

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Held Virtually Via Zoom November 7, 2024 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	John Stone	WalkMassachusetts	Iolando Spinola
Bridgewater	Greg Tansey	State Senator Michael Brady's Office	Al DeGirolamo
Brockton	Chike Odunukwe	10 th Plymouth District State Representative	Michelle DuBois
Brockton	Emily Adams	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Duxbury	Allison Shane	OCPC	Mary Waldron
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Matt Dyer
Easton	Dave Field	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Plymouth	James Downey	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Guoqiang Li
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
BAT	Michael Lambert	OCPC	Bill McNulty
MassDOT District 5	Barbara Lachance		

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:02 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 October 3, 2024 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if there is a motion to approve the October 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Michael Lambert and seconded by John Stone to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2024.

The Old Colony JTC voted to approve the October 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

4. Communications

Shawn Bailey reviewed the contents of the communications staff report. Included were letters of correspondence, as well as notices of workshops and conferences. They are as follows:

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- Massachusetts Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Bike Rack Grant – Submissions due by November 15, 2024
- Fiscal years 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program NOFO – FY 2024 and 2025 Deadline February 24, 2025; FY 2026 Deadline February 24, 2026
- FY 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO) – Round 1 Reserved for FY 2024 Projects of Merit, with request deadline of December 2, 2024; Round 2 open to all eligible applicants, with submission deadline of January 30, 2025
- 2025 MassTrails Grant Application period is Now Open – Applications are due February 3, 2025
- Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) – Notice of Upcoming Workshops
- OCPC Annual Summit – December 4, 2024 at the Miraval Ballroom in East Bridgewater
- Save the Date – Old Colony SS4A Action Plan Public Meeting – December 11, 2024
- Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO) – Next Federal Funds Partnership Meeting is November 26, 2024

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- BAT will be running fare free program through at least June 2025
- BAT recently met with Uber to start designing a program to roll out by the end of month. This will provide subsidized Uber rides after normal BAT operating hours to people working 2nd and 3rd shifts.

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

No update from GATRA at this time.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Shawn Bailey reported on the following:

In October 2024, work conducted involved train testing to and from Middleborough, East Taunton, Freetown, Fall River, and New Bedford (with speeds of up to 79 miles per hour); daytime sign installation on Route 105 in Middleborough; daytime and overnight pavement markings on Route 105 in Middleborough; and continued construction of a pedestrian bridge over Route 18 in New Bedford with overnight lane closures on Route 18.

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Additional work done included daytime construction and signal work at station sites, layover sites, and along the right-of-way from Middleborough to New Bedford as well as from Berkley to Fall River. There was also transportation of soil by truck to designated project sites.

6. Old Business

A. Old Colony FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation Adjustment 1 – Report on MPO Review and Endorsement

Bill McNulty discussed Adjustment 1:

On October 16, 2024 the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization endorsed Adjustment 1 to the FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, which included the following change:

FFY 2025

- MASSDOT DISTRICT FIVE – VRU SYSTEMIC SAFETY PROJECT NEAR BUS STOPS (613604)
 - MODIFIES PROJECT LISTING S12980

7. New Business

A. Old Colony FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development - **Development Timeline and Universe of Projects**

Bill McNulty discussed the Universe of Projects:

Consultation with project proponents, BATm and MassDOT is scheduled to take place through January and February 2025. It is expected that the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization will review presented programming scenarios in March 2025, and select a preferred set of projects. A public review and comment period of the TIP is anticipated to commence in April 2025, with potential endorsement in May.

ABINGTON

- ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET (609440)
 - PRC Approved 4/18/2019.
 - Programmed in FFY 2026.
 - 75% Package Received (9/30/2024).
 - Cost Estimate is \$5,733,294.
- ABINGTON & BROCKTON - PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (609520)

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- PRC Approved 8/25/2019.
 - Programmed in FFY 2029.
 - 25% Package Resubmission Received (as of 1/26/2024).
 - Cost Estimate is \$26,804,504.
- **ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, RANDOLPH STREET AND RICHARD A. FITTS DRIVE (ROUTE 139) AT CHESTNUT STREET AND OLD RANDOLPH STREET (612525)**
- PRC Approved 10/21/2021.
 - Currently programmed in FFY 2027.
 - 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)**
- PRC Approved 5/12/2022.
 - Currently programmed in FFY 2028.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$5,387,025

AVON

- **AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 28, SPRING STREET AND HARRISON BOULEVARD (611979)**
- PRC Approved 1/28/2021.
 - Currently programmed in FFY 2026.
 - 25% Package Received (as of 9/9/2024).
 - Cost Estimate is \$7,350,106.
- **AVON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 28 (610804)**
- PRC Approved 4/30/2020.
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,002,001.

BROCKTON

- **BROCKTON - ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (609052)**
- PRC Approved 3/15/2018.
 - Programmed in FFY 2025.
 - 25% Package Resubmission received by MassDOT (3/13/2023).
 - Cost Estimate is \$2,792,790.

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- **BROCKTON - IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27), INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER (607818)**
 - PRC Approved 6/9/2016.
 - Currently Programmed in FFY 2026.
 - 25% Package Resubmission received by MassDOT (6/12/2023).
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,196,320.

- **BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ CRESCENT STREET (ROUTE 27)/ QUINCY STREET/ MASSASOIT BOULEVARD (606143)**
 - PRC Approved 8/12/2010.
 - Currently not programmed.
 - 25% Package received by MassDOT (5/4/2015).
 - Cost Estimate is \$5,300,800

- **ABINGTON & BROCKTON - PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (609520)**
 - PRC Approved 8/25/2019.
 - Programmed in FFY 2029.
 - 25% Package Resubmission Received (as of 1/26/2024).
 - Cost Estimate is \$26,804,504.

- **BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), PEARL STREET AND STONEHILL STREET (612262)**
 - PRC Approved 6/24/2021.
 - Currently Programmed in FFY 2028.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$ 7,465,375.

- **BROCKTON - IMPROVEMENTS ON FOREST AVENUE, FROM WEST STREET TO BREER STREET (612526)**
 - PRC Approved 10/21/2021.
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$8,778,450.

DUXBURY

- **KINGSTON-DUXBURY - SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002)**
 - PRC Approved 2/11/2010.
 - Programmed in FFY 2027.

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- Project is in the preliminary design phase.
- Cost Estimate is \$3,051,888.

DUXBURY – BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY (612006)

- PRC Approved 1/28/2021.
- Advance Construction in multiple years, currently programmed to begin FFY 2027.
- Project is in the preliminary design phase.
- Cost Estimate is \$86,128,000.

DUXBURY – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 53 AND FRANKLIN STREET (613269)

- PRC Approved 6/1/2023.
- Programmed in FFY 2028.
- Project is in the preliminary design phase.
- Cost Estimate is \$7,279,150.

EAST BRIDGEWATER

EAST BRIDGEWATER - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18), WEST STREET (ROUTE 106) AND EAST STREET (611968)

- PRC Approved 1/28/2021.
- Currently not programmed.
- 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)

- PRC Approved 1/28/2021.
- Programmed in FFY 2029.
- Notice to Proceed Issued 7/23/2024.
- Cost Estimate is \$3,500,000.

EAST BRIDGEWATER – BRIDGE REPLACEMENT POND STREET OVER SATUCKET RIVER (613806)

- PRC Approved 6/1/2023.
- Programmed in FFY 2029.
- Project is in the preliminary design phase.
- Cost Estimate is \$1,197,225.

EASTON

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

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- PRC Approved 2/11/2016.
 - Programmed in FFY 2025.
 - 100% Comments Sent to Design Engineer (10/10/2023).
 - Cost Estimate is \$9,508,591.
- EASTON - RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 138 (ROOSEVELT CIRCLE TO STOUGHTON TOWN LINE) (608585)
- PRC Approved 6/9/2016.
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$4,330,240.
- EASTON - IMPROVEMENTS ON FOUNDRY STREET (ROUTE 106/123) (612269)
- PRC Approved 6/24/2021.
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$ 14,315,773.
- EASTON - RECONSTRUCTION AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTES 138 AND 123, FROM BELMONT STREET TO DEPOT STREET (612617)
- PRC Approved 6/24/2022.
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Notice to Proceed Issued 6/2/2022.
 - Cost Estimate is \$13,437,675
- EASTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 AND TURNPIKE STREET, AT ROUTE 138 AND PURCHASE STREET, AT TURNPIKE STREET AND PURCHASE STREET (612975)
- PRC Approved 9/15/2022.
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$7,428,625

HANOVER

- HANOVER – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 139 (HANOVER STREET) AT MAIN STREET, CENTER STREET, AND SILVER STREET (612769)
- PRC Approved 5/12/2022.
 - Currently programmed in FFY 2028.
 - Notice to Proceed Issued 6/22/2023.
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,156,600
- HANOVER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT COLUMBIA ROAD (ROUTE 53/139) AND BROADWAY (613559)

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- PRC Approved 10/12/2022.
- Currently programmed in FFY 2029.
- Notice to Proceed Issued 6/22/2023.
- Cost Estimate is \$5,968,600

HANSON

- HANSON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 14 (MAQUAN STREET), FROM THE PEMBROKE T.L. TO INDIAN HEAD STREET AND RELATED WORK (608506) AC Phase 1 and 2
 - PRC Approved 3/23/2017.
 - Currently not programmed.
 - MassDOT comments on the 25% Package returned to the Design Engineer (5/7/2020).
 - Cost estimate is \$10,311,020).

KINGSTON

- KINGSTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, K-01-014, SMITHS LANE OVER ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY) (608615)
 - PRC Approved 9/20/2016.
 - Programmed in FFY 2028.
 - Notice to Proceed Issued 8/1/2017.
 - Cost Estimate is \$12,788,000.
- KINGSTON-DUXBURY - SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002)
 - PRC Approved 2/11/2010.
 - Programmed in FFY 2027.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,051,888.

PLYMOUTH

- PLYMPTON PLYMOUTH- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 3A (STATE ROAD) AT HERRING POND ROAD (613726)
 - PRC Approved 5/31/2024.
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$8,171,488.

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- **STOUGHTON- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138, FROM CANTON T.I. TO CHARLES AVENUE (PHASE 2) (613358)**
 - PRC Approved 6/1/2023.
 - Programmed in FFY 2025.
 - PS&E Received (as of 12/19/2023).
 - Cost Estimate is \$10,377,366.

- **STOUGHTON - RECONSTRUCTION OF TURNPIKE STREET (607214)**
 - PRC Approved 7/26/2012.
 - Currently not programmed.
 - MassDOT comments on the 75% Package returned to the Design Engineer (as of 9/7/2021).
 - Design Public Hearing Held on June 16, 2022.
 - Cost Estimate is \$42,984,486.

- **STOUGHTON - CANTON STREET (ROUTE 27) & SCHOOL STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (611981)**
 - PRC Approved 12/14/2023.
 - Programmed in FFY 2028.
 - 25% Package Received (as of 10/8/2024).
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,695,336.

- **STOUGHTON- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 27 (PARK STREET) AND TURNPIKE STREET (613277)**
 - PRC Approved 6/1/2023.
 - Programmed in FFY 2029.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$3,264,123.

- **STOUGHTON- BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 27 (PARK STREET) (613287)**
 - PRC Approved 6/1/2023.
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$6,148,943.

WEST BRIDGEWATER

- **WEST BRIDGEWATER- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, W-18-004, FOREST STREET OVER TOWN RIVER (613132)**
 - PRC Approved 12/20/2022.
 - Programmed in FFY 2029.
 - Notice to Proceed Issued 6/1/2023.

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- Cost Estimate is \$4,380,900.

WHITMAN

- WHITMAN- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON SOUTH AVENUE (ROUTE 27) (613643)
 - PRC Approved 12/14/2023.
 - Currently not programmed.
 - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
 - Cost Estimate is \$14,835,581.

B. Old Colony Congestion Management Process (CMP)

▪ Results of October 2024 Data Collection

Shawn Bailey discussed the results of the CMP October 2024 data collection.

Between October 22nd and 24th, 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 (including the BAT Centre's parking garage which provides parking for the Brockton station) 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 (with one exception for Commuter Rail and Park & Ride). Overall utilization is around 55% of pre-pandemic levels, and for the first time since October 2019, multiple locations surpassed the 85% utilized congested threshold.

Eight of the 15 Commuter Rail stations experienced an increase of utilization from the April 2024 count, ranging from 2.9% higher utilization at the Canton Junction station to 35.1% higher at the Kingston station. Before the pandemic, all 15 stations yielded vehicle totals in the hundreds. The April 2024 data collection saw only two stations that did not hit that threshold (Canton Center and Brockton (BAT Garage)). The Canton Junction station yielded 712 vehicles, making the lot 93.4% utilized and surpassed the 85% utilized threshold for being congested for the third consecutive count. Even with people working remotely or hybrid, there is a clear increase in people utilizing the commuter rail.

The Park & Ride lots have had a different result; only two of the five lots experienced an increase and one of the decreases was by only seven vehicles (the Bridgewater lot). The West Bridgewater lot, which historically has been well utilized, had over 100 vehicles for the third consecutive count and sixth time since the beginning of the Covid pandemic. There have been multiple changes to the bus service for this lot since the pandemic, with Bloom, Plymouth & Brockton, and now Peter Pan (As of August 7, 2023). It is unclear if that is a factor in the increases and decreases in utilization.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Bill McNulty reported on the following items:

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The Old Colony Planning Council recently completed a traffic study of the intersections of Presidential Drive at McKinley Drive, and Walker Lane at Melinda Drive in Abington. Data along with the findings has been distributed to the Town of Abington and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

The Old Colony Planning Council recently completed a traffic study of the intersection of State Road (Route 3A) at Hedges Pond Road and Old County Road in Plymouth. Data along with the findings of this study has been distributed to the Town of Plymouth and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

Project Status Updates

Avon

- Main Street (Route 28) Road Safety Audit
Report in Development

B. Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs, and NPCs

Kyle Mowatt summarized the Environmental Notification Forms (ENFs), Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs), Notices of Project Changes (NPCs), and Certificates for projects within the OCPC region that are undergoing Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office review.

Submitting Comments to MEPA

The Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) accepts written comments on projects currently under MEPA review. Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, via fax, or by hand delivery. Comments submitted to MEPA are public records and should be sent to the following address:

Secretary Kathleen Theoharides
EEA, Attn: MEPA Office
[Analyst Name], EEA No. _____
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

New Projects

EEA #16886 – Washington Street Corridor Improvements – Stoughton, Canton *Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF)*

The Proponent, Massachusetts Department of Transportation-Highway Division (MassDOT), proposes traffic, safety, and mobility improvements along Washington Street between Charles Avenue in Stoughton and Windsor Woods Lane in Canton, and portions of York Street.

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Designed as a Complete Street, the project includes reconstruction and cross section modifications to Washington Street, improved traffic operations, new pedestrian and bicycle accommodations that provide new multi-modal connections, and improved stormwater management. These improvements are aligned with MassDOT's sustainability initiative known as GreenDOT, which promotes healthy transportation modes of walking, bicycling, and public transit, and supportive smart growth development. Existing drainage, water, sewer, and utility pole modifications are also proposed within the project limits.

Certificates

EEA #16814 – 16 Town Wharf – Plymouth

Public Benefit Determination (PBD)

The Certificate states that this project will have a public benefit.

Public Notices

Notice of Intent to Initiate an Ecological Restoration Project - Easton

This public notice is in regard to the restoration of Sam Wright Field in Easton.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

There were no regional concerns or local community transportation issues to discuss at this time.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt

Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for November 7, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of the October 3, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for November 7, 2024, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
- PowerPoint Presentation - Results of October 2024 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Data Collection