

# OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

## Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, January 21, 2025 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

### Roll Call/Attendance

<u>Members/Designees</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Derek Krevat	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 Quintal, Jr., Town of Plymouth	Present
Daniel Salvucci	Town of Whitman - Representing Abington, Bridgewater, Duxbury, Easton, Pembroke, Stoughton, and Whitman	Present
Michael Lambert	Brockton Area Transit (BAT)	Present
Valerie Massard	Tyler Bouchard, Town of Kingston - Avon, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Plympton, and West Bridgewater	Present
Becky Coletta	President, Old Colony Planning Council	Present
<u>Ex-Officio Members</u>		
Joshua Barber	Joi Singh, FHWA	Present
Peter Butler	FTA Regional Administrator, Region 1	Absent
Noreen O'Toole	Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee	Absent

### Also Present

John Stone	Abington
Richard Jordan	Avon
Austin Pszenny	BETA Group
Kelly Forrester	Brockton Area Transit
Jim Fitzgerald	Environmental Partners
Eric Gemperline	FHWA
Steven Findlen	Howard Stein Hudson
William Chenard	Pembroke
Lauren Lind	Plymouth
Bonnie Roalsen	MA Safe Routes to School
Chris Klem	MassDOT
Andrew Wang	MassDOT
Barbara Lachance	MassDOT District 5
Alan Castaline	MBTA Advisory Board
Shawn Bailey	Old Colony Planning Council
Matt Dyer	Old Colony Planning Council

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Ray Guarino	Old Colony Planning Council
Charles Kilmer	Old Colony Planning Council
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 Derek Krevat called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. Charles Kilmer 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 December 17, 2024 Meeting

A motion to approve the draft minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Lee Hartmann. Members voted as follows:

Derek Krevat	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
John Messia	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

## 4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- There are no new updates at this time

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

There was no update from GATRA at this time.

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## 6. Performance Based Planning and MassDOT Proposed Performance Measures and Targets (PM1)

- Discussion, and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Set of Federally Required Performance Measures and Targets Pertaining to Highway Safety (PM1) for 2025

Chris Klem presented the Performance Based Planning and MassDOT Proposed Performance Measures and Targets (PM1).

<b>Metric</b>	<b>Target (2021-2025)</b>	<b>*Projection (2023-2027)</b>
Fatalities	365	315
Fatality Rate (per 100 million VMT)	0.58	0.48
Serious Injuries (per 100 million VMT)	2,622	2,258
Serious Injury Rate	4.17	3.48
Nonmotorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries	497	445
<i>*Projection is for reference only</i>		

Dan Salvucci asked if OCPC agrees with these targets. Bill McNulty stated that OCPC agrees with these targets.

Michael Lambert stated that last week Transportation for Massachusetts (T4MA) hosted a discussion with a Harvard researcher who had conducted a study on the true cost of driving. One of the elements of that cost resides in these numbers here which are hard to quantify in terms of human cost of injuries. If these numbers are converted into a financial number, it would be millions of dollars that are not accounted for on an annual basis.

Chris Klem stated that MassDOT does maintain significantly greater data beyond just the measures and metrics here, but MassDOT does not have anything that correlates injuries and safety specifically to a cost. But this is a great point and is something MassDOT should look into more going forward.

A motion to adopt the PM1 Targets was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by John Messia. Members voted as follows:

Derek Krevat	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
John Messia	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye
Valerie Massard	Aye

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The motion passed.

- 7. FFY 2025-2029 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustments and/ or Amendments**
- **Amendment 2 (Add the Following Projects: S13166, Old Colony: Abington - Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Supplemental planning and demonstration activities; 13178, Old Colony: Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) - Old Colony MPO Prioritization Plan**
  - **Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

**Amendment 2 includes the following changes:**

## FFY 2025

- ABINGTON - SAFE STREETS FOR 100 (SS4A) SUPPLEMENTAL PLANNING AND DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES (S13166)
  - Adding Project
  - Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
  - Total Project Cost is \$377,255
- OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC) - PRIORITIZATION PROCESS PILOT PROGRAM (PPPP) MPO PRIORITIZATION PLAN(S13178)
  - Adding Project
  - Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
  - Total Project Cost with Match is \$1,990,620

A motion to release Amendment 2 to a public review and comment period was made by Becky Coletta and seconded by Dan Salvucci. Members voted as follows:

Derek Krevat	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
John Messia	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye
Valerie Massard	Aye

The motion passed.

- 8. Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity, and MassDOT Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP)**
- **Discussion and Possible Approval of Projects to Include in the MassDOT Resiliency Improvement Plan**

Chairperson Derek Krevat discussed the PROTECT Program and the MassDOT Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP)

The purpose of the USDOT - FHWA 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

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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.

MassDOT is soliciting transportation resilience projects to include in the Massachusetts Statewide Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP). Per PROTECT Program Guidance from the Federal Highway Administration, priority resilience projects included in the RIP will receive the following benefits:

- **Elimination of BCA Requirement for PROTECT Construction Grant Applications:** If a project is seeking construction funds through the PROTECT discretionary grant program, a benefit-cost analysis is not required if the project is listed in a qualifying RIP.
- **Match Reduction:** Eligibility for the project to receive a 7% reduction in the non-federal share of project costs. Additionally, since the Statewide RIP is included in MassDOT's Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan, Beyond Mobility, they will be eligible for an additional 3% reduction and may receive the maximum 10% reduction in non-Federal share of project costs.

OCPC has contacted the communities for potential PROTECT Projects and resiliency projects to submit to MassDOT for inclusion in the Massachusetts Statewide Resilience Improvement Plan, a plan to ensure the state can withstand, recover from, adapt to, and mitigate natural hazard events. To date, OCPC has identified one project.

Charles Kilmer discussed the following identified project: The identified project is the **Social and Infrastructure Resiliency Plan** for Duxbury, Kingston, Plymouth, and Pembroke, to be developed by OCPC, in coordination and collaboration with the communities.

The project scope encompasses the development of a Coastal Social and Infrastructure Resiliency Plan for the Old Colony Planning Council's coastal communities, including Duxbury, Kingston, Plymouth, and Pembroke. This plan involves a comprehensive assessment and inventory of community demographics, municipal infrastructure, and transportation systems, focusing on assets located in flood-prone areas and their vulnerability to climate-induced hazards such as hurricanes and rising sea levels.

Key activities include:

- **Community Profiles:** Creation of demographic inventories, with special attention to youth, seniors, and other at-risk groups, alongside a review of existing Hazard Mitigation and MVP Plans.
- **Infrastructure and Transportation Inventories:** Identification of critical municipal infrastructure and essential services within flood zones, as well as a detailed road inventory, including major routes vital for evacuation and emergency services.
- **Hazard Data Analysis:** Collection and assessment of data related to flooding, hurricanes, and other climate risks to evaluate existing vulnerabilities and inform mitigation strategies.
- **Public Participation:** Engagement of community stakeholders to gather input and ensure the plan aligns with local needs and priorities.
- **Policy and Strategy Development:** Recommendations for zoning, permitting, and economic development to enhance community preparedness and resilience.
- **Evacuation Planning:** Preliminary analysis of evacuation routes and strategies to ensure safe and efficient responses during emergencies.

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The project integrates technical capacity building, feasibility analyses, and preliminary engineering to support informed decision-making. Leveraging GIS tools and other data resources, the plan will provide actionable insights to strengthen regional resilience, prepare businesses for economic disruptions, and safeguard transportation and community assets against future climate challenges.

Richard Jordan reported that he has been working with the City of Brockton on the D.W. Field Park. There is a funding committee for this park and there has been some consideration about the PROTECT grant, but it has not been solidified yet. There is some interest if adding stormwater mitigation within the park would fit within the PROTECT scope or priorities. Derek Krevat noted that as the project develops, the proponents may send him a request for the project's inclusion in the MassDOT Resiliency Improvement Plan.

A motion to approve the inclusion of the Coastal Social and Infrastructure Resiliency Plan in the MassDOT Resiliency Improvement Plan was made by Valerie Massard and seconded by Dan Salvucci. Members voted as follows:

Derek Krevat	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
John Messia	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye
Valerie Massard	Aye

The motion passed.

## 9. Administrative Matters, Other Business, and Date and Time of Next Meetings(s)

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

- 2025 MassDOT Innovation Conference - May 6, 7, 2025
- Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program NOFO
- FY 2025 RAISE Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO)
- Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO) - Next meeting is January 28, 2025

### 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).

#### 2025

- **February 18, 2025 at 10 AM**
- **March 18, 2025 at 10 AM**
- **April 15, 2025 at 10 AM**
- **May 20, 2025 at 10 AM**
- **June 17, 2025 at 10 AM**

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Chris Klem stated that MassDOT’s Draft Public Participation Plan was available for Public Review and Comment through January 10. There was also a brief survey about experience during MassDOT’s public events.

## 10. Adjournment

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

Derek Krevat	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
John Messia	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye
Valerie Massard	Aye

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

### List of Documents for the January 21, 2025 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of December 17, 2024, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for January 21, 2025 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- Presentation on MassDOT Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP)