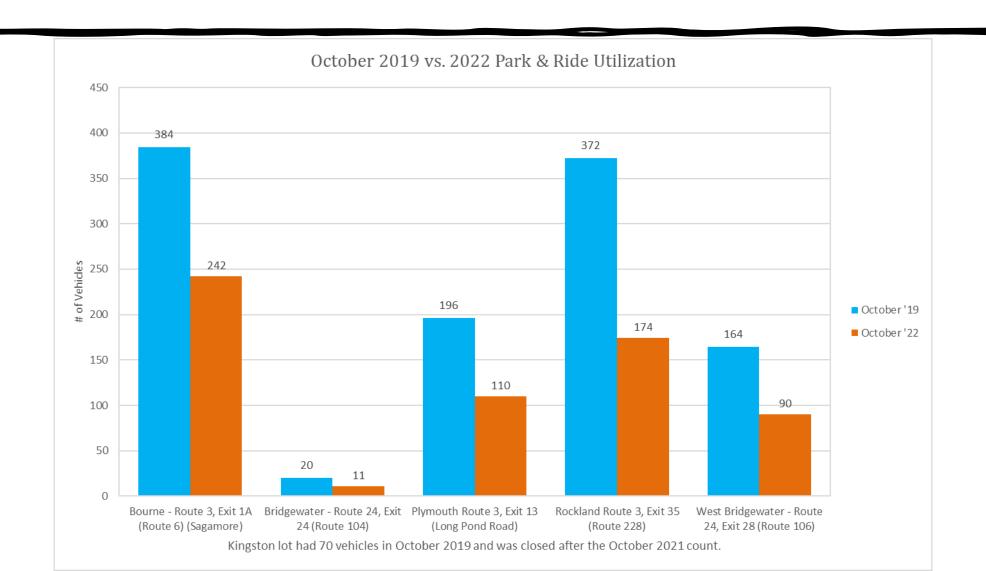
Total	£	Bicycle
Utilization	Utilization	Utilization
39.55%	25.00%	0.00%
55.00%	0.00%	0.00%
64.19%	33.33%	0.00%
48.65%	0.00%	0.00%
18.33%	0.00%	0.00%
51.72%	18.18%	0.00%
41.22%	0.00%	0.00%

13.79%

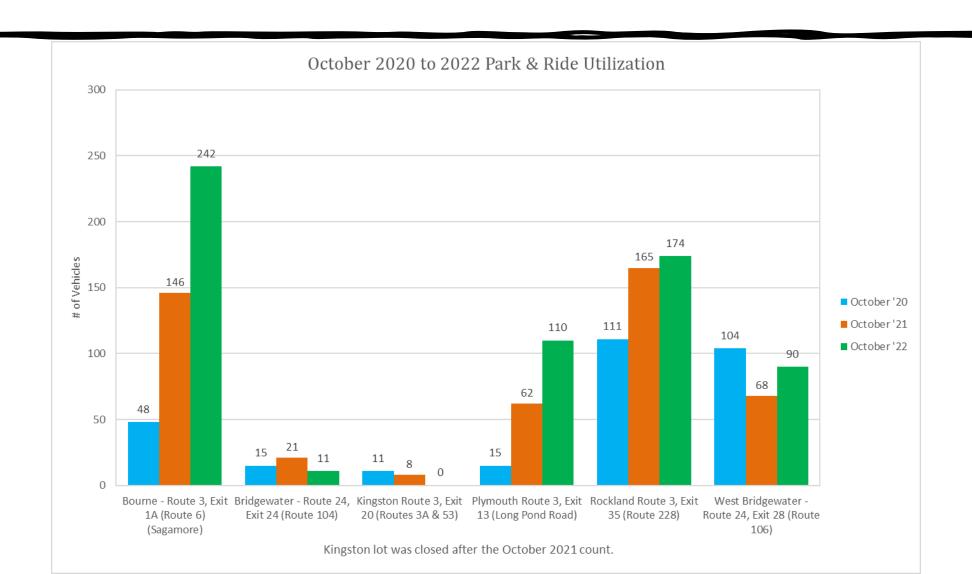
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60	0	35	38	29	33	34	44	37	36	30	35	23	26	43	37	31	20	0	15	13	21	19	11
Route 3 Corridor																							
440	8	334	362	414	451	386	343	411	387	349	383	417	386	398	354	411	372	0	111	118	165	205	174
67	0	2	5	4	6	4	1	6	3	3	4	4	7	1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
72	0	46	55	58	56	54	46	46	47	58	57	49	48	59	68	69	70	0	11	6	8	N/A	N/A
200	8	197	198	206	198	186	208	233	193	171	217	213	196	206	167	175	196	0	15	23	62	100	110
377	6	342	355	345	374	389	351	353	349	347	391	378	389	343	363	359	384	0	48	53	146	264	242
520	8	17	19	15	28	20	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
245	8	206	215	194	217	193	228	212	206	190	184	169	183	204	191	203	184	0	119	116	89	134	101
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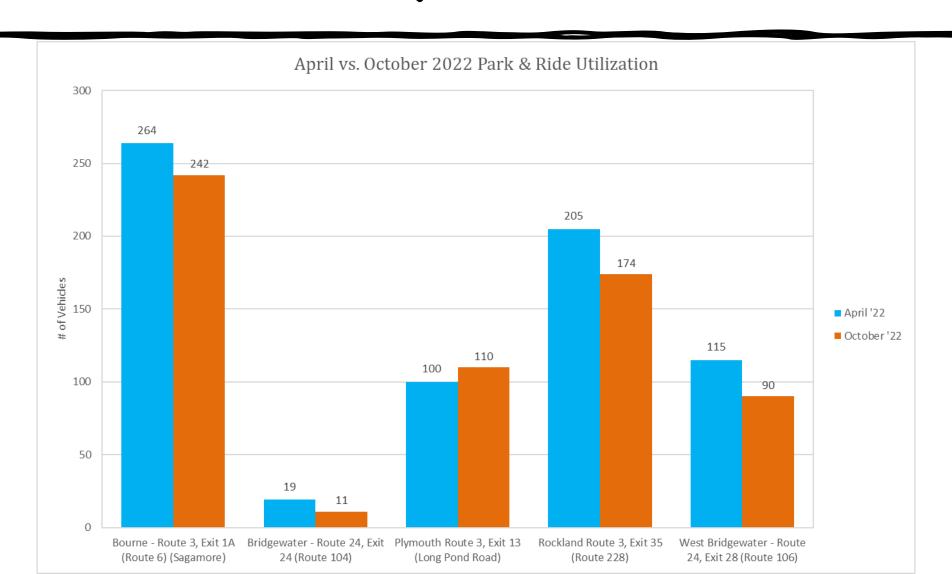
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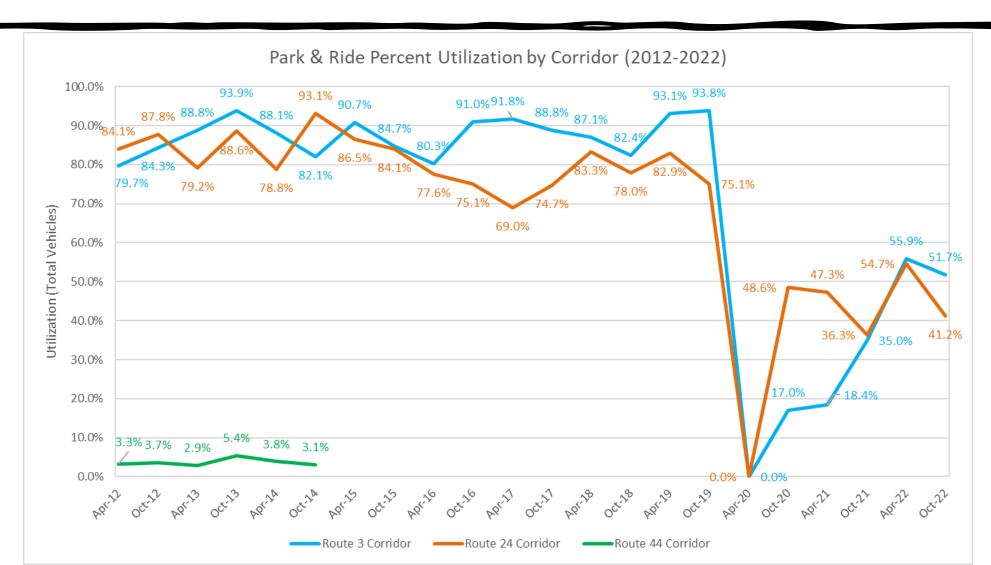
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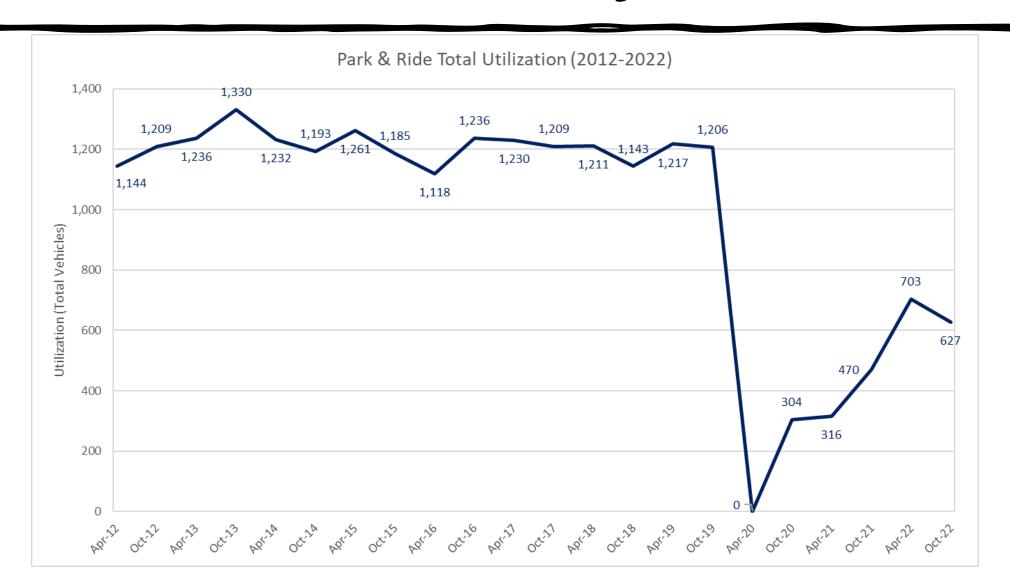
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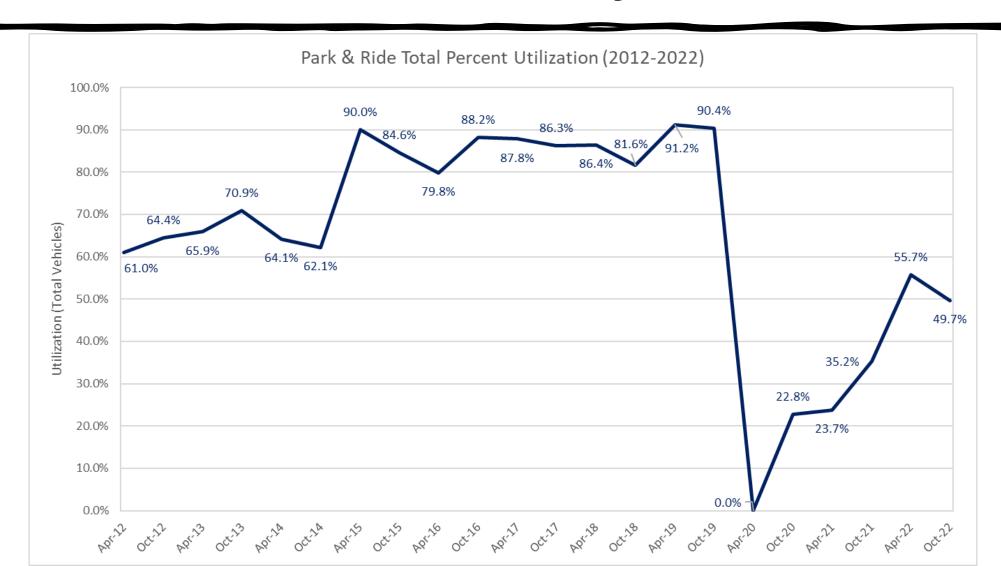
### 2012-2022 Utilization % by Corridor



### 2012-2022 Total Utilization



## 2012-2022 Total Utilization %



### Park & Ride Results/Looking Ahead

- Only one lot increased, despite three locations with triple digit vehicle totals.
  - Plymouth lot increased by 10%, decreases ranged from 8% (Bourne) to 42% (Bridgewater).
  - Route 3 corridor decreased 8% & Route 24 corridor decreased 25%. Overall decrease of 11%.
- Decrease at West Bridgewater partially due to switch in bus service.
  - Bloom was scheduled at peak commute times; P&B is spread throughout the day.
- Highest vehicle count and utilization was Bourne (242 vehicles and 64.2% utilized).
- Combined utilization of 49.7% (Compared to 55.7% in April 2022.



### Questions? Comments?

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# November 3, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Item 7C Old Colony 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Draft Public Survey

#### **Summary**

As part of the public engagement component of the 2050 Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan development, Old Colony Planning Council will be conducting a survey for transportation and environmental stakeholders and residents in the Old Colony region. The survey is being in conjunction with the concurrent Beyond Mobility survey as part of the Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan update. The questions mirror those in the statewide survey while adding questions to reflect local priorities. The results of the survey will guide us in the Plan development with a better understanding of the reimportation priorities of the public.

Q. Please rank the current aspects of the transportation system you would like to see improved or changed in your lifetime. Order them from most to least in need.

- Connectivity and Coverage
- Equity and Fairness
- Reliability
- Other (Explain)

- Q. Please rank the following in terms of importance to you in planning for the future of transportation in Greater Brockton and the South Shore?
  - Climate Resiliency
  - Planning for Age Friendly Communities
  - Greater frequency of commuter rail service
  - Greater Frequency / Expanded Service Coverage of transit bus (BAT, MBTA, etc.)
     service
  - More Public Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
  - More Micromobility (Bike Share, Community Shuttles, etc.) Options
  - Improvements for freeway (Route 3, Route 24, etc.) bottlenecks
  - Improvements for local (Route 18, Route 106, Town Centers, and Downtowns, etc.)
     bottlenecks
  - Other (Explain)
- Q. Imagine we have achieved a flawless transportation system for Massachusetts. What does a great transportation system do for you? Please choose all that apply
  - Car-Free Connectivity from Origin to Destination
  - Well Maintained roads and Sidewalks
  - Better connections between all modes of transportation
  - Overall reduction in travel times
  - Ability to reach your job and other important destinations (food, health care, etc.)
     more easily
  - Other (Specify)

- Q. Imagine that you have 100 tokens to spend on roadway-related transportation improvements. How many of these 100 tokens would you invest in each of the following priorities?
  - Climate resilient infrastructure
  - Transit features on roadways
  - Pavement and Bridge Condition Improvements
  - EV Charging Infrastructure
  - Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure
  - Safety Improvements
  - ADA Accessibility Improvements
  - Other (Specify)

Q. Imagine that you have 100 tokens to spend on transit-related transportation improvements. How many of these 100 tokens would you invest in each of the following priorities?

- More Frequent Commuter Rail Service
- More Frequent Bus Service
- Community Shuttle Services (Point to Point Around Town)
- More Frequent subway Service
- More Passenger Rail Options
- Encouragement of carpooling and ridesharing

Q. Imagine that you have 100 tokens to spend on other transportation system improvements. How many of these 100 tokens would you invest in each of the following priorities?

- Improved pedestrian and bicycle connections to transit
- Bus Only Lanes Connecting Transit Stations to Activity Centers
- Increased parking capacity at stations
- Wayfinding to assist travelers locate transportation options
- Increased bicycle parking capacity at stations
- More micromobility options (such as bike sharing)

Q. How important are each of the three categories of improvements listed previously (Roadway elements, transit elements, and supportive transit elements)? How would you rank them? Assign them a rank of 1-3.

- Roadway Elements
- Transit Elements
- Other

Q. Based on where you live, how satisfied are you with the transportation connections to the following locations? Select your level of satisfaction for each item below.

- Jobs
- Food Retailers
- Health Care
- Parks and Open Space
- Education

- Other
- Q. Select the transportation modes you use in a typical week (select 1 or more modes)
  - Transit Bus
  - Commuter Rail
  - Subway
  - Own Private Vehicle
  - Passenger in Someone Else's Vehicle
  - Shared Vehicle (Uber, Lyft, shuttle, taxi, etc.)
  - Bicycle
  - Walking
  - Paratransit
  - Other (Specify)
- Q. Do you consider yourself to have a disability that limits your mobility
  - Yes
  - No
  - Prefer Not to Answer

If you have any questions about these Goals of the Plan, please contact LRTP Project Manager Bill McNulty at <a href="mailto:wmcnulty@ocpcrpa.org">wmcnulty@ocpcrpa.org</a> or (774) 539-5103.

## November 3, 2022 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.

Old Colony Planning Council has completed a traffic study of traffic within DW Field Park and abutting South Street in Avon for Wildlands Trust. This data and analysis have been distributed to Wildlands Trust and the communities of Brockton and Avon.

A traffic study of Route 139 at Grove Street in Hanover has been completed. This Study assessed impacts on surrounding roadways and intersections resulting from recent traffic control changes at Route 139 and Grove Street. This data and analysis have been distributed to the Town and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

A traffic study of Route 27 and Lake Street in Kingston has been completed. This data and analysis have been distributed to the Town.

The Town of Duxbury has requested Old Colony Planning Council prepare traffic studies for two intersections on Route 3A: Route 3A at Oak Street and Parks Street, and Route 3A at Elm Street and Soule Avenue. These traffic studies will be prepared this fall or winter.

The Town of Kingston has requested two traffic studies: a traffic study counting the number of vehicles using the Kingston Commuter Rail Station during the week (weekdays and weekends), and a Road Safety Audit of Landing Road. Traffic counts for the Commuter Rail Station Study will be conducted this Fall, and the Road Safety Audit will be scheduled for early winter.

#### **Project Status Updates**

#### Duxbury

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

Data collection to be conducted Fall / Winter 2022-2023

#### East Bridgewater

- Central Street Corridor Traffic Study
   Data analysis underway
- Plymouth Street (Route 106) at Bridge Street Traffic Study
   Data collection underway

#### Kingston

- Traffic Study of Kingston Commuter Rail Station (Marion Drive)
   Data collection underway
- Road Safety Audit of Landing Road
   RSA to be scheduled

#### **Plymouth**

Aerial Inventory of Locations (OCPC Drone Program)
 Drone flights to be scheduled

#### Stoughton

Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Audit of Pleasant Street (Route 139) and Lowe Avenue
 Audit to be scheduled November 2022

#### Whitman

• Traffic Counts Auburn Street (Route 14)

Data to be collected upon completion of utility work

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.

#### November 3, 2022 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 <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/mepa/">http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/mepa/</a>.

#### **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

#### **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**

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

The proposed project is intended to enhance the coastal resiliency of a barrier beach which helps protect the mainland of downtown Plymouth from coastal storms, especially Nor'easters, and limits exposure to the high energy environment of Plymouth Bay. This project represents an improvement to the coastal environment of Long Beach and does pose a threat to public health. Project impacts will not negatively affect EJ populations within the designated geographic area, the project will in fact serve to enhance the EJ population area's protection from coastal storm damage. There are no existing unfair or inequitable environmental burdens or related health consequences related to this Project.

## November 3, 2022 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 8C Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

#### **Summary**

Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues.