

# OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

## Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, April 15, 2025 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

### Roll Call/Attendance

<u>Members/Designees</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Derek Shooster	Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Secretary, MassDOT	Present
Shaun Handy	Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division	Present
Patrick Hill	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
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>		
Rhonda Motley	Joi Singh, Massachusetts Division, Administrator Federal Highway Administration	Present
Kirstie Tirandazi	Peter Butler, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration Region 1	Absent
Dan Salvucci	Noreen O'Toole, Chairperson, Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)	Present
<u>Others Present</u>		
Richard Jordan	Avon	
Kelly Forrester	Brockton Area Transit	
Austin Pszeny	BETA Group	
Jaklyn Centracchio	BETA Group	
Jeff Maxtutis	BETA Group	
Anna Sangree	BETA Group	
Eric Gemperline	Federal Highway Administration	
Mary Ellen DeFrias	Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority	
Steve Findlen	Howard Stein Hudson	
Arnav Chatterjee	MassDOT	
Chris Klem	MassDOT	
Derek Krevat	MassDOT	
Barbara Lachance	MassDOT District 5	
Alan Castaline	MBTA Advisory Board, Brockton Representative	
Pam Haznar	McClure	
Sherry Holmes	Plymouth	

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William Roth	Stoughton
Shawn Bailey	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 Derek Shooster called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. Chairperson Derek Shooster 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 March 18, 2025 Meeting

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

Derek Shooster	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Patrick Hill	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:

- Ridership continues to rebound with the warmer weather. Ridership was just 50 trips short of 13,000 yesterday.
- BAT has launched their after-hours employment service in partnership with Uber. Stay tuned for more news on that as it is implemented.

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

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Mary Ellen DeFrias reported on the following items:

- GATRA is seeing increases in its ridership. They are seeing consistent growth, especially among dial-a-ride. The new software has allowed GATRA to efficiently book rides.
- GATRA is getting ready for new fiscal year, and looking to expand service as new drivers are brought on board

Chairperson Derek Shooster announced that MassDOT Rail and Transit has announced vehicle awards for the Community Transit Grant Program, in which BAT and GATRA are both recipients. There will likely be a TIP adjustment on the May Agenda to reflect these awards.

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

- **Amendment 3 (Adds Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Project: S13275, Bridgewater State University SS4A) - Public Comments and Potential Endorsement**
- **Amendment 4 (Moves Brockton Project 609052 to FFY 2026) - Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Bill McNulty discussed Amendment 3 and Amendment 4.

**Amendment 3 includes the following changes:**

### FFY 2025

- BRIDGEWATER - BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY (BSU) SS4A GRANT (S13275)
  - Adding Project
  - Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
  - Total Project Cost is \$134,913

**Public Comment Matrix**

Date	Name	Representation	Comment or Comment Summary	Response
3/26/2025	Old Colony Planning Council	Old Colony Planning Council (JTC)	The Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee approved Amendment 3 as presented by OCPC Staff.	Noted.
4/3/2025	Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee	Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)	The Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee approved Amendment 3 as presented by OCPC Staff.	Noted.

Comments as of Close of Business on April 11, 2025.

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

Derek Shooster	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Patrick Hill	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye

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Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

**Amendment 4 includes the following changes:**

## FFY 2025

- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CENTRE STREET (ROUTE 123) AND PLYMOUTH STREET (609052)
  - MOVE PROJECT TO FFY 2026
  - PROJECT WILL NOT BE READY FOR ADVERTISEMENT IN FFY 2025 (PROJECT IS PROGRAMMED IN FFY 2026 IN FFY 2026-2030 TIP)
  - FORMER VALUE: \$3,728,393

A motion to release Amendment 4 to a 21-day public review and comment period was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Lee Hartmann. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Patrick Hill	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The Motion Passed.

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

- **Review of Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Bill McNulty discussed the road and bridge projects within the Draft FFY 2026-2030 Old Colony TIP.

### FFY 2026 PROJECTS:

- BROCKTON - ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (609052)
  - Project is at 25% Design Stage.
  - Cost Estimate is \$3,728,293.
- ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET (609440)
  - Project is at 75% Design Stage.
  - Cost Estimate is \$6,733,294.

### FFY 2027 PROJECTS:

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- ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, RANDOLPH STREET AND RICHARD A. FITTS DRIVE (ROUTE 139) AT CHESTNUT STREET AND OLD RANDOLPH STREET (612525)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$3,938,000.
- AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 28, SPRING STREET AND HARRISON BOULEVARD (611979)
  - Project is at 25% Design Stage.
  - Cost Estimate is \$7,644,110.
- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT LYMAN STREET/ GROVE STREET/ SUMMER STREET & REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER (607818)
  - Project is at 25% Design Stage.
  - Cost Estimate is \$7,739,262.
- DUXBURY - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY (612006) - YEAR 1 OF ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION
  - Advance Construction in multiple phases beginning in FFY 2027.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$179,300,758.

### FFY 2028 PROJECTS:

- ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, ROUTE 18 (BEDFORD STREET) AT ROUTE 123 (BROCKTON AVENUE) (612770)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$5,817,987.
- BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), PEARL STREET, AND STONEHILL STREET (612262)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$8,062,605.
- DUXBURY - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY (612006) - YEAR 2 OF ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION
  - Advance Construction in multiple phases beginning in FFY 2027.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$179,300,758.
- KINGSTON & DUXBURY - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 3 RAMPS (NB/SB) AND ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002) - YEAR 1 OF ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION
  - Project is at 25% Design Stage.
  - Cost Estimate is \$9,534,577.
- STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CANTON STREET (ROUTE 27), SCHOOL STREET AND SUMMER STREET (611981)

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- Project is in the preliminary design phase.
- Cost Estimate is \$5,304,703.

### FFY 2029 PROJECTS:

- BRIDGEWATER - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, D-14-003, VERNON STREET OVER TAUNTON RIVER (612292)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$23,086,762.
- BROCKTON & ABINGTON - PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (609520) - YEAR 1 OF ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION
  - Advance Construction in multiple phases beginning in FFY 2029.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$33,361,959.
- DUXBURY - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY (612006) - YEAR 3 OF ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION
  - Advance Construction in multiple phases beginning in FFY 2027.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$179,300,758.
- KINGSTON & DUXBURY - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 3 RAMPS (NB/SB) AND ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET) (606002) - YEAR 2 OF ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION
  - Project is at 25% Design Stage.
  - Cost Estimate is \$9,534,577.
- EAST BRIDGEWATER - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 18 (NORTH BEDFORD STREET) AND HIGHLAND STREET (611976)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$3,920,000.
- HANOVER - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 139 (HANOVER STREET), MAIN STREET, CENTER STREET, AND SILVER STREET (612769)
  - Project is IN the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$14,027,252.
- KINGSTON - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, K-01-014, SMITHS LANE OVER ROUTE 3 (PILGRIM HIGHWAY) (608615)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$3,788,000.
- STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 27 (PARK STREET) AND TURNPIKE STREET (613277)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$3,655,818.

### FFY 2030 PROJECTS:

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- BROCKTON & ABINGTON - PEDESTRTIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (609520) - YEAR 2 OF ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION
  - Advance Construction in multiple phases beginning in FFY 2029.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$33,361,959.
- DUXBURY - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 53 AND FRANKLIN STREET (613269)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$8,443,814.
- DUXBURY - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - POWDER POINT AVENUE OVER DUXBURY BAY (612006) - YEAR 4 OF ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION
  - Advance Construction in multiple phases beginning in FFY 2027.
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$179,300,758.
- HANOVER - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT COLUMBIA ROAD (ROUTE 63/139) AND BROADWAY (613599)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Total Cost Estimate is \$9,888,796.
- WHITMAN - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON SOUTH AVENUE (613643)
  - Project is in the preliminary design phase.
  - Cost Estimate is \$17,209,274.

Dan Salvucci asked when a project moves out a year, is the project cost adjusted. Bill McNulty stated that the cost is adjusted to represent a year of expenditure cost. Four percent is used to increase the cost of the project per each year.

A motion to release the Draft 2026-2030 Old Colony TIP to a 21-day public review and comment period was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Patrick Hill. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Patrick Hill	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The Motion Passed.

## 8. Draft Old Colony Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan

- **Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Jaklyn Centracchio and Austin Pszeny from BETA Group presented on the Draft Old Colony SS4A Action Plan.

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The goal of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Comprehensive 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. The Plan was developed through a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Safe Streets for All Discretionary Grant and matching grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

## Public Engagement:

- Launched an interactive dashboard for public comment – received 150+ comments
- Spoke with the 17 OCPC cities and towns
- Presented at MPO and JTC Meetings
- Hosted a virtual public meeting in December, 2024

Public meeting participants and town staff frequently indicated speeding as the top safety issue. OCPC has set a goal to achieve zero roadway deaths and serious injuries by 2045.

## Next Steps:

- April 15<sup>th</sup> - 21-day public review and comment period begins
- May 1<sup>st</sup> - JTC Meeting
- Prepare final draft with incorporated public comments
- June 17<sup>th</sup> - MPO meeting to vote for endorsement

Richard Jordan from Avon asked if the numbers on Map 5 in the slideshow corresponds to an intersection. Jaklyn Centracchio stated that each number intersection will be discussed within the report.

Charles Kilmer stated that despite a location noted in the report, but not having specific countermeasures, a community can still apply for SS4A grants for that specific location.

A motion to release the Draft Old Colony SS4A Action Plan to a 21-day public review and comment period was made by Lee Hartman and seconded by Dan Salvucci. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Patrick Hill	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

## 9. Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statements

- **State Regulation 310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements for Transportation – Review and Potential Endorsement**
- **Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process – Review and Potential Endorsement**

Charles Kilmer presented on the two Old Colony MPO Self-Certification Compliance Statements.



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## 310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements for Transportation

This will certify that the Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Vision 2050 Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan is in compliance with all applicable requirements in the State Regulation 310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements for Transportation. The regulation requires the MPO to:

1. 310 CMR 60.05(5)(a)1.: Evaluate and report the aggregate transportation GHG emissions impacts of RTPs and TIPs;
2. 310 CMR 60.05(5)(a)2.: In consultation with MassDOT, develop and utilize procedures to prioritize and select projects in RTPs and TIPs based on factors that include aggregate transportation GHG emissions impacts;
3. 310 CMR 60.05(5)(a)3.: Quantify net transportation GHG emissions impacts resulting from the projects in RTPs and TIPs and certify in a statement included with RTPs and TIPs pursuant to 23 CFR Part 450 that the MPO has made efforts to minimize aggregate transportation GHG emissions impacts;
4. 310 CMR 60.05(5)(a)4.: Determine in consultation with the RPA that the appropriate planning assumptions used for transportation GHG emissions modeling are consistent with local land use policies, or that local authorities have made documented and credible commitments to establishing such consistency;
5. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(a)2.a.: Develop RTPs and TIPs;
6. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(a)2.b.: Ensure that RPAs are using appropriate planning assumptions;
7. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(a)2.c.: Perform regional aggregate transportation GHG emissions impact analysis of RTPs and TIPs;
8. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(a)2.d.: Calculate aggregate transportation GHG emissions impacts for RTPs and TIPs;
9. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(a)2.e.: Develop public consultation procedures for aggregate transportation GHG emissions impact reporting and related GWSA requirements consistent with current and approved regional public participation plans;
10. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(c): Prior to making final endorsements on the RTPs, TIPs, STIPs, and projects included in these plans, MassDOT and the MPOs shall include the aggregate transportation GHG emission impact assessment in RTPs, TIPs, and STIPs and provide an opportunity for public review and comment on the RTPs, TIPs, and STIPs; and
11. 310 CMR 60.05(8)(a)1.c.: After a final GHG assessment has been made by MassDOT and the MPOs, MassDOT and the MPOs shall submit MPO-endorsed RTPs, TIPs, STIPs or projects within 30 days of endorsement to the Department for review of the GHG assessment.

A motion to endorse the 310 CMR 60.06 Self-Certification Compliance Statement was made by Becky Coletta and seconded by Lee Hartmann. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Patrick Hill	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

## Certification of the Old Colony MPO Transportation Planning Process

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The Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization certifies that its conduct of the metropolitan transportation planning process complies with all applicable requirements, which are listed below, and that this process includes activities to support the development and implementation of the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination, the Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

1. 23 USC 134, 49 USC 5303, and this subpart.
2. Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 USC 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and 40 CFR part 93 and for applicable State Implementation Plan projects.
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 USC 2000d-1) and 49 CFR Part 21.
4. 49 USC 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity.
5. Section 11101(e) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in U.S. DOT-funded projects.
6. 23 CFR part 230, regarding implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts.
7. The provisions of the US DOT and of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38.
8. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 USC 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.
9. Section 324 of Title 23 USC regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender.
10. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794) and 49 CFR Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
11. Anti-lobbying restrictions found in 49 CFR Part 20. No appropriated funds may be expended by a recipient to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, or a member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of any federal contract.

Rhonda Motley stated that there are no changes to report. Should there be any updates, she will reach out.

A motion to endorse Old Colony MPO Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification Compliance Statement was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Lee Hartmann. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Patrick Hill	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

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- FY 2025 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Notice of Funding Opportunity - Applications are due by June 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program - Applications due by May 12, 2025 by 4:00 p.m.
- Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office (FFIO) - Next meeting is April 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

### 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

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

Mary Waldron acknowledged the OCPC Transportation Staff and their work, not only on the SS4A and TIP, but their day to day efforts.

### **11. Adjournment**

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

Derek Shooster	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Patrick Hill	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

### **List of Documents for the April 15, 2025 Old Colony MPO Meeting**

- Minutes of March 18, 2025, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for April 15, 2025 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- Old Colony Safe Streets for All Action Plan Presentation