



OLD COLONY
PLANNING COUNCIL

FY '22
ANNUAL REPORT

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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: readily understood

: characterized by visibility or accessibility of information especially concerning business practices

From the Executive Director

OCPC continued to pivot as COVID made its way through its various strains and new boosters to protect our communities, and because of that, we become stronger by seizing opportunities. We found ways to increase the engagement with our partners and while doing so, **transparency was of the highest priority**. With hybrid meetings, and a remote work environment, going the extra mile is what OCPC's staff and Council members are charged with; being open and transparent in this environment took us to the next level.

The leadership of President Christine Joy over the past three years has set the tone for all of us and for that, we sincerely thank her. Christine paved the way for the Council members and staff, working tirelessly together, to represent, advocate, and plan for economic, social, and transportation challenges facing our member communities.

From President of the Council, Christine Joy

On behalf of the Old Colony Planning Council Delegates and Alternates, we are honored to release the 2021-2022 (FY22) Annual Report. As the President of OCPC for the past 3 years, I have watched this organization pivot, strive, and dedicate their time to ensuring success in our towns. This document is an opportunity to celebrate what WE accomplished over the past twelve months and what we look forward to accomplishing in the next year. We are proud of our successes and know more challenges and opportunities lie ahead.

I would like to acknowledge one member in particular, our Delegate from Whitman Fred Gilmetti, who is stepping down after serving 43 years of serving on the Old Colony Planning Council. Please join us in thanking Fred as our longest serving delegate for his service and dedication to our organization.

From President- Elect Valerie Massard

I am honored to be the incoming President for the Old Colony Planning Council. Having been a Delegate or Alternate for several years, and now for Kingston, I have seen the success of this organization firsthand and the commitment of its staff and members. Mary's message about transparency reinforces the importance of communication and I look forward to another successful coming year where communication continues to be strong.

I would like to acknowledge the members who serve as volunteers, our Delegates, and Alternates to OCPC, their involvement in the organization is a crucial element to OCPC's consistent strength. I also thank and acknowledge Christine's leadership, and look forward to following in her footsteps.

Christine Joy
President

Val Massard
President-Elect

Mary Waldron
Executive Director

COUNCIL MEMBERS



OFFICERS

President	Christine Joy
Treasurer	Douglas Sylvestre
Secretary	Sandra Wright

COUNCIL DELEGATES

Abington	Steven Santeusanio Alex Hagerty (Alternate)	Hanson	Antonio M. DeFrias, Joe Campbell (Alternate)
Avon	Frank Staffier, John Costa (Alternate)	Kingston	Valerie Massard, AICP, Paul Basler (Alternate)
Bridgewater	Sandra Wright	Pembroke	Rebecca Colletta, Alysha Siciliano-Perry (Alternate)
Brockton	Sydné Marrow, Preston Huckabee, PE (Alternate)	Plymouth	Lee Hartmann, AICP
Duxbury	George D. Wadsworth (Alternate)	Plympton	Christine Joy
East Bridgewater	Peter Spagone, Jr. John Haines (Alternate)	Stoughton	Douglas Sylvestre, Forrest Lindwall (Alternate)
Easton	Jeanmarie Kent-Joyce	West Bridgewater	Eldon F. Moreira
Halifax	Ashley A. DiSesa (Alternate)	Whitman	Fred Gilmetti, Daniel Salvucci (Alternate)
Hanover	Vacant	Delegate-at-large	Vacant

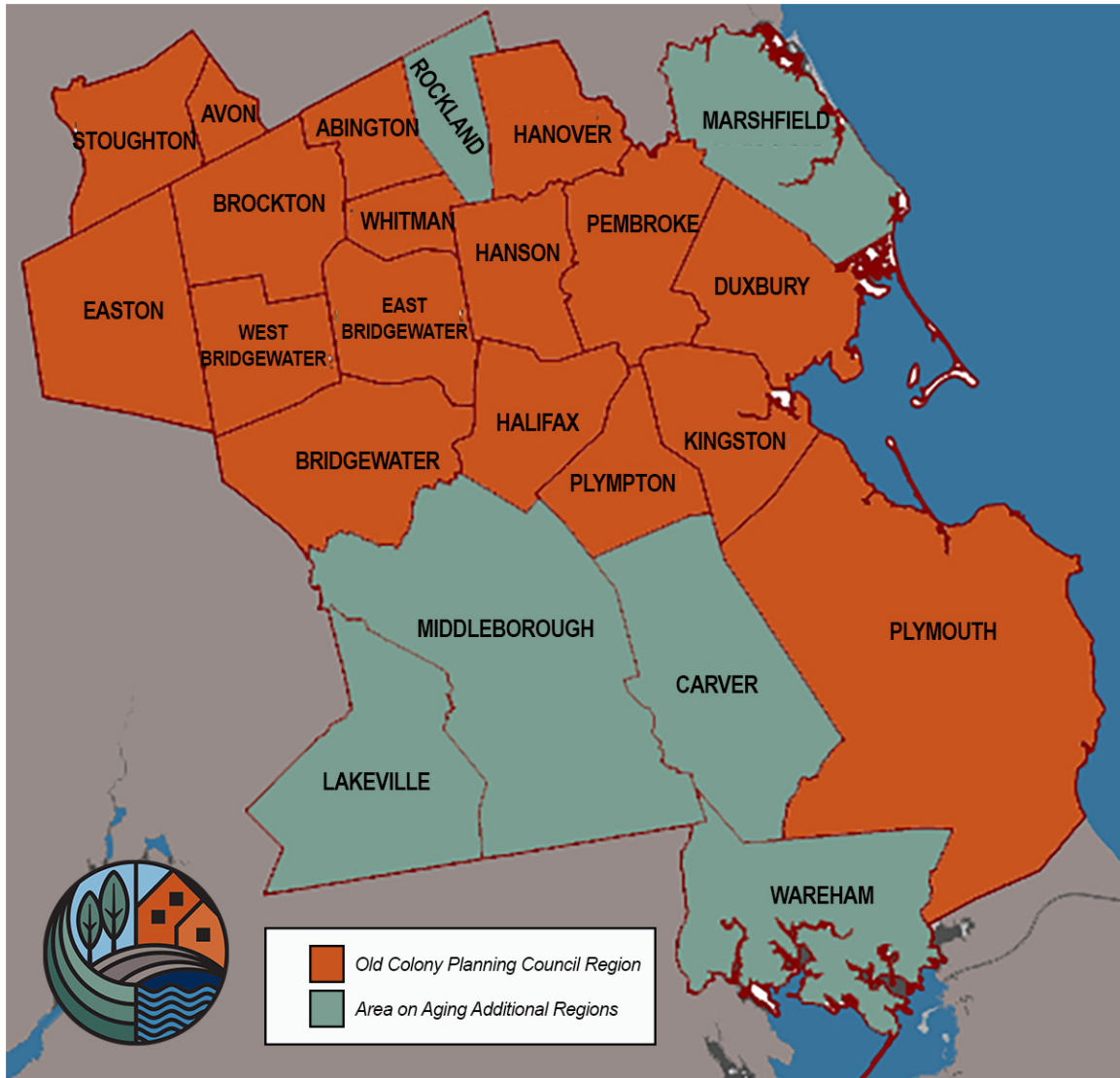
STAFF MEMBERS



STAFF

Mary V. Waldron	Executive Director and Records Access Officer
Charles Kilmer, AICP	Assistant Director and Transportation Program Manager
Shawn Bailey	Senior Transportation Planner
Lila Burgess	Ombudsman Program Director
Madison Curtis	Communications Coordinator
Megan Fournier	Senior Executive Assistant
Dottie Fulginiti	Economic Recovery Planner
Ray Guarino	Principal Transportation Planner
Patrick Hamilton	Assistant Area Agency on Aging Administrator
Richard Henry	Assistant Director Ombudsman
David Klein	Area Agency on Aging Administrator
Guoqiang Li	Principal Transportation Planner
William McNulty	Principal Transportation Planner
Kyle Mowatt	Senior Transportation Planner
Laurie Muncy, AICP	Director of Community Planning and Economic Development
Sean Noel	Assistant Area Agency on Aging Administrator
Brenda Robinson	Fiscal Officer
Elijah Romulus	Senior Comprehensive Planner
Jane Selig	Assistant Director Ombudsman
Gabrielle Sylvain - Jean	ALR Ombudsman Program Specialist
Andrew Vidal	GIS Manager
Joanne Zygmunt	Senior Economic Development & Environmental Planner
Staff who have left OCPC:	Kaylee Dolan, Matthew Cady Evan Searrs, and Josh Epps

OLD COLONY REGION



The OCPC Region includes Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, Whitman

AAA work is done in the OCPC region plus Carver, Lakeville, Marshfield, Middleboro, Rockland, Wareham

OUR MISSION

At Old Colony Planning Council, we assist cities and towns in planning for present and future needs, utilizing our local knowledge, technical expertise, and regional collaboration.

OUR VISION

Our vision is that communities in the Old Colony region are:

- **Resilient**, using social, economic, and environmental resources to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations brought about by natural disasters or economic downturns.
- **Sustainable**, the needs of all people and the natural environment are met now without compromising the ability to meet those needs in the future.
- **Equitable**, social, economic, and environmental opportunities exist for all.
- **Connected**, everyone has accessible, affordable, and sustainable mobility choices.
- **Responsive**, planning efforts are inclusive and reflect the diverse needs of all.
- **Collaborative**, cooperating regionally to tackle common challenges.

OUR ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

PLANNING FOR ALL

We strive to be fair, impartial, inclusive, and transparent in all we do. Celebrating diversity, we prioritize engaging those who may be underrepresented in planning efforts. We aim for authentic, empowered public participation.

THINKING AHEAD

We look to the future as we help address challenges and seize opportunities across the region. Whether it's a time-tested solution or innovative new approach, communities rely on our technical expertise and local knowledge to help develop solutions.

PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITIES

We highly value our partnership with the communities in our region. We are responsive to their needs and seek to facilitate regional cooperation and collaboration on shared issues within our region and with our neighboring regions.

SERVING WITH DEDICATION

We are passionate about the work we do in service to our communities, and we strive for excellence as we do it. We are motivated to help our region excel socially, economically, and environmentally.

\$72,000 GRANT OCPC received from the Massachusetts Office of Business Development to work with four municipalities to develop a business directory app for mobile devices.

\$390,535 in funds were disbursed and completed through the Septic Loan Program to **12** SEPTIC SYSTEMS

DISTRICT LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS

were used to provide assistance to our communities for Green Community Designation, open space planning, and affordable housing planning.

150% Increase in Newsletter recipients with consistent bi-weekly emails; and OCPC's social media outreach creating an average of 15,000 impressions.

\$17.5 MILLION Funded to two Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects. These two projects were advertised for construction bids during FY 2022.

STAFF COLLABORATED on the OCPC Personnel Handbook which was reviewed and updated with many items approved by the Personnel Committee.

New Website is close to being launched with a robust and updated look and an easier outlet to navigate services, expertise, and involvement of the organization

An **OCPC EXPO**, with a direct outreach of over 100 people, was developed and held in the fall to showcase the work of the organization to stakeholders. The Expo will become a *new staple* in the fall to encourage additional engagement within the communities.

REFLECTIONS
OPPORTUNITY
ACTION

taskforce continued to work towards encompassing equity within the workforce and community.

The
Unmanned
Aircraft Systems
(UAS)
Drone Program

has been assisting with community technical utilities and is continuing to develop new and enhanced ways to be utilized.

*The Reimaging
Geographic
Information
Systems
(GIS)*

has continued to expand services within the communities.

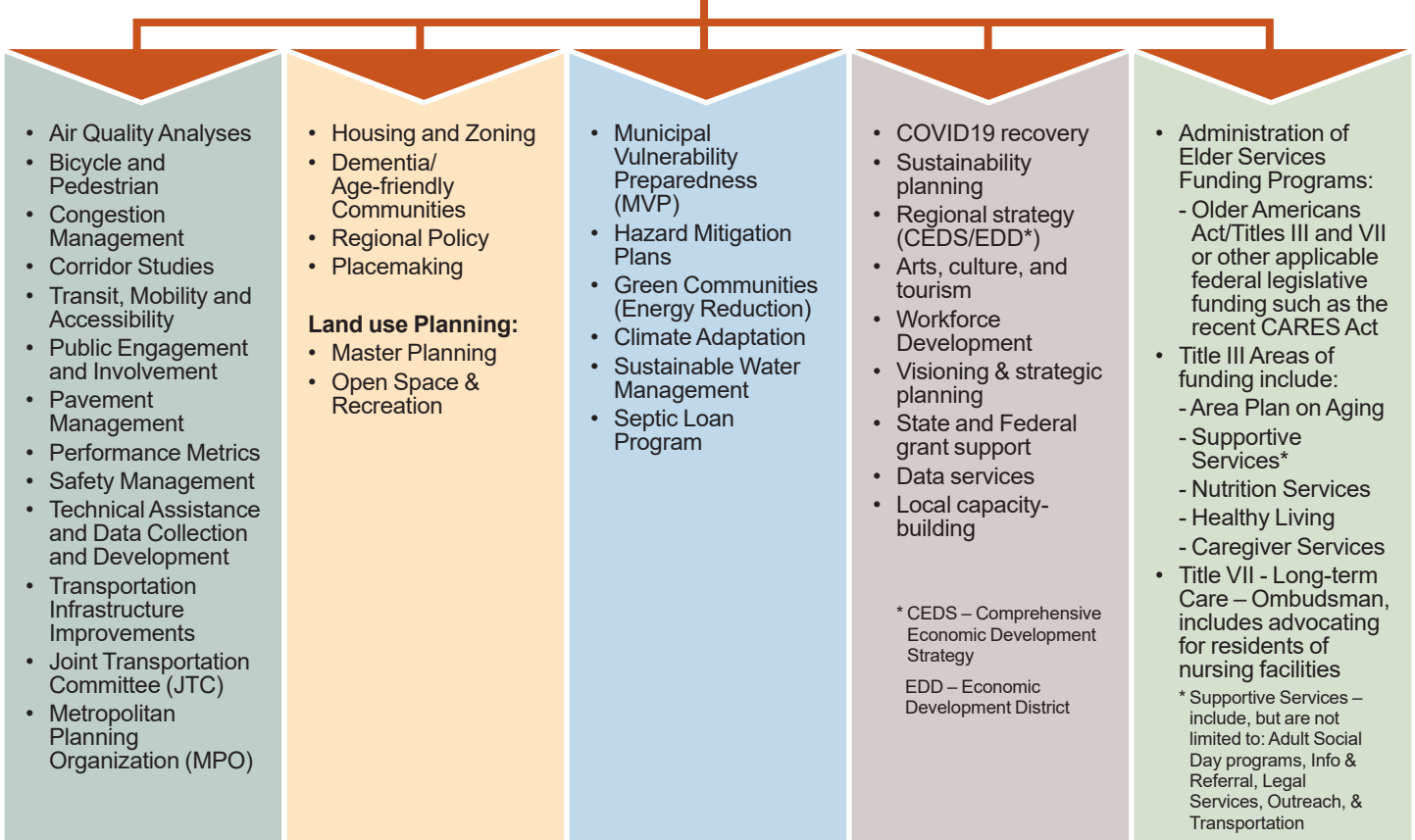
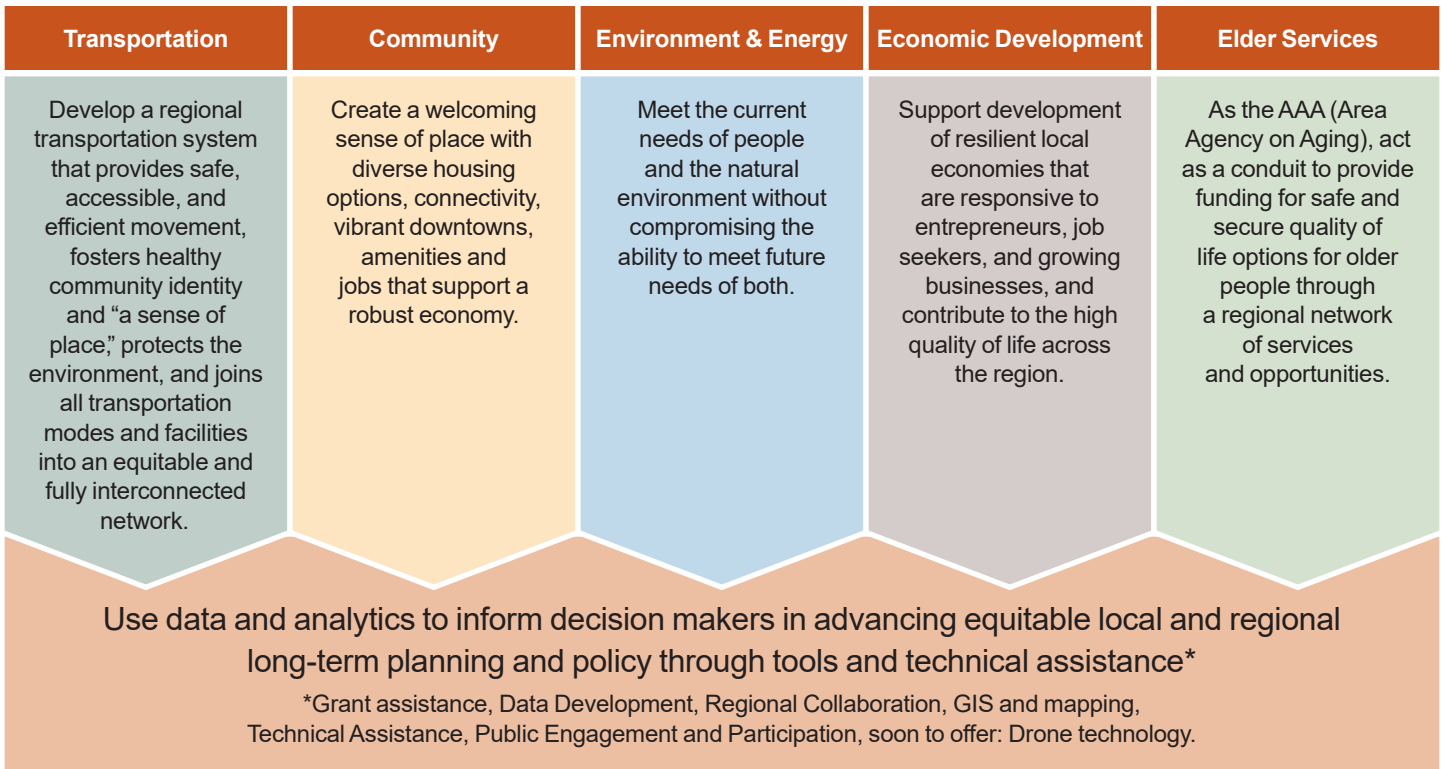
THREE Communities were assisted by OCPC to receive approval for Integrated Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Plans.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

- Became one of only a small handful of organizations designated by the State as a host agency for the newly expanded Assisted Living Residence (ALR) Ombudsman program.
- Applied for, and was once again awarded, a grant from MassDOT's Community Transportation Grant Program (CTGP)

OUR INTENDED IMPACT

To engage and support cities and towns in achieving equitable, resilient and sustainable communities in the Old Colony region.*



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TRANSPORTATION

Staff prepared the FFY 2023-2027 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP serves as a prioritized listing of highway, bridge, and transit projects for implementation during the next five (5) federal fiscal years that reflect the needs of the regional transportation system. In addition, the TIP is fiscally constrained based on expected federal funding, and it contains projects that are consistent with the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Over the upcoming five years, the TIP provides:

- \$147.2 Million for 11 Road Projects and 3 Bridge Projects. Projects are located in the communities of Abington, Avon, Brockton, Duxbury, Easton, Hanson, Kingston, Plympton, and Stoughton.
- \$32.4 Million for Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT) operational and capital assistance (Includes replacement of 17 diesel and hybrid buses with fully electric buses).

Staff prepared the FFY 2023 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is a one-year budget and planning document that lists the research projects, technical assistance, and other activities the transportation staff will undertake over the next federal fiscal year (FFY). These projects provide insight and recommendations to our municipal and regional partners, generate new data, and help shape concepts for the region's transportation future.

Staff prepared the Climate Change Transportation Vulnerability Assessment Project. This study builds upon previous studies prepared by OCPC including Stormwater mapping and roadway drainage runoff, Hazard Mitigation and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness plans, an Old Colony Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and an Old Colony 2010 Climate Change Transportation Impact Study. The purpose of the Climate Change Vulnerability Transportation Assessment is to update the 2010 Climate Change Transportation Impact Study, and to identify the impacts of Climate Change on the transportation system, examine them, and assess the vulnerability of the system resulting in strategies for management and mitigation. During the development of the project, OCPC hosted the Resilient Transportation & Climate Adaptation Summit in October 2021. The Summit featured panelists from the Cape Cod Commission, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the Old Colony Planning Council and the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, all who spoke on the impact of climate change on transportation infrastructure and strategies to reduce, mitigate or prepare for the future.

Staff conducted sixteen Road Safety Audits (RSAs). Specifically, RSAs were undertaken in Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Easton, and West Bridgewater. A Road Safety Audit is a formal evaluation of a roadway segment or intersection by an independent, multi-disciplinary team to identify specific safety recommendations. An RSA team identifies safety risks using many different information sources such as crash data, maintenance logs, interviews of roadway authorities, public testimony, and multiple field observations.

The locations identified for the FFY 2022 Road Safety Audits (RSA) Multiple Locations Project include:

- Abington - Central Street Corridor
- Abington - Groveland Street at Linwood Street
- Brockton - Warren Avenue at Market Street
- Brockton - West Chestnut Street at Southworth Street
- Brockton - Route 27 (Reynold's Memorial Highway)
- Duxbury - Congress Street at Franklin Street
- Duxbury - Route 53 at Franklin Street / High Street
- Duxbury - Tremont Street (Route 3A) at Church Street
- Easton - Massapoag Avenue at Mill Street
- Pembroke - Route 139 from Water Street to Marshfield Town Line
- Stoughton - Route 139 and Lowe Avenue Pedestrian Safety Audit

An interactive story map has been developed, located on the OCPC web page, which contains locations and summaries of all OCPC's RSAs as well as links to the full reports.

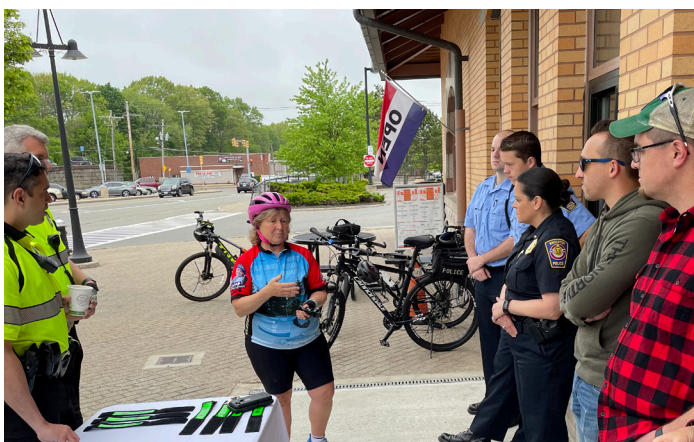
Staff continued preparation of the High Priority Corridor Study Screening Assessment. The key objectives are to develop regional network analysis and broaden performance criteria and scoring system that includes the following area: congestion, safety, bicycle and pedestrian accommodation, climate resilience, transportation equity, implementation potential, and bridge and pavement conditions along all non-access controlled major and minor arterials in OCPC region. The project will assist identify, rank and inform the selection process for locations to conduct corridor studies in development of Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Assessment.

Staff continued preparation of the Freight Planning and Action Plan. The objectives of this study are to build a foundation to formally integrate freight into the overall planning process; to identify and plan for long-term freight needs; to develop specific long-range transportation projects; identify potential funding sources for those projects; and evaluate policy-based solutions to accommodate future levels of freight on our regional transportation system while protecting the mobility and safety of the traveling public. This plan will be a follow up to the 2014 Regional Freight & Goods Movement Study, the 2014 NHS Intermodal Connectors Study, and will build upon the findings and recommendations from MassDOT's 2018 Freight Study. During the development of the plan, staff will utilize outputs from Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS) which fuses data from many agencies, many systems, and even the private sector thus enabling effective decision making for incident response and planning. RITIS is a situational awareness, data archiving, and analytics platform used by transportation officials, first responders, planners, researchers, and more.

Staff launched its Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) (Drone) Program with seventeen Flights and Missions. The Drone Team consisting of Shawn Bailey, Kyle Mowatt, and Andrew Vidal have all pursued and obtained the FAA Part 107 (Commercial) Remote Pilot Certificate. The Drone Team works closely with stakeholders to maximize the benefits from the use of drones in their community. UAV operations are available upon request, and this capacity adds a new dynamic and “panoramic” perspective to projects and studies in our 17 communities.



OCPC continued its commitment to bicycle and pedestrian transportation with the May 20th Brockton Bike to Work Day held at the BAT Intermodal Centre and the June 6th Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting. The Brockton Bike to Work Day Event was held as part of Baystate Bike Month. Brockton Area Transit, the City of Brockton, MassBike and OCPC collaborated on the event to raise awareness and to encourage bicycling transportation. Biking is safe, economical, healthy, environmentally friendly, fast, and fun!



Staff prepared the Active Transportation Study. The study provides an analysis of the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit network within connectivity, public health, and safety context. The Active Transportation Network Study seeks to understand how the Old Colony region can improve the bicycle and pedestrian network to increase its utility for recreational and transportation purposes. The recommendations from the UAC Program include strategies to improve circulation, traffic flow, safety, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodation. Additionally, the study provides a menu of potential projects that can be advanced in the MassDOT Highway Division project development process for funding with statewide funding resources.



COMMUNITY

The Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) of the Old Colony Planning Council has completed the following projects for communities of the region.

Housing Production Plans (HPPs) are being updated to benefit the residents of Stoughton and Easton. These Plans provide a comprehensive housing needs assessment and housing strategy to increase production of housing that is accessible and affordable to people with a range of incomes, household characteristics, and demographic qualities that are critical to successful and sustainable community planning. Upon completion of a HPP (Housing Production Plan), the Plan must be approved by the Town Planning Board and Select Board and then submitted to DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development) for review and approval. Once approved by DHCD, the Plan is valid for five years. Communities that have an approved HPP and have met their 0.5 percent, or 1.0 percent annual affordable housing production goals can apply to have their HPP certified by DHCD. Communities with certified HPPs have greater power in controlling new residential development.





ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

The Green Communities Team at OCPC is currently assisting the Town of Plymouth with obtaining a Green Community designation. Annual Reports, Competitive Grant applications, Final Reports, Mass Energy Insight assistance and energy reduction planning are some of the services being provided by the Team for the OCPC designated communities. OCPC continues to partner with the Department of Energy Resources to seek technical assistance funding so that we can provide this important service to our member communities.

Staff continues to work on the Open Space and Recreation Plans for the Towns of West Bridgewater and Pembroke to protect natural resources, conserve open space, develop community gathering spaces, and provide a variety of well-maintained recreational opportunities. Both communities are currently working with staff to develop parcel inventories. Staff will then create the required maps, conduct public forums for community input, and submit both draft and final plans to the state for approval and adoption by the Towns.

The purpose of these documents are to establish priorities and recommend future actions that will help with the cultivation and management of open space and recreation resources. Updated plans review the goals, objectives, and accomplishments from previous plans and examine shifts in priorities with respect to those goals. This is an effective tool for analyzing, understanding, and setting land protection priorities for open space resources. The plans are reviewed and approved by the Commonwealth to ensure that they conform to the OSRP (Open Space and Recreation Plan) requirements. When a community has an approved OSRP, it becomes eligible for DCS grant programs for up to seven years.

After state review of a draft OSRP, the Town of Avon recently received a letter of conditional approval from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. This conditional approval will allow the town to participate in DCS grant rounds through April 2029. Staff will now begin working on the public outreach portion of the project with public forums for community input, and revise the draft accordingly prior to submitting a final plan to the state for approval and then adoption by the Town.

Conditional approval of the draft OSRP provided Avon with an opportunity to file a grant application with the Mass Trails program. The plan requests funding to improve DeMarco Park and bring accessibility to unmaintained existing trails and add new trails to form a comprehensive shared-use trail system that meets MassTrails requirements for accessibility.



In the last twelve months, 12 septic systems were installed throughout the communities involved in the OCPC Septic Loan Program (formally called the Community Septic Management Program). Avon had three septic systems installed, Cohasset had one, Hanson had four, and Kingston & Stoughton each had two. A total of \$390,535 worth of funds were disbursed in the five communities towards the septic system installations (\$143,910 for Avon, \$9,637 for Cohasset, \$102,838 for Hanson, \$61,155 for Kingston, and \$72,996 for Stoughton).



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & RECOVERY

OCPC's work in economic development and recovery focused on strengthening regional collaboration, building capacity within our communities, and supporting development initiatives.

We welcomed new and returning members to our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee, which advises OCPC on the development and updating of the region's economic development strategy. More broadly, members help nurture regional collaboration, disseminate resources, and build capacity to achieve a more resilient and equitable economy at regional and local levels.

We thank committee members for their service:

- John Murray, Co-Chair, MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center
- Maryellen Brett, Co-Chair, Massasoit Community College
- Christopher Cooney, Metro South Chamber of Commerce
- Debra Roberts, Stoughton Select Board
- Jack Riley, HarborOne Bank
- Jason Hunter and Sheila Sullivan-Jardim, MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board
- Jennifer (Burke) DeBoisbriand, Town of Bridgewater
- Lea Filson, SEE Plymouth
- Mary Ellen DeFrias and Jay Pateakos, MassDevelopment
- Michael Lambert and Joseph Mech, Brockton Area Transit Authority
- Pamela McCarthy, Town of Stoughton
- Rob May, City of Brockton
- Stephanie Danielson, Town of Easton
- Stephen Cole, Plymouth Regional Economic Development Foundation
- Valerie Massard, Town of Kingston

In collaboration with the CEDS Committee, OCPC held three webinars, recordings for which are available on our website.

- The Nexus between Housing and Economic Development, July 2021, featuring Peter Forman, President and CEO of South Shore Chamber of Commerce, Judi Barrett, Planning Director and Owner of Barrett Planning Group, and Dottie Fulginiti, Chair of the Easton Select Board and Economic Recovery Planner at Old Colony Planning Council.
- Local Government's Role in Workforce Development, November 2021, featuring Laura Buckley, Manager of Business Services at South Shore Workforce Board, Jason Hunter, Director of Operations at MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board, and John Murray, Director at MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center.

- Modernizing Municipal Policy to Support Local Business, May 2022, featuring Tricia White of NeighborWorks Housing Solutions.

To further build capacity in our region, we developed a Small Business Resource Guide and webpage, which is kept up to date with grant information for businesses and related resources. OCPC continues to serve as a resource for municipalities seeking to support their local economies.

To that end, OCPC received a \$72,000 grant from the Massachusetts Office of Business Development to work with four municipalities to develop a business directory app for mobile devices. Restaurants, entertainment venues, and other businesses are now able to advertise and promote themselves for free to residents and local visitors. Look for the following apps on the Apple Store or Google Play: Discover Avon MA, Discover Easton MA, Discover Stoughton MA, and Brockton – City of Champions.

We also supported several communities with grant applications to the U.S. Economic Development Administration as well as the Commonwealth's Community One Stop for Growth and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs. We would especially like to congratulate the Towns of Stoughton and Plymouth for winning investments from the EDA – a total federal investment of \$4,175,000 for our region for projects that will retain or create 4,110 jobs, and leverage over \$100 million in private investment.

Other work during the past year included a focus on age-friendly communities. An age-friendly community is one that provides for the needs of residents of ALL ages, across domains such as transportation, housing, social inclusion, and more. As the population in our region grows older, many opportunities will arise for innovation and growth as people live longer and increasingly become more diverse. We see age-friendly work as a key part of inclusive economic development for our region. We worked with the Town of Easton to develop an Age-friendly Action Plan and with the Town of Duxbury to launch an age-friendly planning process.

Similarly, there exists an important nexus between housing and economic development. Communities where people live and work are vibrant communities, with growing opportunities for business. We continue to advise and assist communities with their housing needs, and have worked closely with many of our municipalities on the new Multi-Family Zoning Requirement for MBTA Communities.





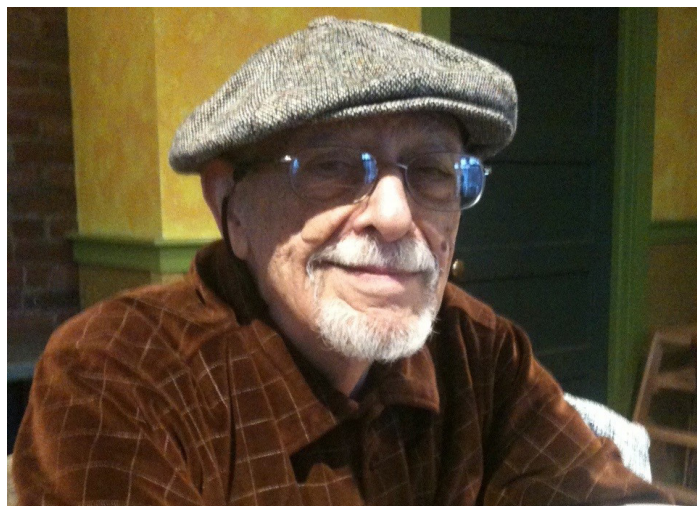
ELDER SERVICES

The Old Colony Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

The Old Colony Planning Council serves as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for twenty-three communities of southeastern Massachusetts designated as Planning and Service Area IV by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The service area includes the seventeen member communities of the OCPC planning district and six additional communities that together make up the AAA region (see regional map on pg. 4).

As does the Area Agency on Aging, OCPC is responsible for the planning, coordinating, and administering of close to \$2 million of annual federal grant funding from the Older Americans Act and other federal legislation, such as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). For operational purposes, most of this funding is sub-granted to other non-profit organizations in our catchment area, such as Old Colony Elder Services, local Councils on Aging and other non-profits, to provide for, among other things, older adult nutrition, and family caregiver services.

OCPC also received Older Americans Act funding for the administration of the Old Colony region's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, which advocates to protect the rights of nursing and rest home residents and their families. Early in fiscal year 2022, the OCPC AAA also became one of only a small handful of organizations designated by the State as a host agency for the newly expanded Assisted Living Residence (ALR) Ombudsman program.



Filling the Need for Older Adults

OCPC AAA staff worked with both the Councils on Aging and our other Supportive Services sub-grantee recipients to discover what resources they needed. The most palpable challenge continued to be restrictions due to COVID. While some Older Adults services have been allowed to resume in person, others continue to operate virtually. Along with our elder services network partners Old Colony Elder Services (OCES) and the COAs, the OCPC-AAA had to be both highly creative and very persistent to best serve the needs of the Old Colony regions older adults. The need is still there, for example, in state fiscal year 2022, an estimated 498,000 meals were prepared for older adults in our catchment area. Of this almost half-million meals, according to Old Colony Elder Services statistics, slightly less than one quarter of the meals were served in a community setting, while just over three-quarters of the meals were served through home delivery.

Community Transportation Grant Program (CTGP)

The Area Agency on Aging applied for, and was once again awarded, a grant from MassDOT's Community Transportation Grant Program (CTGP). This enabled the AAA to continue a longstanding and successful program to provide transportation to older adults through participating Councils on Aging, by subsidizing mileage reimbursements to their volunteer drivers. Since the number of COVID cases reduced among volunteer drivers, rides continued to be provided in fiscal year 2022.. The OCPC AAA reviewed several 'age friendly' mobility alternatives in the community for use of our excess MassDOT funding and chose to team-up with Taking People Places, or TPP for short, which is in the process of transitioning from a Pilot Program to non-profit status. TPP, which primarily covers the Greater Plymouth area, teamed up with other 'member' organizations to use the ride-sharing firm Lyft to provide on-demand rides for: medical appointments, food shopping, as well as for employment, gatherings to avoid social isolation, and even substance abuse treatment.

Updated Regional Older Adult Needs Assessment, Area Plan & Service Priorities

During FY 2022, AAA staff evaluated the results of a 2021 Older Adults Needs Assessment survey with over 800 responses, [available here for review](#).

The AAA staff also completed the region's new 2022 – 2025 Area Plan, [available here for review](#).

A group of Service Priorities were established using feedback from the AAA Advisory Committee and principles from the Older Americans Act (OAA) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) as well as goals and values from our State via the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. These same service priorities also served as the basis for the AAA to provide grant funding to various community-based service agencies for the provision of the following types of programs and services in federal fiscal year 2022:

- Legal Services (South Coastal Counties Legal Services)
- Transportation (OCPC-COA Volunteer Drivers, OCES, and 'Taking People Places' -through Lyft)
- Information & Referral Services, through Old Colony Elder Services (OCES)
- Emergency Assistance funding (OCES)
- Supportive In-Home Health Services (OCES)
- Supportive Community Services (OCPC to COAs, OCES and other local Non-Profits)
- Medication Management/Healthy Living (OCES)
- Mental Health Services & Reduction of Social Isolation (OCES and COAs)
- Regional Family Caregiver Support (OCES)
- Regional Nutrition (Community & Home Delivered Meals – OCES & COAs)
- Long Term Care-Nursing Home & Assisted Living Residence Ombudsman Services (OCPC)



Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

In FY 2022, OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman staff continued their efforts to visit the 30 nursing and rest homes in our catchment areas, investigating 140 issues of concern from residents or families. COVID continued to exist in the homes, and as a result contacts were down overall with many residents and family. The Ombudsman Program persevered and continued to make contact using Facetime, Zoom and often met one on one with residents in a communal area.



Assisted Living Residences (ALR) Ombudsman Program

Old Colony was honored to be asked by the Commonwealth to be a host agency for the expansion of the Assisted Living Residences (ALR) Ombudsman Program. Gabrielle Sylvain-Jean was hired and provided coverage to 64 ALR's.

When closures by local Rest Homes and an ALRs were announced, both the Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Residence Ombudsman Program staff assisted residents and families by offering support, reassurances, and as much information as available.



EQUITY

Reflection, Opportunity, and Action (ROA) Task Force

Statement on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

We at Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion as organizational values. We recognize the positive intrinsic relationship between these values and thriving communities. We commit to reflecting these values in all the work that OCPC does.

The mission of OCPC's Reflection, Opportunity, and Action (ROA) Task Force is to reflect on how we work (both internally and externally), identify opportunities for doing better, and take action ensuring that our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion remains strong.

Our vision is one in which OCPC continues to be regarded as a partner and asset to communities in our region. Communities turn to us for planning support and information, knowing that everyone is included both in planning processes and in decision-making. All members of our communities feel valued and receive benefit from our work.

To realize our vision and implement our mission, we will do the following:

1. Continuously review our public participation methods to ensure we hear from people and organizations within our region, particularly from populations traditionally underserved.
2. Continue to proactively build our stakeholder community, identifying diverse organizations and people to engage in public participation and decision-making processes.
3. Develop opportunities intentionally focused on inclusion that provide a platform for underrepresented communities to be heard and through which their voices are reflected in OCPC's work.
4. Foster participation internally so that all staff feel empowered to share ideas, concerns, and thoughts at any time.
5. Create opportunities around the themes of inclusive public participation, community empowerment, and cultural competency.

This statement will be reviewed annually. Progress will be reported quarterly to the OCPC Council.

OCPC welcome suggestions for how we can do better.



FY21 Financial Highlights

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Net Position

ASSETS

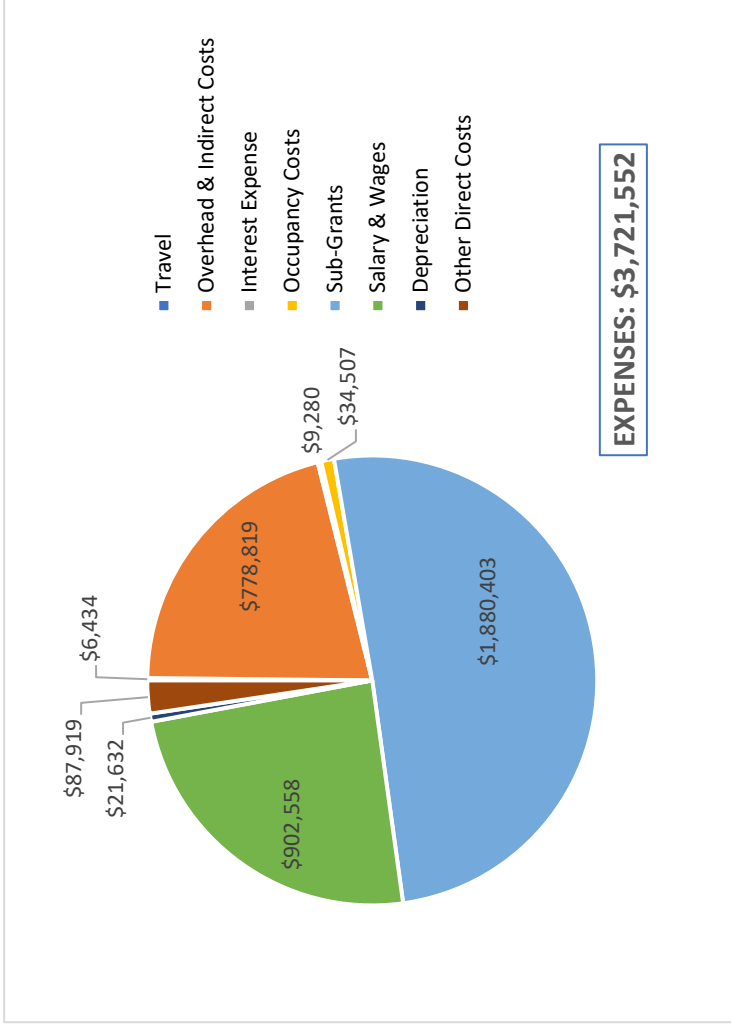
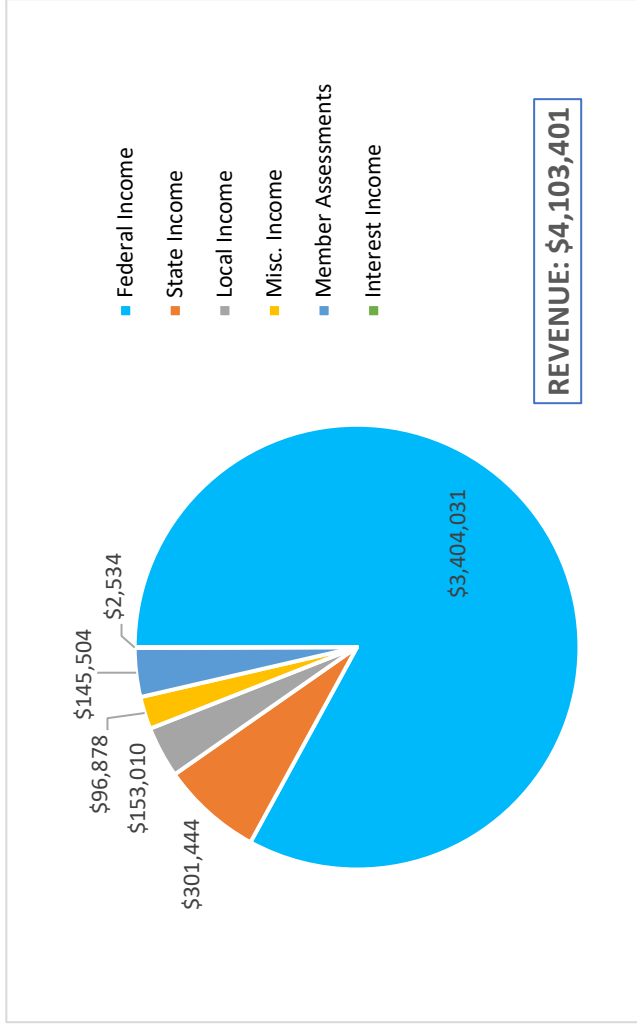
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,513,713
Restricted Cash (VTP)	186,017
Accounts Receivable	1,204,501
Total Current Assets	2,904,231
Noncurrent Assets	
Capital assets, non-depreciable	26,663
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	515,950
Total Noncurrent Assets	542,613
TOTAL ASSETS	3,446,844
Deferred Outflows of Resources	227,070

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	359,338
Unearned revenue	89,144
Accrued expenses	1,594
Accrued compensated absences - current portion	40,006
Current portion of long term debt	13,397
Total Current Liabilities	503,479
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Accrued compensated absences	85,897
Long term debt, net of current portion	310,356
Net OPEB liability	639,558
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	1,035,811
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,539,290
Deferred Inflows of Resources	333,300

Net Position

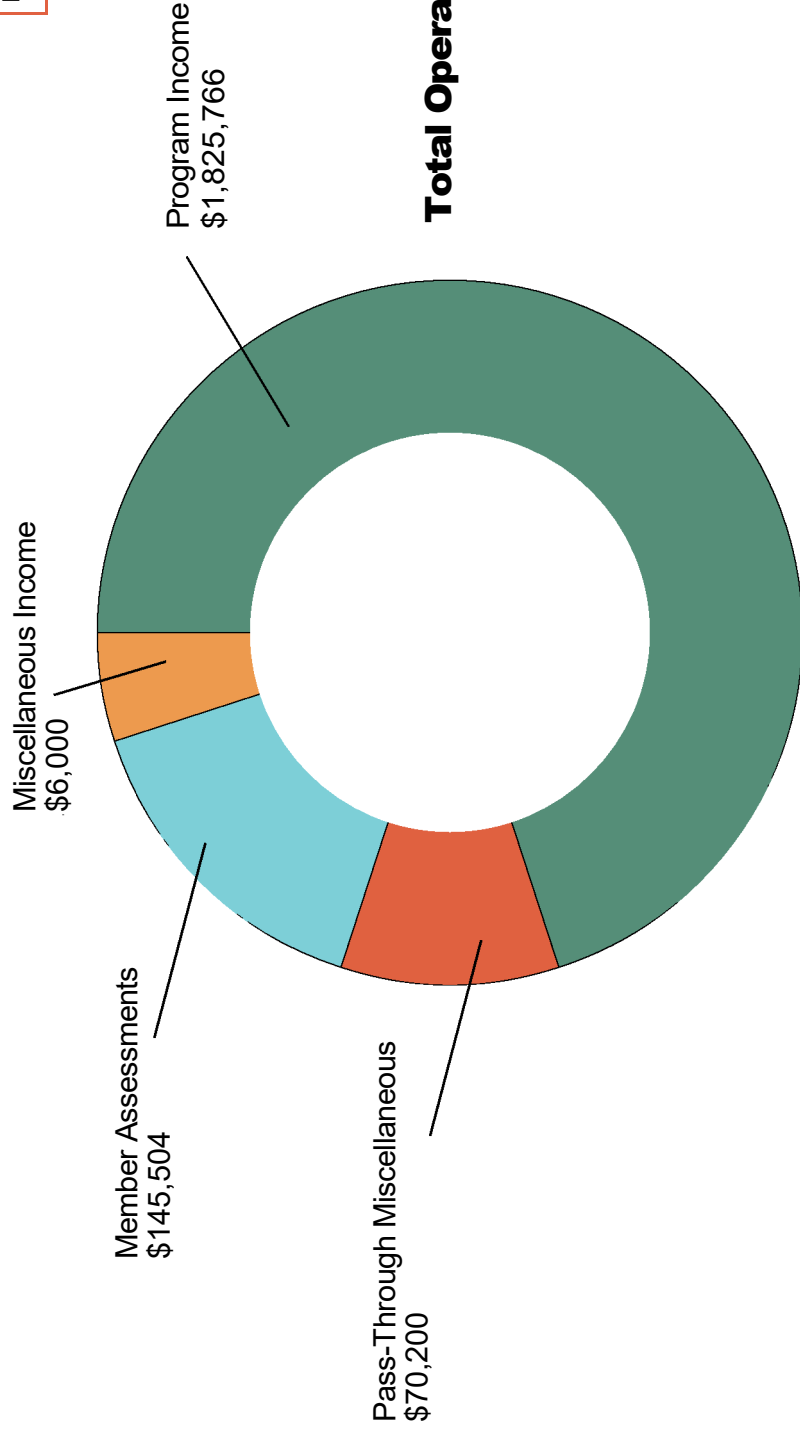
Net investment in capital assets	218,860
Restricted net position:	
Volunteer transportation program	186,017
Unrestricted net position	1,396,447
TOTAL NET POSITION	1,801,324



FY21 Financial Highlights

Revenue	Percentage
Program Income	89.17%
Member Assessments	7.11%
Miscellaneous Income	0.29%
Pass-Through Miscellaneous	3.43%
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE & SUPPORT	100%

Old Colony Planning Council's FY21 budget of \$2,047,470, was derived from a variety of sources. Approximately Eighty-Nine Percent of the funds (89%) were from State, Federal, and Local sources. Seven Percent (7%) of the funds were from local Member Assessments, and the remaining funds were from various miscellaneous sources.



Total Operating Revenue & Support
\$2,047,470

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