

# OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

*Advising the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
and the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)*

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Thursday, December 5, 2024, 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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## AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Minutes of November 7, 2024 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 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation
    - Adjustment 2 – Report on MPO Review and Endorsement
    - Amendment 1 – Public Review and Comment Period
7. New Business
  - A. Old Colony Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC) and TIP Project Programming Process
    - Review of Transportation Evaluation Criteria and Programming Process
  - B. National Day of Remembrance 2024
    - Summary of Old Colony Planning Council Participation
  - C. Regional Trails Inventory
    - Update and Discussion
8. 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).

# **December 5, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Item 1**

## **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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**Summary**

Public comments.

**December 5, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting  
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Minutes of November 7, 2024 Meeting**

**Summary**

Old Colony JTC to consider approval of November 7, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting Minutes.

# **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 <sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
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- 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
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- **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.

### **STOUGHTON**

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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.

<b>WEST BRIDGEWATER</b>
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- **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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<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 (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

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**Agenda Item 4**  
**Communications**

**Summary**

**Corridor Improvements on Route 139 (Hanover Street) at Main Street, Center Street and Silver Street (Hanover) - Virtual Public Information Meeting (PIM)**

A Virtual Public Informational Meeting will be hosted by MassDOT on **December 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** to present the design for the proposed Corridor Improvements on Route 139 (Hanover Street) at Main Street, Center Street and Silver Street project in Hanover, MA.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Corridor Improvements on Route 139 (Hanover Street) at Main Street, Center Street and Silver Street project. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

The proposed project consists of corridor and intersection improvements on Route 139 in Hanover's Town Center, including the intersections of Route 139 at Center Street and Main Street, Main Street at Silver Street, and Main Street at Center Street. The project includes realignment of the Center Street legs to meet at a 4-way intersection. The project will include pavement rehabilitation, installation of new curbing, sidewalks, ADA compliant ramps,

crosswalks, closed drainage system improvements, and a 5-foot buffered bicycle lane along Route 139.

Registration is available at:

<https://www.mass.gov/event/hanover-corridor-improvements-on-route-139-hanover-street-at-main-street-center-street-and-silver-street-12-05-2024>

[https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events?\\_page=1](https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events?_page=1)

## **Old Colony Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan Public Meeting, December 11, 2024**

As part of the development of the Old Colony Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan, a virtual public meeting will be held on **December 11, 2024 (6:00 to 8:00 p.m.)**. The goal of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan is to identify high risk locations and propose countermeasures that can be implemented to prevent serious injuries and eliminate traffic fatalities using the Safe Systems Approach. Your attendance and participation will help inform the Safety Action Plan.

An Interactive Map and Data Dashboard may be accessed by visiting the Safe Streets for All project page on the Old Colony Planning Council website at <https://oldcolonyplanning.org/ss4a/>. Through this map and dashboard, users can view the top locations that have been identified as high-risk for serious injury and fatalities, share their own location that may have been missed, and share their personal experience with the roadways and intersections in the region.

Registration for the public meeting is available at:

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlocOuqqj8vE9MfQMJZboOsjWBSmh7NsD\\_4#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlocOuqqj8vE9MfQMJZboOsjWBSmh7NsD_4#/registration)

## **Vulnerable Road User Systemic Safety Project: State-Owned Bus Stops - Virtual Public Information Meeting (PIM)**

A Virtual Public Informational Meeting will be hosted by MassDOT on **December 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** to present the design for the proposed Vulnerable Road User Systemic Safety Project - State-owned Bus Stops, Statewide. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Vulnerable Road User Systemic Safety Project – State-owned Bus Stops project. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

The proposed project consists of changes to bus stops and crosswalks associated with bus stops at select locations throughout the Commonwealth. Locations focused on bus stops on state-owned roadways where safety countermeasures could be implemented quickly. These safety improvements include upgrading curb ramps to ADA standards, adding of refreshing crosswalk striping, constructing pedestrian crossing islands or curb extensions, visibility improvements, and rectangular rapid flashing beacons with crosswalk lights.

Registration is available at:

<https://www.mass.gov/event/statewide-vulnerable-road-user-systemic-safety-project-state-owned-bus-stops-12-18-2024>

[https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events?\\_page=1](https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events?_page=1)

## **Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program NOFO**

FHWA is accepting applications under the PROTECT Program.

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW:** The purpose of the PROTECT Program is to provide grants on a competitive basis for projects that seek to strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, heat waves, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure.

**INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS:** For each Application Open Period, FHWA plans to conduct outreach regarding PROTECT Discretionary Program grants in the form of virtual meetings (Webinars) after the NOFO period opens, and before the NOFO period closes. To view upcoming Webinars and register, please follow the instructions posted on <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/protect/discretionary>. The Webinars will be recorded and posted on FHWA's PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program Website at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/protect/discretionary>.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

- FY 2024 and 2025 Deadline: February 24, 2025, 11:59 p.m. ET
- FY 2026 Deadline: February 24, 2026, 11:59 p.m. ET

## FY 2025 RAISE Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO)

The FY 2025 RAISE NOFO is open and published on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

The application process is structured in two rounds:

- Round 1: Reserved for FY 2024 Projects of Merit, with a request deadline of **December 2, 2024**.
- Round 2: Open to all eligible applicants, with a submission deadline of **January 30, 2025**.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements of RAISE allow project sponsors, including state and local governments, counties, Tribal governments, transit agencies, and port authorities, to pursue multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to fund through other grant programs.

The RAISE Team will hold a series of webinars on How to Compete, Location Designations, and Benefit-Cost Analysis. Register for the webinars and access the recordings on the [RAISE website](#). USDOT welcomes your questions at [RAISEgrants@dot.gov](mailto:RAISEgrants@dot.gov).

FY 2025 RAISE GRANT NOFO:

<https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/356890>

RAISE Website:

<https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/outreach>



## **Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC)**

The workshops provide training in Massachusetts municipal land use practice and law for members of Planning Boards, Boards of Appeals, planning professionals and anyone interested in municipal land use.

Upcoming workshops in the Fall/Winter Series open for registration include:

- **Drafting Zoning Amendments**, Thursday, December 5, 2024 5:30 p.m.
- **Roles and Responsibilities of Planning and Zoning Boards**, December 17, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
- **Site Plan Review**, Monday, January 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
- **Special Permits and Variances**, Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
- **Writing Reasonable & Defensible Decisions**, Monday, January 13, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

All workshops are presented by professionals with extensive experience in Massachusetts municipal land use policy and law. Workshop sessions are held on Zoom and are about 1 1/2 hours in length. Handouts and written materials are provided where applicable. The fee is \$35 per workshop.

For more information, please visit:

<https://masscptc.org/index.php/training/webinar-series/>

## **2025 MassTrails Grant Application period is OPEN!**

MassTrails provides grants to support recreational trail and shared-use pathway projects across the Commonwealth. The award maximum depends on the project type and needs and is generally \$100,000 for recreational trails projects and up to \$500,000 for shared-use path projects demonstrating critical network connections of regional or statewide significance.

Eligible grant activities include project development, design, engineering, permitting, construction, and maintenance of recreational trails, shared-use pathways, and the amenities that support trails.

MassTrails grants are REIMBURSEMENT grants, meaning grantees must first pay for expenditures and then submit for reimbursement using the required documentation.

MassTrails grants are MATCHING grants and require that proponents provide a minimum of 20% of the total project cost.

Eligible projects require documented land owner permission submitted with the application and are subject to all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations. Applications are due Monday, February 3, 2025.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/masstrails-grants>

## Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO)

The Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office is the lead agency within the Healey-Driscoll Administration tasked with implementing a whole of government approach to ensuring the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can leverage the historic opportunities available for federal funding.

The Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO) has launched an ambitious inter-agency strategy for the Commonwealth to successfully compete for the historic levels of federal funding available from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the CHIPS and Science Act, and more. FFIO is responsible for tracking federal opportunities, facilitating the submission of successful applications for federal funding, and advocating on behalf of Massachusetts projects that advance key priorities including infrastructure, jobs, economic competitiveness, affordable housing, clean energy, decarbonization, resilience, equity, and workforce development.

The next Federal Funds Partnership Meeting is **January 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.** A newsletter ahead of that meeting with new grant opportunities, contact information, and other helpful resources will be distributed.

To register for the Zoom meetings, please visit:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUucuyhrzguHNJkkh-XlmZBIQQKxxG\\_Acjl#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUucuyhrzguHNJkkh-XlmZBIQQKxxG_Acjl#/registration)

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/federal-funds-infrastructure-office>

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/federal-funds-information-for-local-governments>

## **MassDOT Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) Available for Review and Comment**

In accordance with state and federal compliance requirements, and to ensure inclusive and accessible public engagement processes for transportation related activities and decision-making, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has developed the Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP).

This Plan serves to guide agency public participation efforts to achieve inclusivity, diversity, and accessibility for members of the public to engage in the information sharing and decision-making activities of MassDOT. The PPP will also inform staff and partners about the policies, expectations, and strategies that may be used for proactive and responsive engagement with the public throughout the transportation project delivery process. An involved and well-informed public can provide invaluable input during all stages of the transportation decision-making process.

The PPP has been released for public comment and is available online at this webpage: <https://www.mass.gov/diversity-civil-rights-in-transportation>. The comment period closes on January 10, 2025.

Concurrent with the PPP release is a survey (<https://www.mass.gov/forms/massdot-public-participation-survey>) requesting input on MassDOT's public participation processes.

**December 5, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 5A**  
**Brockton Area Transit (BAT)**

**Summary**

Brockton Area Transit to provide report.

**December 5, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 5B**  
**Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)**

**Summary**

Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority to provide report.

**December 5, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 5C**  
**South Coast Rail (SCR) Project**

**Summary**

The South Coast Rail (SCR) project will restore commuter rail service between Boston and southeastern Massachusetts by spring/summer 2025. 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 spring/summer 2025.

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 November 2024, work conducted involved overnight testing at signal houses across the South Coast Rail lines; train testing to and from Middleborough, East Taunton, Freetown, Fall River, and New Bedford (with speeds of up to 79 miles per hour); daytime and overnight pavement marking work 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.

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.

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](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MADOT/subscriber/new?topic_id=MADOT_30)

**December 5, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 6A**  
**Old Colony FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement**  
**Program (TIP) Implementation**  
**Adjustment 2 – Report on MPO Review and Endorsement**  
**Amendment 1 – Public review and Comment Period**

**Summary**

The Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a program of capital improvements and operating assistance for the transportation system in the Old Colony Region. The Old Colony TIP lists projects (highway, bridge, and transit) and operational assistance that receive federal funds and may list some projects that do not receive federal funds.

**On November 19, 2024 the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization endorsed Adjustment 2 to the FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.**

**Adjustment 2 includes the following two adjustments:**

**FFY 2027 and 2030 (2030 is beyond current 2025-2029 TIP but being documented for Advance Construction Schedule)**

**CHANGE PROJECT FUNDING SOURCE**

- **DUXBURY- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, D-14-003 (438), POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY (812006)**
  - **Original Funding Source: Section 1B (Earmarked or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects)**
  - **New Funding Source: Section 2A (State Prioritized Reliability Projects)**
  - **Adjusting FFY 2027 Bridge Formula Program Off-System Bridge (BROFF) funding from \$36,960,397 to \$0**
  - **Adjusting FFY 2030 STBG-Bridge Off-System funding from \$0 to \$36,960,397**
  - **Programmed Amount Remains Unchanged at \$36,960,397**

**FFY 2029**

**REVISE COST ESTIMATE**

- **BRIDGEWATER- BRIDGE REHABILITATION, B-23-001 (44H), VERNON STREET OVER TAUNTON RIVER (613292)**
  - **Programmed in FFY 2029**
  - **Previous Cost: \$23,911,289**

- **New Amount: \$21,425,706 (Variance: -\$2,485,583)**

**Amendment 1 includes the following amendments:**

**FFY 2025**

- **BROCKTON- DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT (SMART) (S13132)**
- **Add Project**
- **Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant**
- **Total Project Cost is \$1,496,630**
  
- **BROCKTON- DOWNTOWN BROCKTON IMPROVEMENTS (RAISE) (S13134)**
- **Add Project**
- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant**
- **Total Project Cost with Match is \$9,804,688**
  
- **BROCKTON- SAFETY PILOT AT THREE INTERSECTIONS ON NORTH MAIN STREET (SS4A) (S13135)**
- **Add Project**
- **Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant**

- **Total Project Cost is \$235,600**
- **PLYMOUTH- DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CULVERTS AND REMOVAL OF ONE (TOWN BROOK STREAM; CULVERT AOP) (\$13133)**
- **Add Project**
- **National Culvert Program Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant**
- **Award Amount is \$2,800,000**

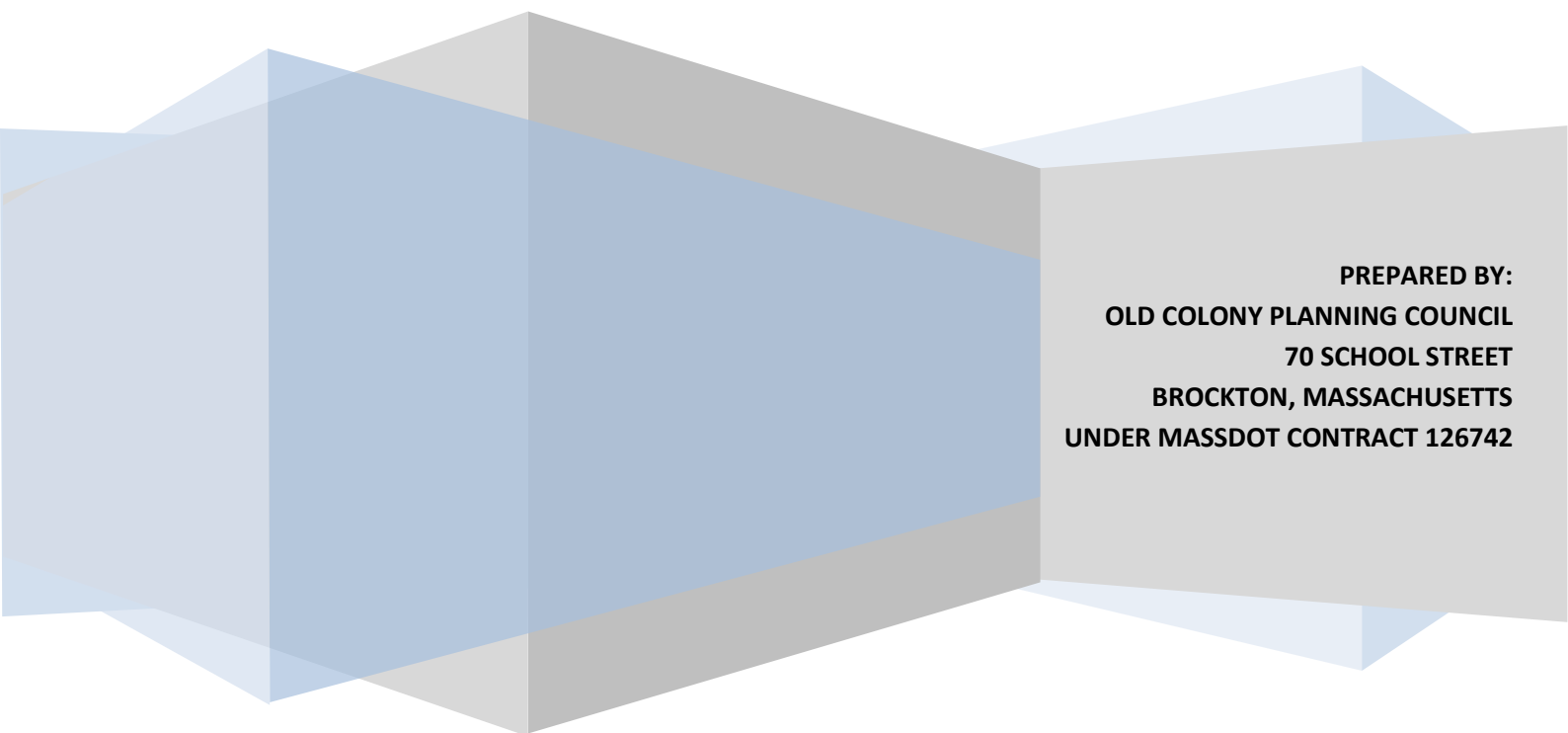
OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

# **DRAFT FFY 2025-2029 OLD COLONY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT 1**

**PRESENTED TO THE OLD COLONY MPO FOR REVIEW AND POTENTIAL  
RELEASE TO PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD ON NOVEMBER 19,  
2024**

**PREPARED IN COOPERATION WITH:**

- **BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (BAT)**
- **FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA)**
- **FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)**
- **MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MASSDOT)**
- **OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)**



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD**  
**FFY 2025-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**  
**AMENDMENT 1**

Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) is making the FFY 2025-2029 TIP Amendment 1 available for a Public Review and Comment. Copies will be available at <https://oldcolonyplanning.org> and/or upon request. This process will be used as Brockton Area Transit Authority's (BAT) public participation process. BAT, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307(c) applicant, has consulted with the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and concurs that the public involvement process adopted by the MPO for development of the TIP satisfies the public hearing requirements that pertain to the development of the Program of Projects for the regular Section 5307, Urbanized Area Formula Program, grant applications including the provisions for public notice and the time established for public review and comment. Public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comments on the TIP will satisfy the program of projects (POP) requirements. The public discussion of the TIP at meetings of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) and Old Colony MPO satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) public hearing requirements of the FTA. A public meeting of the Old Colony MPO is scheduled for December 17, 2024 at 10:00 AM. Please contact William McNulty at (774) 539-5103 for information.

Please send written comments to:  
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# **Old Colony FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

## **Proposed Amendment 1**

### **November 19, 2024**

The Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a program of capital improvements and operating assistance for the transportation system in the Old Colony Region. The Old Colony TIP lists projects (highway, bridge, and transit) and operational assistance that receive federal funds and may list some projects that do not receive federal funds.

#### **Amendment 1 includes the following changes:**

##### FFY 2025

- BROCKTON- DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT (SMART) (S13132)
  - Adding Project
  - Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
  - Total Project Cost is \$1,496,630
  
- BROCKTON- DOWNTOWN BROCKTON IMPROVEMENTS (RAISE) (S13134)
  - Adding Project
  - Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
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- Award Amount is \$2,800,000



TIP Revisions Report  
Old Colony

STIP: 2025 - 2029 (A)

Type	Value Changed	Date of Change	Former Value	New Value	Variance	Comments
Federal Fiscal Year 2025						
Section 1B / Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects						
Earmark Discretionary						
<b>S13132 Brockton: BROCKTON- DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT (SMART)</b>						
Amendment	2025: Statewide-OT-Earmark	10/29/2024	\$0	\$1,496,630	\$1,496,630	
<b>S13133 Plymouth: PLYMOUTH- DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CULVERTS AND REMOVAL OF ONE (TOWN BROOK STREAM; CULVERT AOP)</b>						
Amendment	2025: Statewide-OT-Earmark	10/29/2024	\$0	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000	
<b>S13134 Brockton: BROCKTON- DOWNTOWN BROCKTON IMPROVEMENTS (RAISE)</b>						
Amendment	2025: Statewide-OT-Earmark	10/29/2024	\$0	\$9,804,688	\$9,804,688	
<b>S13135 Brockton: BROCKTON- SAFETY PILOT AT THREE INTERSECTIONS ON NORTH MAIN STREET (SS4A)</b>						
Amendment	2025: Statewide-OT-Earmark	10/29/2024	\$0	\$235,600	\$235,600	

**December 5, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 7A**  
**Old Colony Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC)**  
**And Project Programming Process**  
**Review of Transportation Evaluation Criteria and Programming**  
**Process**

**Summary**

Following approval by MassDOT's Project Review Committee (PRC), TIP eligible projects are evaluated using Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC). During TIP development, current and proposed projects are evaluated using the TEC and recommended to the Old Colony MPO for consideration and determination of a Preferred Set of Projects. The MPO staff uses the Transportation Evaluation Criteria results, as well as readiness information, available funding, and other pertinent information to develop a Draft TIP. The Old Colony MPO releases the Draft TIP for a 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period. Following the 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period, the Old Colony MPO considers the comments received, and then endorses the TIP if there are no significant changes.

The proposed updated Transportation Evaluation Criteria replaces the 18-point system used by Old Colony Planning Council in recent years with a 100-point system that scores projects by specific defined criteria in the following categories:

- System Preservation – 30 Points
- Safety – 30 Points
- Mobility – 10 Points
- Economic Impact – 10 Points
- Environmental and Health Impact – 10 Points
- Community Support and Consistency with Policy – 10 Points

The updated Transportation Evaluation Criteria is designed to be clearly designed and fully transparent, considering all modes of transportation and users in transportation projects. They also take into consideration recent initiatives and policies, such as Complete Streets and MPO adopted Performance Targets.

For more information on the Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Transportation Evaluation Criteria, please contact Bill McNulty at [wmcnulty@ocpcrpa.org](mailto:wmcnulty@ocpcrpa.org).

Old Colony TIP TEC Scoring Criteria

Category	Evaluation Criterion	Total Potential Points
System Preservation / State of Good Repair	Primary Asset Condition Enhancements to Secondary Assets Use of Modern Technology to Improve Efficiency Incorporates Transit Elements into Design	30
Safety	Motorist crash history and anticipated improvement Non-Motorist crash history and anticipated improvement Proven Safety Measures	30
Mobility	Existing Motorist Congestion Effect on Mobility and Accommodation for Non-Motorists Effect on System Connectivity and Access	10
Economic Impact	Access to or within a regionally designated economic development area Access to or within a business district Connectivity between housing, employment, and commerce Effect on freight network	10
Environmental Effect	Effect on Wetlands, Wildlife or Other Natural Resources Protects or Enhances Water Quality by Improving Stormwater Management Effect on air quality and GHG emissions Improves Coastal Resiliency Enhances local open space Incorporates Healthy Transportation Options	10
Community Support and Consistency with Policy	Project has Community Support, Identified in Local Plans, and an Active Design Project Identified in Regional Plan and/or Consistent with Regional Policy Consistent with PM1, PM2, PM3, and/or TAM Project Supports Federal and State Policy Equity	10
<b>Total Possible Score</b>		<b>100</b>

Old Colony TIP TEC Scoring Criteria

System preservation and Modernization Scoring

<b>System Preservation Criterion</b>	<b>Factor</b>	<b>Points</b>
Primary asset condition / effect on condition	Poor or failing / substantial improvement	12
	Fair / moderate improvement	8
	Good / minor improvement	4
	Excellent / no improvement	0
<b>Potential Primary Asset Points</b>		<b>12</b>
Enhancements to Secondary Assets (Sidewalks, etc.)	Poor or failing / substantial improvement	8
	Fair / moderate improvement	5
	Good / minor improvement	2
	Excellent / no improvement	0
<b>Potential Secondary Asset Points</b>		<b>8</b>
Use of modern technology to improve efficiency	Use of innovative technology and/or incorporation of traffic counting technology	5
	Improvement in technology to current best practices	2
	Maintain/repair existing technology	1
	Not applicable	0
<b>Potential Modern Technology Points</b>		<b>5</b>
Incorporates transit elements into design	Incorporates significant improvements to transit infrastructure, accessibility and/or operational	5
	Incorporates minor transit improvements	3
	Improves operations on a transit route	1
	No related improvements to transit access/operations are expected	0
<b>Potential Transit Elements Points</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Total Potential System Preservation and Modernization Scoring</b>		<b>30</b>

Safety Scoring

Safety Criterion	Factor	Points
Motorist crash history and anticipated safety impact	HSIP Eligible Location	10
	Location is Reginal Top 100 High Crash Location or engaged in a safety plan and project will improve motorist safety	7
	Demonstrated safety problem and safety improvement is anticipated with project	4
	No demonstrated safety problem, but safety improvement is anticipated with project	3
	No Safety Improvement Anticipated	0
	Project may adversely effect safety	-1
<b>Potential Motorist Safety Points</b>		<b>10</b>
Non-Motorist crash history and anticipated safety impact	HSIP Bicycle or Pedestrian Cluster	10
	Location is Reginal Top 100 High Crash Location or engaged in a safety plan and project will improve non-motorist safety	7
	Demonstrated safety problem and non-motorist safety improvement is anticipated with	4
	No demonstrated crash problem, but project is anticipated to improve non-motorist safety	3
	No safety improvement anticipated	0
	The project many adversely affect non-motorist safety	-1
<b>Potential Non-Motorist Safety Points</b>		<b>10</b>
Systematic Safety Improvements/Proven Safety Countermeasures	Characteristics of the location make it a primary risk location and the project will implement a proven safety countermeasure	10
	Characteristics of the location make it a secondary risk location and the project will implement a proven safety countermeasure	
	While not a primary or secondary risk location, the location provides access to vulnerable roadway users, such as schools, transit stops and senior destinations and the project will implement a proven safety countermeasure	7
	No safety improvement anticipated	
	While not a primary or secondary risk location, the location provides access to vulnerable roadway users, such as schools, transit stops and senior destinations and the project will implement a proven safety countermeasure	4
No safety improvement anticipated	0	
<b>Potential Systematic Safety Improvement Points</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL POTENTIAL SAFETY SCORING</b>		<b>30</b>

Mobility Scoring

Mobility Criterion	Factor	Points
Existing motorist congestion / effect on motorist congestion	Location identified in the CMP network/ substantial improvement	4
	Significant existing / substantial improvement	3
	Significant existing / moderate or minor improvement	2
	Minimal existing / minor improvement	1
	No Change	0
	Negative effect	-1
<b>Potential Motorist Congestion Points</b>		<b>4</b>
Effect on mobility / accommodation of non-motorists	Substantial improvement	3
	Moderate improvement	2
	Minimal improvement	1
	No effect for non-motorists	0
	Negative effect on mobility / accommodation	-1
<b>Potential Non-Motorist Mobility Points</b>		<b>3</b>
Effect on connectivity / access (emphasis placed on key emergency and evacuation reoutes)	Substantial improvement to connectivity through the corridor	3
	Moderate improvement to connectivity	2
	W Minimal effect on connectivity	1
	No effect on connectivity	0
	Negative effect on connectivity	-1
<b>Potential Connectivity and Access Points</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL POTENTIAL MOBILITY SCORING</b>		<b>10</b>



Economic Development Scoring

<b>Economic Criterion</b>	<b>Factor</b>	<b>Points</b>
Effect on access to or within a regionally-designated economic development area	Substantial improvement	3
	Moderate improvement	2
	Minor improvement	1
	No effect	0
	Negative effect	-1
Potential Points		3
Effect on access to or within a locally-designated business district	Substantial or moderate improvement	2
	Minor improvement	1
	No effect	0
	Negative effect	-1
Potential Points		2
Effect on connections between housing, job, cultural centers, and essential services within and beyond the region	Substantial improvement	3
	Moderate improvement	2
	Minor improvement	1
	No effect	0
	Negative effect	-1
Potential Points		3
Effect on the ability of the region's freight network to handle current and future freight	Substantial or moderate improvement	2
	Minor improvement	1
	No effect	0
	Negative effect	-1
Potential Points		2
<b>TOTAL POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCORING</b>		<b>10</b>

Environmental and Health Scoring

Environmental and Health Criterion	Factor	Points
Effect on wetlands, wildlife, or other resource protection	Anticipated improvement	2
	Minor contribution to preservation	1
	No anticipated impact or negative impacts adequately mitigated	0
	Negative impact	-1
Potential Points		2
Effect on water quality through stormwater management and treatment with an emphasis on for nitrogen	Anticipated improvement in stormwater management and treatment	2
	Anticipated improvement in stormwater management	1
	No anticipated impact or negative impacts adequately mitigated	0
	Negative impact	-1
Potential Points		2
Effect on air quality / GHG emission	Significant, quantifiable decrease in GHG anticipated	2
	Minor, quantifiable or qualitative decrease in GHG anticipated	1
	No effect on GHG anticipated	0
	Anticipated increase in GHG	-1
Potential Points		2
Coastal Resiliency / Sea Level Rise Vulnerability / Low Lying Roads	Project vulnerable area with resilient design	2
	Project is not in a vulnerable area but includes with resilient design elements	1
	Project not in vulnerable area and not special consideration given to resilient design	0
	Project in a vulnerable area and is not a resilient design	-1
Potential Points		2
Effect on cultural resources or open space	Anticipated improvement	1
	No anticipated impact or negative impacts adequately mitigated	0
	Negative impact	-1
Potential Points		1
Healthy Transportation Options	Increase in healthy transportation options	1
	No anticipated impact or negative impacts adequately mitigated	0
	Negative impact	-1
Potential Points		1
<b>Total Potential Environmental and Health Scoring</b>		<b>10</b>

Policy and Support Scoring

Policy and Support Criterion	Factor	Points
Local Plans / Community Support	Stated Support for Project by Officials and Project Has Active Design	3
	Stated Support but No Active Design	2
	Project identified in existing local plan	1
	Neutral	0
	Project has community opposition	-1
Potential Points		3
Project identified in Regional Plan and/or Consistent with Regional Policy	Project specifically identified in Regional Plan	2
	Project Supports Regional Plan Policies, including PM1, PM2, PM3, and	1
	Neutral	0
	Inconsistent with Regional Plan and Policies	-1
Potential Points		2
Project supports Federal or State (including MassDOT) policies and goals not accounted for in other criteria	Project specifically identified in a existing Federal or State Plan	2
	Consistent with Federal or State Policies or Principles	1
	Neutral	0
	Inconsistent with Federal or State Policies or Principles	-1
Potential Points		2
Equity	Project is located within an Environmental Justice area and will have a positive impact on population	3
	Project is of a regional significance that will serve individuals and improve access for Environmental Justice populations	1
	Project is isolated and not located within or adjacent to an Environmental Justice area	0
	Project in a vulnerable area and is not a resilient design	-1
	Potential Points	
<b>Total Potential Policy and Support Scoring</b>		<b>10</b>

**December 5, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting  
Agenda Item 7B**

**World Day of Remembrance**

**• Summary of Old Colony Planning Council Participation**

**Summary**

**World Day of Remembrance**

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WDR) is commemorated on the third Sunday of November each year. It is a significant global event dedicated to remembering the millions who have been killed or seriously injured on the world's roads and acknowledging the suffering of all affected victims, their families, and communities.

The Old Colony Planning Council raised awareness of this day through our newsletter and social media platforms. Mary Waldron and Matt Dyer also attended the WDR Vigil in Brockton, organized by Brockton Bikes.

Join us in addressing dangerous intersections and roads by sharing your thoughts in the Safe Streets 4 All portal. Project Vision Zero is a commitment to eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries on our nation's roadways.

For more information, please visit:

<https://worlddayofremembrance.org/>

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/9d5e3aaf108e405ab3eb23352335eda9/>

**December 5, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 7C**  
**Regional Trails Inventory**  
**• Update and Discussion**

**Summary**

**MassTrails Inventory Update**

Under the MassTrails Program, OCPC has received a grant to inventory the region's trail network. This effort aims to document existing trails, assess ADA accessibility, and evaluate trail conditions. The project will enhance safety, improve regional connectivity, and centralize trail data, supporting the advancement of trail development and infrastructure through feasibility studies and strategic planning.

Currently, we are in phase three of the project, focusing on collecting data across the region. OCPC will meet with each community to review and verify trail data for accuracy.

For more information, please contact Matt Dyer at [Mdyer@OCPCRPA.org](mailto:Mdyer@OCPCRPA.org)

**December 5, 2024 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 2025 Unified Planning Work Program, Old Colony Planning Council provides local traffic planning and technical analysis services to its member communities.

**Project Status Updates**

**Avon**

- Main Street (Route 28) Road Safety Audit  
*Draft Report In Review.*

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](mailto:wmcnulty@ocpcrpa.org)) at (774) 539-5103. .

**December 5, 2024 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 <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/mepa/>.

**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 #16692 – Plymouth Municipal Airport Runway 6 Extension – Plymouth, Carver**  
*Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)*

**EEA #11085R – South Weymouth Naval Air Station Redevelopment Project – Abington,  
Rockland, Weymouth**  
*Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR)*

**EEA #16896 – Wilkinson/Withington Aquaculture – Plymouth**  
*Environmental Notification Form (ENF)*

Cultivation of Eastern Oyster, Quahog, and Surf Clam.

## Certificates

### **EEA # 16873 – 123 and 125 West Street Single-Family Homes - Plympton**

#### *Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) Certificate*

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

## Public Notices

### **Notice of Application for a Chapter 91 Waterways License - Plymouth**

In regards to 16 Town Wharf. Existing restaurant will be demolished and a new restaurant will be constructed.

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**Agenda Item 8C**

**Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues**

**Summary**

Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues.

**December 5, 2024 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 9**  
**Adjournment**

**Summary**

Adjournment.