

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, May 21, 2024 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

Roll Call/Attendance

<u>Members/Designees</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Stephen Woelfel	Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Secretary, MassDOT	Present
Shaun Handy	Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division	Present
John Messia	Mayor Robert Sullivan, City of Brockton	Present
Lee Hartmann	Richard J. Quintal, Jr., Town of Plymouth	Present
Michael Perez	Town of West Bridgewater – Representing Avon, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Plympton, and West Bridgewater	Absent
Daniel Salvucci	Town of Whitman – Representing Abington, Bridgewater, Duxbury, Easton, Pembroke, Stoughton, and Whitman	Present
Michael Lambert	Brockton Area Transit (BAT)	Present
Rebecca Coletta	Old Colony Planning Council	Present

Ex-Officio Members

Joshua Barber	Joi Singh, FHWA	Present
Kirstie Horstetter	Peter Bulter, FTA Regional Administrator, Region 1	Present
Noreen O’Toole	Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee	Absent

Also Present

Kelly Forrester	BAT
Jaklyn Centracchio	BETA Group
Greg Tansey	Bridgewater
Emily Williams	Bridgewater
Chike Odunukwe	Brockton
Allison Shane	Duxbury
Steve Findlen	Howard Stein Hudson
Mary Ellen DeFrias	GATRA
Valerie Massard	Kingston
Alan Castaline	MBTA Advisory Board
Raissah Kouame	MassDOT
Derek Krevat	MassDOT
Andrew Wang	MassDOT
Shawn Bailey	Old Colony Planning Council
Ray Guarino	Old Colony Planning Council
Charles Kilmer	Old Colony Planning Council

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Guoqiang Li	Old Colony Planning Council
Bill McNulty	Old Colony Planning Council
Kyle Mowatt	Old Colony Planning Council
Mary Waldron	Old Colony Planning Council

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. Chairperson Woelfel read the meeting accessibility statement and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Roll call was then conducted by Charles Kilmer.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

3. Minutes of the April 16, 2024 Meeting

A motion to approve the draft minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Rebecca Coletta. Members voted as follows:

Stephen Woelfel	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
John Messia	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Rebecca Coletta	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye

The motion passed.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- BAT ridership continues to be strong benefiting from the fare free program running through July. Now seeing 10 year ridership highs
- BAT received grant awards from MassDOT to help support the Paratransit System as well as Councils on Aging to provide vehicles to them. There is a discretionary grant that will help expand micro transit service to provide Uber and Lyft service to second and third shift workers. Michael Lambert thanked MassDOT.

5. Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) Report

Mary Ellen DeFrias reported on the following items:

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- GATRA continues to see ridership increases
- Fixed Route Sunday Service has been paused while GATRA works through some labor issues
- GATRA received MassDOT Grants to help with their vehicles
- GATRA is partnering with SRTA and BAT to provide interconnectivity between the three transit authorities

6. FFY 2024-2028 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustments and/ or Amendments

- **Amendment 3 (Brockton and Plympton Projects) – Public Comments and Potential Endorsement**

Bill McNulty reported on the FFY 2024-2028 Old Colony TIP Amendment 3.

FFY 2024

- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123) AND PLYMOUTH STREET (609052)
 - Project will not be ready for advertisement in FFY 2024. Project will be moved to FFY 2025.
 - FORMER VALUE: \$2,792,790.
 - NEW FFY 2024 VALUE: \$0
- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123), CARY STREET, AND LYMAN STREET (609410)
 - PROJECT COST INCREASE
 - FORMER VALUE: \$2,506,679.
 - NEW VALUE: \$3,379,840.
 - VARIANCE \$873,161.
- PLYMPTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, P-14-001 (445), WINNETUXET ROAD OVER WINNETUXET RIVER (609435)
 - PROJECT COST INCREASE
 - FORMER VALUE: \$1,236,628.
 - NEW VALUE: \$2,320,635
 - VARIANCE \$1,084,007.

Public Comments received are as follows:

- Old Colony Planning Council approved Amendment 3 as presented by OCPC Staff
- Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee approves Amendment 3 as presented by OCPC Staff

A motion to endorse Amendment 3 was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by John Messia. Members voted as follows:

Stephen Woelfel	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
John Messia	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye

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- 8. Draft FFY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period

Charles Kilmer summarized the Draft FFY 2025 UPWP, including funding sources. The Table of Contents for the UPWP is as follows:

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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 - National Planning Factors
- 1.2 - Title VI and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- 1.3 - Funding Sources
- 1.4 - Administrative Modification and Amendment Procedures
- 1.5 - Geographic Distribution of Major UPWP Funded Studies

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

- 1100 - 3C Program Support
- 1200 - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- 1300 - Public Participation Program (PPP)
- 1400 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- 1500 - Title VI and Environmental Justice (EJ)

TASK 2000: DATA RECONNAISSANCE, ACQUISITION, AND ANALYSIS ACTIVITIES

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

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

- 3100 - Regional Multimodal Transportation Planning and Studies
- 3200 - Local Highway Transportation Technical Assistance
- 3300 - Routes 28 Corridor Study (Avon)
- 3400 - Route 104 Corridor Study (Bridgewater)
- 3500 - Route 3A Corridor Study (Plymouth)
- 3600 - Safe Street for All (SS4A) Action Plan Support
- 3700 - Performance Based Planning

TASK 4000: OTHER TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES, STAFF, ESTIMATED BUDGET

- 4100 - Transit Technical Assistance, and Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Support
- 4200 - BAT Planning and Technical Studies
- Transportation Planning Staff
- Estimated Budget

APPENDICES

- A. FFY 2025 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program Endorsement
- B. §450.336 - Self Certification Compliance Statement - 3C Process Endorsement
- C. Estimates of Other Funding Sources, and Other Transportation Planning Activities
- D. Glossary of Terms and Acronyms
- E. Public Review Period and Public Comments

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A motion to release the Draft FFY 2025 UPWP to a 21-day Public Review and Comment Period was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Shaun Handy. Members voted as follows:

Stephen Woelfel	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
John Messia	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Rebecca Coletta	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye

9. Old Colony Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Regional Action Plan

▪ Update and Status Report

Bill McNulty presented the Old Colony SS4A Regional Action Plan.

Old Colony Planning Council has contracted with BETA Group, Inc. to develop a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Regional Comprehensive Safety Action (Vision Zero) Plan. This Vision Zero Action Plan will include all seventeen communities of the Old Colony region and allow for these municipalities to apply for Planning and Demonstration Grants and Implementation Grants in future funding SS4A funding cycles.

To date, the Consultant has developed a regional High Injury Network and is performing region-wide analysis to identify high priority safety locations throughout the region. Other work completed thus far has been the development of potential countermeasures, and the creation of a data dashboard.

The Old Colony Planning Council is working with BETA Group on the development of a Vision Zero Action Committee (VZAC), which will serve as the advisory committee guiding the development of the Plan. Virtual and in-person meetings with the VZAC will be held to present and receive feedback on the results of analysis of the High Injury Network and on plans for implementation.

In addition to the VZAC, public engagement will include individual consultation with municipalities, as well as regular updates to the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee, Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Old Colony Planning Council.

Dan Salvucci mentioned the fact that there's been a lot of motorized scooters, bicycles, and skateboards going around town. He asked if there's been any issues like this in any other towns. Bill McNulty stated that he will pass this along to BETA Group.

10. Administrative Matters, Other Business, and Date and Time of Next Meeting(s)

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

- Beyond Mobility, MassDOT's Next Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan - Currently undergoing a Public Review and Comment Period. Comments due by May 31, 2024
- Municipal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvement Grant Program - Application submission period is open from May 1, 2024 at 9 AM to June 14, 2024 at 5 PM
- MassDOT - Online Grant Management Tool: Grant Central

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- Massachusetts Project Intake Tool (MaPIT) 5.0 Virtual Classroom - Sessions Available from UMass Transportation Center: June 4,6, and 20 at 10 AM
- Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office - Next Federal Funds Partnership Meeting is May 28, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Date and Time of Next Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting(s)

The Old Colony MPO members are respectfully requested to confirm the dates and times of their next virtual meeting(s).

2024

- **June 18, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **July 16, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **August 20, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **September 17, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **October 15, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **November 19, 2024 at 10 AM**
- **December 17, 2024 at 10 AM**

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rebecca Coletta and seconded by Dan Salvucci. Members voted as follows:

Stephen Woelfel	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
John Messia	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Rebecca Coletta	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the May 21, 2024 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of April 16, 2024, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for May 21, 2024 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items