

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, March 18, 2025 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

Roll Call/Attendance

<u>Members/Designees</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Chris Klem	Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Secretary, MassDOT	Present
Richard Bilski	Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division	Present
Mayor Robert Sullivan	City of Brockton	Absent
Lee Hartmann	Richard Quintal, Jr., Town of Plymouth	Present
Daniel Salvucci	Town of Whitman - Representing Abington, Bridgewater, Duxbury, Easton, Pembroke, Stoughton, and Whitman	Present
Kelly Forrester	Michael Lambert, Brockton Area Transit (BAT)	Present
Tyler Bouchard	Town of Kingston - Avon, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Plympton, and West Bridgewater	Absent
Becky Coletta	President, Old Colony Planning Council	Present
<u>Ex-Officio Members</u>		
Anthony Jones	Joi Singh, FHWA	Present
Peter Butler	FTA Regional Administrator, Region 1	Absent
Noreen O'Toole	Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee	Absent
Dan Salvucci	Vice Chairperson, Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)	Present
<u>Also Present</u>		
John Stone	Abington	
Richard Jordan	Avon	
Allison Shane	Duxbury	
Joshua Barber	FHWA	
Rhonda Motley	FHWA	
Mary Ellen DeFrias	GATRA	
Miranda Briseno	MassDOT	
Andrew Wang	MassDOT	
Barbara Lachance	MassDOT District 5	
Shaun Handy	MassDOT District 5	
Alan Castaline	MBTA Advisory Board, Brockton Representative	
Pam Haznar	McClure	
Al DeGirolamo	State Senator Michael Brady's Office	
Lauren Lind	Plymouth	

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Dana Smith	Plympton
Bonnie Roalsen	MA Safe Routes to School
Shawn Bailey	Old Colony Planning Council
Matt Dyer	Old Colony Planning Council
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 Chris Klem called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. Chairperson Chris Klem 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. Potential Approval of Minutes of the February 18, 2025 Meeting

A motion to approve the draft minutes of the February 18, 2025 meeting was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Becky Coletta. Members voted as follows:

Chris Klem	Aye
Richard Bilski	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Kelly Forrester reported on the following items:

- BAT is moving forward with their overnight employment transportation. This is a partnership with Uber which is funded through MassDOT. BAT is also looking to partner with some adult education partners in the area as well. This will be open for application shortly

Chairperson Chris Klem asked how people will know about the application period. Kelly Forrester stated that it will be put on BAT's website as well as shared with OCPC to share with all of their contacts.

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

Mary Ellen DeFrias reported on the following items:

- GATRA is monitoring the changes to the MBTA schedule now SCR is online. There will be some adjustments to GATRA's schedule to accommodate
- Continuing to monitor the Federal situation and work on funding. The electric program will be on pause. Service levels will be held for the next year. Hoping that Sunday service will be able to stay, but with uncertainty GATRA is holding what they have now

6. FFY 2025-2029 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustments and/ or Amendments

- **Adjustment 3 (Adds Community Transit Grant Projects: BAT012013, Brockton Area Transit Authority, Avon/ Stoughton Beyond ADA; BAT012014, Old Colony Planning Council - Area Agency on Aging, Elder, Disabled, & Caregiver Volunteer & Alternative Transportation; and BAT012015, South Shore Community Action Council, Inc., Transportation Program Operating Assistance) - Review and Potential Approval**
- **Amendment 3 (Adds Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Project: S13275, Bridgewater State University SS4A) - Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Bill McNulty reported that **Adjustment 3** includes the following changes:

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- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT - AVON/STOUGHTON BEYOND ADA (COMMUNITY TRANSIT GRANT) (BAT012013))
 - Adding Project
 - Community Transit Grant Program
 - Total Project Cost is \$50,000 (\$25,000 Federal 5310; \$25,000 State Match)
- OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL - AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) - ELDER, DISABLED, AND CAREGIVER VOLUNTEER AND ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION (COMMUNITY TRANSIT GRANT) (BAT012014))
 - Adding Project
 - Community Transit Grant Program
 - Total Project Cost is \$60,000 (\$30,000 Federal 5310; \$30,000 State Match)
- SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC - TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM OPERATING ASSISTANCE (COMMUNITY TRANSIT GRANT) (BAT012015))
 - Adding Project
 - Community Transit Grant Program
 - Total Project Cost is \$49,033 (\$49,033 Federal 5310)

Joshua Barber asked if there is a reason there is no state match for the South Shore Community Action Council Project. Bill McNulty stated that he consulted with MassDOT last week and was told that this

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specific grant does not require a local or state match. Chairperson Chris Klem will find out why this project is 100% federally funded and reach out to Becky Coletta and Joshua Barber with the answer. A motion to approve Adjustment 3 was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Lee Hartmann. Members voted as follows:

Chris Klem	Aye
Richard Bilski	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

Bill McNulty reported that **Amendment 3** includes the following changes:

FFY 2025

- BRIDGEWATER - BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY (BSU) SS4A GRANT (\$13275)
 - Adding Project
 - Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
 - Total Project Cost is \$134,913

A motion to release Amendment 3 to a 21-day public review and comment period was made by Lee Hartmann and seconded by Dan Salvucci. Members voted as follows:

Chris Klem	Aye
Richard Bilski	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

7. FFY 2026-2030 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development

- **Review of Scenarios and Potential Determination of Preferred Set of Projects**

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Bill McNulty presented Scenario 1 and Scenario 2.

TABLE 1: FFY 2026-2030 OLD COLONY TIP PROJECTS WITH YEAR OF EXPENDITURE (YOE)/ INFLATION

SCENARIO 1

Current FFY 2025-2029 TIP Year	Proposed FFY 2026-2030 TIP Year	PROJECT ID#	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FFY 2025 (Cost)	FFY 2026 (Cost)	FFY 2027 (Cost with 4% Inflation)	FFY 2028 (Cost with 8% Inflation)	FFY 2029 (Cost with 12% Inflation)	FFY 2030 (Cost with 16% Inflation)
2025	2026	609052	BROCKTON - ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS	\$2,792,790	\$2,792,790	\$2,904,502	\$3,016,213	\$3,127,925	\$3,239,636
2026	2027	607818	BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT LYMAN STREET/GROVE STREET/SUMMER STREET & REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER	\$7,441,973	\$7,441,973	\$7,739,652	\$8,037,331	\$8,335,010	\$8,632,689
2025	2025	608195	EASTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET	\$10,299,185	\$10,299,185	\$10,711,152	\$11,123,120	\$11,535,087	\$11,947,055
2026	2026	609440	ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET	\$6,733,294	\$6,733,294	\$7,002,626	\$7,271,958	\$7,541,289	\$7,810,621
2027	2028	606002	DUXBURY - SIGNAL INSTALLATION @ ROUTE 3 (NB & SB) RAMPS & ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET)	\$8,828,682	\$8,828,682	\$9,181,829	\$9,534,977	\$9,888,124	\$10,241,271
2027	2027	612525	ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, RANDOLPH STREET AND RICHARD A FITTS DRIVE (ROUTE 139) AT CHESTNUT STREET AND OLD RANDOLPH STREET	\$3,786,625	\$3,786,625	\$3,938,090	\$4,089,555	\$4,241,020	\$4,392,485
2028	2029	612769	HANOVER - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 139 (HANOVER STREET) AT MAIN STREET, CENTER STREET AND SILVER STREET	\$6,156,600	\$6,156,600	\$6,402,864	\$6,649,128	\$6,895,392	\$7,141,656
2028	2028	612262	BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), PEARL STREET AND STONEHILL STREET	\$7,465,375	\$7,465,375	\$7,763,990	\$8,062,605	\$8,361,220	\$8,659,835
2029	2029	613277	STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 27 (PARK STREET) AND TURNPIKE STREET	\$3,264,123	\$3,264,123	\$3,394,688	\$3,525,253	\$3,655,818	\$3,786,383
2029	2030	613599	HANOVER - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT COLUMBIA ROAD (ROUTE 53/139) AND BROADWAY	\$5,938,600	\$5,938,600	\$6,176,144	\$6,413,688	\$6,651,232	\$6,888,776
2029	2029	611976	EAST BRIDGEWATER - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HIGHLAND STREET AND NORTH BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18)	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,640,000	\$3,780,000	\$3,920,000	\$4,060,000
-	2030	612975	EASTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 AND TURNPIKE STREET, AT ROUTE 138 AND PURCHASE STREET, AT TURNPIKE STREET AND PURCHASE STREET	\$7,428,625	\$7,428,625	\$7,725,770	\$8,022,915	\$8,320,060	\$8,617,205
TOTAL PROGRAMMED BY FFY:				\$10,299,185	\$9,526,084	\$11,677,742	\$16,099,936	\$14,471,210	\$15,505,981
TOTAL REGIONAL FUNDING TARGET BY FFY:				\$13,863,758	\$13,294,825	\$16,196,224	\$16,840,714	\$16,715,229	\$16,982,542
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-	2030	613643	WHITMAN - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON SOUTH AVENUE (ROUTE 27) (AC Year 1 of 2)	\$14,835,580	\$14,835,580	\$15,429,003	\$16,022,426	\$16,615,850	\$8,604,636
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Allison Shane asked if the Signal Installation @ Route 3 (NB&SB) Ramps & Route 3A (Tremont Street) is related to the roundabout project. Bill McNulty stated that yes, this is the same project. This project is proposed to be

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programmed in 2028. The last time Bill McNulty talked to design engineer it was getting close to moving towards 2028. This would amount to a delay of a few months. Allison Shane asked if the advertisement is when the design public hearing to review the proposed design would happen. Bill McNulty stated that the public hearing would occur before advertisement, once there is an approved 25% design plan. This would likely happen sometime next year. Advertisement is when a project has approved 100% / Plans, Specifications, and Estimate design.

Chairperson Chris Klem asked if MassDOT District 5 has any input on the project. Richard Bilski stated that Bill McNulty provided an adequate description of projects.

Lee Hartmann stated that he has seen projects move up and down the TIP list as they have progressed at different design speeds given their respective design and project complexities. This project could still move back up to a closer year. Lee Hartmann asked if OCPC has a recommendation on the scenarios. Bill McNulty stated that the OCPC staff recommend Scenario 2.

Becky Coletta stated that it looks like there are a lot of projects in the Easton, Brockton, Abington area, so it would be nice to see a Whitman Project move forward before another Easton project.

A motion to approve Scenario 2 was made by Lee Hartmann and seconded by Becky Coletta. Members voted as follows:

Chris Klem	Aye
Richard Bilski	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

8. FFY 2026 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development

▪ Review and Discussion of Universe of Projects

Charles Kilmer discussed the Universe of Projects that has been compiled and will help inform the development of the FFY 2026 UPWP.

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1	Avon	West Main Street from Brockton City Line to Route 28	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		53	
2	Bridgewater	Route 104 from Raynham Town Line to Bridgewater Central Square	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		64	FFY 2025
3	Bridgewater	Route 104 from Bridgewater Central Square to Halifax Town Line	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		57	FFY 2025
4	Bridgewater	Route 18 and Route 18/Route 28	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		56	FFY 2023
5	Brockton	Oak Street from North Pearl Street to Route 28	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		80	
6	Brockton	Route 27 from Main Street to Whitman Town Line	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	69	FFY 2008
7	Brockton	East Ashland Street	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66	
8	Brockton	Main Street from Plain Street to Avon Town Line	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	62	FFY 2020
9	Brockton	Route 27 from Stoughton Town Line to Main Street	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	62	FFY 2008
10	Brockton	Route 28	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		54	FFY 2016
11	Brockton	Route 123 from Downtown to Abington Town Line	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		53	FFY 2017
12	East Bridgewater	Route 14	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		54	

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13	East Bridgewater	Route 18 from Bridgewater Town Line to Whitman Town Line	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		48	FFY 2023
14	East Bridgewater	Pleasant Street/ North Central Street/ Central Street	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		53	
15	Kingston	Route 3A and Vicinity Transportation and Land Use Study	Corridor and Land Use	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		FFY 2024
16	Pembroke	Route 36 from Halifax Town Line to Route 14	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		56	
17	Plymouth	Route 3A	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	65	FFY 2025
18	Plymouth	Carver Road (Former Route 44) from Carver Town Line to Route 3A	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	64	
19	Plymouth	Long Pond Road from Route 3A (Herring Pond Road) to Route 3	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		53	
20	Stoughton	Route 27	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	53	FFY 2008
21	Stoughton	Route 139 from Stoughton Center to Randolph Town Line	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		55	FFY 2024
22	Whitman	Route 27	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		54	FFY 2008
23	Regional	Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study (Active Transportation)	Bicycle and Pedestrian	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			FFY 2021
24	Regional	Road Safety Audits (RSAs) at Multiple Locations	Safety	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			FFY 2021

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25	Regional	Major Bottleneck Identification Study	Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		FFY 2010
26	Regional	Resilience Improvement Plan per 23 USC 176e	Resiliency	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
27	Regional	2028 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)	Resiliency	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

Charles Kilmer stated that the staff's thoughts were to include a Bicycle and Pedestrian, the Long Range Transportation Plan, and to include a yet to be identified an additional corridor study to implement.

Becky Coletta wondered if this needs to be looked at in conjunction with MassDOT and Federal DOT. This includes a climate change function and a transportation equity function. There is understanding there has been some pushback at Federal DOT level on projects that address climate change or equity. Becky Coletta wants to make sure that we are not going to put any funding in jeopardy by using criteria that are going to create issues between federal and state partners. Charles Kilmer noted that Title VI is still a law and that still exists. In terms of resiliency and climate change we understand that MassDOT has signed protocols to design projects to be more resilient to higher levels of storms. While there may be executive orders, we understand design criteria for projects has not changed. Equitable or geographics distribution of projects across the region is another thing we are focusing on.

Becky Coletta asked if there is another term we could consider using besides equity. Charles Kilmer suggested 'project distribution' or 'geographic analysis'.

Anthony Jones stated that the terminology may be modified in order to continue the work you are doing. If there are questions or concerns, please reach out to Anthony Jones or Joshua Barber.

Charles Kilmer stated that if people have additional comments or suggestions on these projects, they can work with us offline. This is by no means a final list or final decision point.

Chris Klem asked for everyone to review this list and get back to Charles Kilmer with comments.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

- Massachusetts Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Spring Webinar: New Tools for Schools – Wednesday, April 16, 2025
- Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO) – Community Tour – Tuesday, March 25, 2025
- Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO) – Federal Funds Partnership Meeting – March 25, 2025

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

Charles Kilmer stated that there is great news. The Massachusetts House has passed an extension to the remote meeting law provisions and extending it to June, 2027. There is an expectation of the State Senate taking it up on Thursday.

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

2025

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

The Old Colony MPO congratulated Charles Kilmer on his 29th Work Anniversary at Old Colony Planning Council.

10. Adjournment

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

Chris Klem	Aye
Richard Bilski	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Kelly Forrester	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the March 18, 2025 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of February 18, 2025, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for March 18, 2025 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items