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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025  
12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

## CALL IN DETAILS:

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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).

## AGENDA:

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Minutes of June 5, 2025 Meeting
4. Communications
5. Reports
  - a. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)
  - b. Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)
6. Old Business
  - a. FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation
7. New Business
  - a. MassDOT Local Early and Actionable Planning (LEAP) Program
    - i. Guest Presentation from MassDOT
  - b. The By-Laws of the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)
    - i. Review, Discussion, and Potential Acceptance of Proposed Amendment
  - c. FFY 2028 Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update
    - i. Development Schedule
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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# **August 7, 2025 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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**August 7, 2025 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 2**  
**Public Comments**

**Summary**

Public comments.

**August 7, 2025 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 3**  
**Minutes of June 5, 2025 Meeting**

**Summary**

Old Colony JTC to consider approval of June 5, 2025 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 June 5, 2025 at 12:00 P.M.**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Abington	John Stone	Environmental Partners	Jim Fitzgerald
Abington	Bruce Hughes	GPI	Sid Kashi
Avon	Rick Jordan	Howard Stein Hudson	Steven Findlen
Bridgewater	Julianna Curry	MassDOT	Chris Klem
Bridgewater	Shane O'Brien	MassDOT	Derek Shooster
Brockton	Patrick Hill	MassDOT District 5	Barbara Lachance
Easton	Greg Swan	MBTA	Glenn Geiler
Halifax	Jonathan Selig	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Hanson	Don Howard	OCPC	Matt Dyer
Kingston	Valerie Massard	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
BAT	Kelly Forrester	OCPC	Guoqiang Li
BAT	Michael Lambert	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt

### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Chairperson John Stone called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Shawn Bailey then conducted the roll call.

### **2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.

### **3. Minutes of May 1, 2025 Meeting**

Chairperson John Stone asked if there were any revisions to the minutes. There were no revisions at this time.

*The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously via roll call to approve the May 1, 2025 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:

- Draft FY 2026-2030 MassDOT CIP Available for Public Review – Public comment period is open until June 12.

## ***OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)***

- Duxbury – Powder Point Avenue over Duxbury Bay (Powder Point Bridge) Bridge Replacement Public Informational Meeting – Wednesday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.
- Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) Workshops.
- Demystifying Development: A Peek Behind the Curtain of Permitting Projects – Monday, June 16, at 5:00 p.m.
- Roles & Responsibilities of Planning and Zoning Boards – Wednesday, June 18, at 5:30 p.m.
- MEPA: Understanding State Project Review Process and the Value for Local Communities – Wednesday, June 25, at 7:00 p.m.
- Special Permits & Variances – Thursday, June 26, at 5:30 p.m.
- Community Walk Audit – June 26, at 6:00 p.m. – Nilsson & Main Street, Brockton.
- Community Walk Audit – July 23, at 12:00 p.m. – West Middle School, Brockton.
- FY 2025 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Notice of Funding Opportunity – Deadline for applications is June 26, at 5:00 p.m.
- Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO) – Next meeting is June 24, at 2:00 p.m.

### **5. Reports**

#### ***A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)***

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- BAT provided approximately 325,000 trips in May 2025. This represents a 15% increase over last year, and a 50% increase over pre-Covid numbers.
- BAT is awaiting the results of the State Legislative budget process. The Massachusetts House, Senate, and Governor Healey all appear supportive of continuing fare-free service next year.
- Uber based overnight employment transportation testing is nearly complete. This will be subsidized Uber rides for workers between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Will be open to anyone in the service area once launched.
- BAT is planning to launch a Request for Proposals (RFP) for providing microtransit service statewide and to nearby key destinations.

Rick Jordan asked if there will be public outreach for the Uber based overnight employment transportation program. Michael Lambert noted that this does apply to Avon, and BAT will partner with OCPC to get flyers out and promotional materials.

#### ***B. Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)***

There was no update from GATRA at this time.

### **6. Old Business**

#### ***A. Old Colony FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation***

- ***Adjustment 4 – Review of MPO Endorsed Adjustment 4***

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Charles Kilmer discussed Adjustment 4:

On May 20, 2025, the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) endorsed Adjustment 4 which included the following changes:

### **FFY 2025**

- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT - PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) E2a ELECTRIC VEHICLES (COMMUNITY TRANSIT GRANT) (BAT012068)
  - Adding Project
  - Community Transit Grant Program
  - Total Project Cost is \$621,212 (\$247,065 Federal 5310; \$374,147 State Match)
- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT - VEHICLE REPLACEMENT (Ca) (COMMUNITY TRANSIT GRANT) (BAT012069)
  - Adding Project
  - Community Transit Grant Program
  - Total Project Cost is \$118,174 (\$100,821 Federal 5310; \$17,353 State Match)
- SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC - PURCHASE OF ONE (1) LOW-FLOOR MINIBUS (COMMUNITY TRANSIT GRANT) (BAT012070)
  - Adding Project
  - Community Transit Grant Program
  - Total Project Cost is \$124,242 (\$105,606 Federal 5310; \$18,636 State Match)
- THE ARC OF GREATER BROCKTON - PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CB VEHICLE (COMMUNITY TRANSIT GRANT) (BAT012076))
  - Adding Project
  - Community Transit Grant Program
  - Total Project Cost is \$120,835 (\$102,710 Federal 5310; \$18,125 State Match)
- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - BUY ASSOC CAPITAL MAINTENANCE ITEMS (RTD0011343)
  - Cost Adjustment
  - Former Value: \$10,000
  - New Value: \$15,000
  - Variance: \$5,000
- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT(BAT) - ACQUIRE MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (RTD0011344)
  - Cost Adjustment
  - Former Value: \$40,000
  - New Value: \$68,000
  - Variance: \$28,000

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- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT - VEHICLE OVERHAUL (4) (RTD0011345)
  - Cost Adjustment
  - Former Value: \$900,000
  - New Value: \$1,037,000
  - Variance: \$137,000
  
- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - REHAB RENOVATE MAINTENANCE FACILITY (RTD0011346)
  - Cost Adjustment
  - Former Value: \$10,000
  - New Value: \$30,000
  - Variance: \$20,000
  
- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - ACQUIRE SUPPORT VEHICLES (2) (RTD0011347)
  - Cost Adjustment
  - Former Value: \$30,000
  - New Value: \$36,000
  - Variance: \$6,000
  
- BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - TERMINAL, INTERMODAL (RTD0011348)
  - Cost Adjustment
  - Former Value: \$400,000
  - New Value: \$204,000
  - Variance: -\$196,000

### **7. New Business**

#### ***A. Report from Nominating Committee and Election of Old Colony JTC Officers 2025-2026***

Michael Lambert announced that the Nominating Committee nominated John Stone from Abington as Chairperson and Dan Salvucci from Whitman as Vice Chairperson for the 2025-2026 term.

A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Don Howard to approve the Slate of Officers and elect the Old Colony JTC Officers for 2025-2026 as nominated.

*The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously via roll call to approve the Election of Old Colony JTC Officers for 2025-2026.*

#### ***B. Old Colony FFY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)***

- ***21-Day Public Review and Comment Period***

Charles Kilmer discussed the Old Colony FFY 2026 UPWP.

The Old Colony MPO, at their May 20, 2025 meeting, reviewed and subsequently released the Draft FFY 2026 Old Colony UPWP to a 21-day public review and comment period. Following the completion of the



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21-day public review and comment period, the Old Colony MPO will review the public comments and consider endorsement of the Draft FFY 2026 Old Colony UPWP.

Comments may be submitted as follows:

- Mail or drop off: Charles Kilmer, OCPC, 70 School Street, Brockton MA 02301
- Phone: 774-539-5126
- Fax: 508-559-8768
- Email: [ckilmer@ocpcrpa.org](mailto:ckilmer@ocpcrpa.org)
- Attend the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Virtual Meeting scheduled for June 5, 2025 at 12 PM
- Attend the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Virtual Meeting scheduled for June 17, 2025 at 10 AM

A motion was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Don Howard to approve the Old Colony FFY 2026 UPWP.

*The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously via roll call to approve the Old Colony FFY 2026 UPWP.*

### **C. Climate Resiliency, Adaptation, Connectivity, and Culverts Overview**

#### **▪ Presentation and Discussion**

Matt Dyer discussed Climate Resiliency, Adaptation, Connectivity, and Culverts.

Culverts are defined as structures allowing water (streams/rivers) to pass under roads. In New England, culverts are built from diverse materials (metal, concrete, granite, stone), often due to old and varied infrastructure dating back to the 1600s.

Increase in storm frequency:

Ten-year storms now happen more often – up to 20 times per century (double the expected rate). This is similar for 25-, 50-, and 100-year storms. Terminology is shifting from 10-year storm to probability-based terms (10% chance storm).

Increased precipitation intensity:

During the 1920s a 10-year storm would drop 1.5 inches of rain/hour. Today, it would be 2.2 inches/hour. On one acre, which means water volume increases from 40,000 to 59,000 gallons. Older culverts are undersized for today's storm patterns and infrastructure built for past conditions is failing under new climate realities.

Culverts in OCPC Region:

Streams crossroads every 1.2 miles; roads intersect streams every 0.5 miles. There are 1,500 known culverts in the OCPC region with only 115 assessed.

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OCPC now offers culvert measurement and condition assessments, aquatic connectivity assessments with a baseline condition report.

Dan Salvucci noted that there are areas near the MBTA Commuter Rail station in Whitman and Pine Street where there is historic flooding. Old dams and stone structures may need to be inspected. Bruce Martin was provided as a contact to reach out to.

Both the town of Avon and Abington noted beaver-related blockages.

## **8. Other Business and Public Comment**

### ***A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies***

Shawn Bailey reported on the following items:

The Old Colony Planning Council recently completed a traffic study for the intersection of Congress Street (Route 14) at Taylor Street in Pembroke. The traffic study included a multiway stop control warrant analysis. The data and findings have been distributed to the Town of Pembroke and Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

The Town of Halifax has requested the Old Colony Planning Council prepare a Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion (HCVE) Study for Old Plymouth Street. Data collection is scheduled for June 2025.

### **Project Status Updates**

#### **Halifax**

- Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion (HCVE) Study for Old Plymouth Street  
*Data collection planned for June 2025*

### ***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:

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Secretary Kathleen Theoharides  
EEA, Attn: MEPA Office  
[Analyst Name], EEA No. \_\_\_\_\_  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114

## **New Projects**

None

## **Certificates**

### **EEA #16940 – Green Wave Car Wash – West Bridgewater** *Environmental Notification Form (ENF)*

Certificate states that this project **does not** require an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

### **EEA #16819 – Proposed Mixed-Use Development – Bridgewater** *Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)*

The certificate states that this project **adequately and properly** complies with MEPA.

## **Public Notices**

### **Notice of Intent to Initiate an Ecological Restoration Project – Bridgewater**

In regard to the removal of used tires in a bordering vegetated wetland, the new 44 Water Street.

### **Notice of Intent to Initiate an Aquatic Plant Management Program - Pembroke**

The proposed project is seeking approval to implement an Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Program at Furnace Pond in Pembroke, MA. Focus will be on reducing and controlling nuisance and invasive aquatic vegetation.

#### ***C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues***

Chairperson John Stone and Vice Chairperson Dan Salvucci thanked Noreen O'Toole for her years as the JTC Chairperson.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt

# ***OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)***

Senior Transportation Planner

## **List of Documents for June 5, 2025 Old Colony JTC Meeting**

- Minutes of the May 1, 2025 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for June 5, 2025, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items

**August 7, 2025 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 4**  
**Communications**

**Summary**

**Massachusetts Department of Transportation and Applegreen Announce Next Steps in \$750 Million Overhaul of 18 Highway Service Plazas**

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced key updates for the state's \$750 million plan to modernize and maintain 18 highway service plazas across the state. Construction is expected to begin in early 2026, with the full construction schedule expected to be shared later this fall. This project is expected to support 750 new jobs.

"Massachusetts' highway service plazas are long overdue for a complete reset," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "This investment will deliver the kind of infrastructure travelers expect in a world-class state—and do so in a way that supports local workers and businesses."

Led by national service plaza operator Applegreen, this transformative effort will rebuild or renovate all 18 plazas—delivering critical upgrades to facilities, amenities, and sustainability infrastructure. Suffolk Construction, a Massachusetts-based firm with a long track record in

complex public works, will lead construction and help deliver more than 750 local union construction jobs as part of the three-year build-out.

Source:

<https://www.mass.gov/news/massachusetts-department-of-transportation-and-applegreen-announce-next-steps-in-750-million-overhaul-of-18-highway-service-plazas>



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## 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 is an 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 **August 26 (September 23), 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-XlmZBlQQKxxG\\_Acjl#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUucuyhrzguHNJkkh-XlmZBlQQKxxG_Acjl#/registration)



## **Safe Routes to School Signs and Lines AND Infrastructure Informational Webinar and Launch**

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.**

Application Period Opens for Both Programs September 3, 2025. Learn more about both Safe Routes to School infrastructure funding opportunities. The information session will cover eligible projects, the application processes, and will have time to answer questions at the end.

Registration is available at the following:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/KniFd6NLRPSK\\_c0yhIVAfg](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/KniFd6NLRPSK_c0yhIVAfg)

## **Special Commission on Micromobility - Meeting #3**

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116**

[Session Law Acts of 2024, Chapter 238, Section 306](#) provided for the formation of a Special Commission on Micromobility. The Commission is charged with producing a study that includes:

1. A review of current state and local laws and regulations for micromobility vehicles;
2. Recommendations to regulate micromobility vehicles, including on bike paths, sidewalks and shared use paths; and
3. Recommendations to support the expansion of micromobility vehicle use and innovation including shared micromobility options for municipalities.

The commission shall file a report of its findings and recommendations with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the senate and house committees on ways and means not later than December 1, 2025.

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**Agenda Item 5A**  
**Brockton Area Transit (BAT)**

**Summary**

Brockton Area Transit to provide report.

**August 7, 2025 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 5B**  
**Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)**

**Summary**

Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority to provide report.

**August 7, 2025 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 6A**  
**Old Colony FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement**  
**Program (TIP) Implementation**

**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.

<b>FFY 2025 PROJECTS:</b>
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- ABINGTON - SS4A SUPPLEMENTAL PLANNING AND DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES
  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
  - Total Grant Award Amount is \$377.255.
  
- BROCKTON - ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS (609052)
  - Old Colony MPO approved to move project to FFY 2026 in Old Colony FFY 2026-2030 TIP due to lack of project readiness.

- 75% Package received by MassDOT (7/22/2025).
- Cost Estimate is \$4,504,861.
- BROCKTON - DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT (SMART) (S13132)
  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
  - Total Grant Award Amount is \$1,496,630.
- BROCKTON - DOWNTOWN BROCKTON IMPROVEMENTS (RAISE)
  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
  - Total Grant Award Amount is \$9,804,688.
- BROCKTON - SAFETY PILOT AT THREE INTERSECTIONS ON NORTH MAIN STREET (SS4A)
  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
  - Total Grant Award Amount is \$235.600.
- PLYMOUTH- DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CULVERTS AND REMOVAL OF ONE (TOWN BROOK STREAM; CULVERT AOP)
  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
  - Total Grant Award Amount is \$2,800,000
- EASTON- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 INCLUDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 138 (WASHINGTON STREET) AND ELM STREET (608195)
  - Notice to Proceed (6/18/2025).

- Cost Estimate is \$ \$10,438,311.
- STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403) FROM 300 FT NORTH OF CHARLES AVENUE TO LINCOLN STREET (PHASE 2)
  - Notice To Proceed (7/16/2025).
  - Construction Bid Price \$7,750,751.
- OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL – OLD COLONY MPO PRIORITIZATION PLAN (S13178)
  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
  - Total Grant Award Amount is \$1,990,620
- BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY – SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) PROJECT (S13275)
  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
  - Total Grant Award Amount is \$134,913

**August 7, 2025 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 7A**  
**MassDOT Local Early and Actionable Planning (LEAP) Program**  
**▪ Presentation by MassDOT**

**Summary**

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)'s Office of Transportation Planning (OTP) is launching the Local Early and Actionable Planning (LEAP) Program to help municipal officials jump start infrastructure projects. The LEAP Program will provide planning and early-stage design assistance to towns and cities across Massachusetts with a particular focus on rural and economically disadvantaged communities as these communities often face significant barriers when it comes to initiating transportation projects due to limited funding and staffing. The funding, totaling approximately \$1 million, is included in Governor Healey's Capital Investment Plan this year and will be funded as part of MassDOT's capital budget for FY 2026.

"Our goal is to empower community leaders with the tools and support they need to bring priority projects to life," said **Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt**.

"Through the LEAP Program, we're helping local governments take that critical first step—positioning them to secure the resources needed to advance transportation projects that make streets safer, more connected, and more accessible for everyone, whether they're walking, biking, riding transit, or driving."



The LEAP Program is structured in a way that allows municipal staff to request the support they need for early-stage planning and design activities, including, but not limited to:

- Conceptual Design and Alternatives Analyses, for example, hydraulic and geotechnical analysis.
- Safe Streets Network Strategy
- Design & Engineering for Smaller-Scale Projects (e.g. Complete Streets Program Projects)
- Federal Grant Application Development
- Safety Analysis, for example, conduct crash pattern evaluation
- Traffic Analysis, for example, collect traffic volume data
- Speed Studies
- Cost Estimation
- Visual and Mapping Support

The total amount available statewide in Fiscal Year 2026 for the LEAP Program is \$1 million. MassDOT anticipates providing municipalities with approximately \$25,000 to \$100,000 per project. The focus of LEAP is on helping under resourced communities access federal and state transportation funding programs.

Municipal leaders may immediately begin requesting support through [the online form](#). To help local officials and stakeholders learn more about the LEAP Program and application process, MassDOT staff will be presenting at a series of public meetings across the

Commonwealth. These meetings will be scheduled throughout July, August, and September and information will be posted online at the link below when available.

For more information about the program, eligibility criteria, and upcoming events, please visit the [\*\*MassDOT Municipal Planning and Support website\*\*](#) or contact [\*\*Derek Krevat\*\*](#), Manager of Municipal Planning & Support.

**August 7, 2025 Old Colony MPO Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 7B**  
**The By-Laws of the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)**  
**▪ Review, Discussion, and Potential Acceptance of Proposed Amendment**

**Summary**

The By-Laws of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee is the governing document defining the purpose, structure, and processes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee. Last updated in 2019, the By-Laws are periodically reviewed and updated as necessary.

During the most recent review in July 2025, Old Colony Planning Council staff are recommending the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) consider the following updates to the By-Laws:

- Add the following entities as specifically identified members of the Committee:
  - a. Greater Attleboro and Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)
  - b. WalkMassachusetts
  - c. MassBike
- Add clarifying language stating the processes taken to encourage representation and participation from entities serving the interests of vulnerable road users.

**By-laws for the**  
**Old Colony**  
**Joint Transportation Planning Committee (JTC)**

**Serving the**  
**Old Colony Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**  
**And**  
**Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)**

**Approved June 6, 1972**

**Revised June 6, 2019**

**Proposed Amendment August 7, 2025**

## 1.0 - INTRODUCTION

On June 6, 1972, the Secretary of Transportation and Construction, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the President of the Old Colony Planning Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which established the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC).

The Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) serves as the Transportation Policy Advisory Group for the Region and advises the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) members on policy matters concerning transportation plans and programs, and provides proactive public participation in the transportation planning and program process. The principal mission of the JTC is to foster broad participation in the transportation planning process by maintaining a forum that brings together representatives of cities and towns, other public agencies, transportation providers, and citizens concerned with the transportation planning process. The JTC thereby facilitates, wherever possible, the consistency of transportation plans and programs for the Region with the policies, priorities, and plans of affected state and regional agencies, providers of public transportation, local communities, private groups, and individuals within the Region.

The Old Colony MPO transportation planning staff employed through OCPC provides technical assistance and guidance on transportation issues in support of the JTC. The OCPC staff prepares technical reports for the JTC, promotes discussion on transportation related directives and policies, and provides all staff functions needed to meet the responsibilities and purpose of the JTC.

The JTC Chairperson is a non-voting member, participates in all of the Old Colony MPO meetings, and has the opportunity to comment and provide advice on matters being discussed. The JTC Chairperson or Vice Chairperson shall be on any advisory committees created by the Old Colony MPO with the same standing as other members of the advisory committee.

It is the objective of the JTC to be part of a transportation planning process that:

1. Is ultimately responsible to those at the State and local level who have authority to implement transportation plans;
2. Is oriented towards resolving issues and controversies, and provides a forum for consensus building and dispute airing, and resolution. Includes a technical arm through the Old Colony MPO transportation planning staff to support decision-making, while emphasizing the key role elected officials have in decision making;
3. Integrates all transportation modes for a balanced planning effort;
4. Recognizes both the short and long term impacts of proposals on the overall transportation plan for the Region;

5. Supports wide and effective participation at the local level, both public and private, both municipal and regional, without diluting the ultimate capacity to take decisive action;
6. Works cooperatively with the Advisory Boards of the regional transit authorities and other transportation entities; and
7. Through the efforts of the Old Colony MPO transportation planning staff, provides for the formulation of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the development of transportation plans, prepares a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the distribution of transportation funding, prepare a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to determine transportation needs, and other continuing transportation planning activities within the context of comprehensive development planning established at the local, regional and state levels of government.

All plans, programs, and studies are developed in compliance with federal nondiscrimination laws including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and all related statutes and regulations. Title VI prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), as well as on the grounds of age, gender or disability. Additionally, related federal and/or state laws provide similar protections on the basis of a person's religion, sexual orientation, veteran's status and other protected characteristics and requires that no one be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity or service receiving federal assistance.

The Old Colony MPO also ensures that every effort will be made to prevent the discrimination of low-income and minority populations in any of its programs or activities in accordance with Executive Order 12898, 3 C.F.R. 859 (1995) entitled "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and in Low-Income Populations."

## **2.0 - PURPOSE**

The purpose of the organization shall be as set forth in the MOU relating to the Comprehensive, Continuing, and Cooperative (3C) Transportation Planning Process agreed to by all of the members of the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (Old Colony MPO). To accomplish the objectives of the 3C Process, the MPO has established a special committee known as the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) to serve as the Transportation Policy Advisory Group for the Old Colony Region, in accordance with earlier agreements. The functions of the Old Colony JTC are:

1. To advise the Old Colony MPO on matters of policy affecting the conduct of the 3C transportation planning and programming process for the Region.

2. To advise the Old Colony MPO on regional transportation documents as may from time to time be required by state or federal laws and regulations.
3. To foster broad and robust participation in the transportation planning and programming process by maintaining a forum that brings together representatives of municipalities, citizens concerned with the transportation planning and programming process, other public agencies, and transportation providers, thereby facilitating, wherever possible, the consistency of transportation plans and programs for the Old Colony Region with the policies, priorities, and plans of affected state and regional agencies, local communities, private groups and individuals within the Old Colony Region. Consistent with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Old Colony JTC shall adopt by-laws and other procedures as may be necessary to govern its operation.

### **3.0 - ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION**

The name of the organization shall be the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) and the geographic scope of its planning responsibilities shall coincide with the boundaries of the Old Colony Planning Council District.

### **4.0 - ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP**

As a general policy, membership of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee will be inclusive rather than exclusive. The composition of the JTC shall be drawn from, but not limited to, the following sources:

1. Representatives of OCPC and the city and towns within the region. OCPC will invite mayors, town councilors, or selectmen of each community in the region to designate at least one representative to the JTC.
2. Representatives of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation - Office of Transportation Planning.
3. A representative of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway District 5.
4. A representative of the Brockton Transportation Authority (BAT) as appointed by its Advisory Board.

5. A representative of the Greater Attleboro and Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) as appointed by its Advisory Board.
6. A representative each from WalkMassachusetts and MassBike..
7. Representatives of public providers of transportation, public and private institutions, and associations including special interest groups appointed by mutual agreement of the Chairperson and OCPC.
8. In addition, provisions shall be made for the addition of other members, such as elected officials, by the mutual agreement of the Secretary, the Department, and OCPC. Agencies and organizations representing the interests of persons with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities will be consulted with and encouraged to participate in all activities pertaining to the Joint Transportation Committee, including but not limited to attendance at meetings and public review and comments on documents released by the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization for public review and comment.

It is understood that delegates and/or alternates to the JTC shall inform their respective appointing authorities of the activities of the JTC.

## **5.0 - ARTICLE III - OFFICERS**

The officers of the JTC shall consist of a "Chairperson" and a "Vice-Chairperson," who shall be elected from and by the JTC Membership. The JTC shall receive the report of the Nominating Committee who shall place in Nomination the names of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson they feel are the best suited to lead the JTC for the coming year. Nominations may also be accepted from the floor. The election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be by majority vote of the JTC members present and voting at the June meeting or at any other meeting called for the purpose of electing officers.

1. The representatives of the JTC shall elect the Chairperson for a term of one year beginning each July. The power of the Chairperson shall be as follows:
  - a. To preside at all meetings of the JTC;
  - b. To call special meetings of the JTC as appropriate;
  - c. To appoint Chairpersons of Task Forces;
  - d. To facilitate the consensus-building process by eliciting comments and directing full discussion of all matters brought before the JTC, in the manner set forth in "Business Procedures;"
  - e. To have such other discretionary powers as the JTC shall deem necessary;



- f. To designate the order in which the Vice Chairperson would preside in the absence of the Chairperson; and
  - g. To represent the JTC at meetings of the Old Colony MPO.
- 2. The representatives of the respective areas of the JTC shall elect one Vice Chairperson for a term of one year beginning each July. The duties of the Vice Chairperson shall be as follows:
  - a. To preside at JTC meetings and otherwise assume the duties of the Chairperson in his absence in the order in which Chairperson has designated;
  - b. To organize needed Task Forces, invite public participation, and recommend to the Chairpersons those persons who would qualify as Task Force members; and,
  - c. To assist in the administration and preparation of all matters to be placed before the JTC relative to the functional area which each represents.

## **6.0 - ARTICLE IV - GENERAL PROCEDURES**

1. Meetings - Meetings of the JTC are of two types:
  - a. Regular meetings are those meetings held at regular intervals to consider the general business of transportation matters brought to the attention of the JTC, and to consider new business.
    - i. Regular meetings of the JTC shall be held on the first Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise agreed to by the membership. The location of the meeting will be part of the Notice of the Meeting.
    - ii. Regular meetings of the JTC may be publicized at a minimum of five (5) days in advance through the distribution of a press release containing a statement of the intended subject for the meeting to be sent to all area news media.
    - iii. All members of the JTC shall be sent notices of regular meetings of the JTC electronically at least seven (7) days before the meeting. Such notice shall include the agenda approved by the Chairperson, minutes of the previous meeting and any special reports the Chairperson deems appropriate. Any other individuals may request in writing annually to be placed on the mailing list and shall be sent notices of the meetings. Requests for postal mail notifications will also be honored.
    - iv. In cases where the Chairperson deems it necessary to publicize a regular meeting, they may request that the Old Colony MPO transportation planning staff place newspaper advertisements stating date, time, place, and nature of the meeting and invite public participation.
  - b. Special meetings are those meetings called by the Chairperson of the JTC to consider immediate issues and problems demanding the attention of the JTC.
    - i. The Chairperson shall cause a Special meeting to be held by mailing information on the date, time, place, and nature of the meeting at least seven (7) days in advance to all members of the JTC and others included in the mailing list.

- ii. The Chairperson may send a press release at least five (5) days before a Special meeting stating the date, time, place, nature of the meeting, and invite public participation.
  - c. All meetings of the JTC are open to the public.
  - d. A quorum is not necessary for any meeting of the JTC. However, if any JTC voting member feels that there is not adequate or appropriate representation of the group present to decide an issue, that member may advise the group and the Chairperson may postpone the issue until the next meeting.
2. Business Procedures
- a. Any person attending a meeting of the Joint Transportation Committee has the right to speak. The Chairperson shall appropriately recognize all attendees, grant the floor, and terminate discussion after a reasonable time.
  - b. Every attempt will be made to solicit opinions and comments from all persons present at the meeting who wish to participate in discussions.
  - c. Primary responsibility for facilitating the consensus-building process lies with the Chairperson of the Joint Transportation Committee. The Chairperson will accomplish this by:
    - i. Keeping matters on the floor focused on the issues currently under discussion.
    - ii. Actively encouraging full debate and discussion of issues until the positions of the various proponents and opponents are clarified.
    - iii. Continually re-stating the major differing opinions offered on the floor including the possible impact of the various alternatives so that all participants are knowledgeable of all positions and opinions on a particular matter.

- iv. Directing the discussion by focusing on opposing viewpoints and attempting to build a compromise or consensus position for the whole group.
- v. Where consensus is not forthcoming, to terminate discussion after a reasonable time by publicly restating all differing positions, and confirming from their original sources the accuracy of these statement summaries.
- vi. Referring such issues as determined above or differing opinions on an issue to the individual members for their further referral to higher authority to obtain additional information and clarification before the next regular or special Joint Transportation Committee meeting.
- vii. Finally, the Chairperson may refer a problem or issue to the appropriate existing Task Force or create a new Task Force for its discussion and recommendation for action by the Joint Transportation Committee.
- viii. Upon the resolution of an issue the Chairperson will cause to be drafted a position for the entire Joint Transportation Committee. Such statement will put forth the consensus mutually arrived at and accepted by all present, or failing a consensus, will clearly set forth the major positions taken by various participants.
- ix. The consensus statements of the Joint Transportation Committee will be forwarded by the Chairperson to the major participatory bodies for their review and action and to the general membership via the mailing list.
- x. Generally, matters will not be decided by vote. Exceptions to this rule are matters of Joint Transportation Committee internal business such as the election of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary, the approval of the minutes of a previous meeting and amendments to the By-laws. In such cases, the Chairperson

shall direct a voice vote on the matter, and finding significant opposition shall re-open discussion of that matter until a consensus position is reached.

- d. The Joint Transportation Committee in light of the provisions set forth in the By-laws shall decide upon additional questions of policy and procedure.
- e. The By-laws will be circulated at least biennially among all mayors and selectmen of the Old Colony Planning Council District for their review.
- f. Amendments
  - i. By-law amendment proposals may be generated by a consensus at a Joint Transportation Committee meeting, the Chairperson of the Joint Transportation Committee on their initiative or a significant Joint Transportation Committee membership or participant demand.
  - ii. Amendment(s) to the By-laws shall be accomplished by the Chairperson causing them to be circulated at least 14 days before a regular meeting. Every attempt shall be made to ensure that all members are aware of proposed amendments. At the regular meeting, the proposed amendment shall be voted upon by voice vote and failing significant approval such that the Chairperson finds a consensus is not present, shall fail to be accepted.

## **7.0 - ARTICLE V - OVERVIEW OF THE PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS**

The planning and decision-making process will be concerned with both short and long-term planning and with necessary decisions requiring action.

1. Policy will be agreed upon and issues resolved wherever possible by consensus or voting of the JTC. Only through an open and broadly based participatory process can broad public consent or consensus for major decisions be obtained. Where basic disagreement occurs which cannot be reconciled by the JTC, those matters will immediately be referred to the Old Colony MPO for resolution and then be referred back to the JTC, if

appropriate.

2. Transportation activities are multi-modal. All facilities and services for travel will be treated as part of a single system, each component to be planned in a manner most effectively utilizing its special characteristics in combination with other elements. Local transit services, bus and rail transit, operational and regulatory measures, harbor development and maintenance, airport facility development and other possible modes of transportation will be included as well as the more conventional focus of transportation planning, major line haul highway and transit investments.
3. The process will be concerned with both short and long-term plans. The integration of short and long-term planning can infuse immediate decisions with concern for the full range of their unintended by-products and long-term implications. It can also keep long-range planning more attuned to considerations of political feasibility and responsive to changing community values.
4. Staged decision-making - A major consequence of the integration of short and long-term planning is the need to reach decisions on the implementation of some projects during the course of long-range planning rather than to leave all decisions to the end.
5. Resolution - Final decisions on all key elements in the planning process, including selection among various program alternatives, must necessarily be reserved for appropriate elected and appointed officials. This recognizes the unique and comprehensive responsibilities of such officials beyond the particular jurisdiction of any one participant. In order to put meaning into the consensus process, all official participants anticipate following, insofar as they are able, the consensus recommendations of the JTC, as outlined in the Old Colony MPO MOU. This commitment creates an incentive for those in the consensus process to reach agreement in order to substantially influence decisions. It also places a responsibility on the state, regional and municipal representatives, as well as those representing private groups, to represent accurately the interests and positions of the people for whom they are speaking; while participating creatively in a dynamic process of design, evaluation, and negotiation.

## **8.0 - ARTICLE VI - FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Conducting and maintaining the transportation planning process in accordance with federal regulations requires the development and approval of plans, programs, and studies on a regular

basis. These documents are prepared by the OCPC staff in conjunction with state and federal funding agencies, reviewed by the JTC, revised as necessary, and submitted for formal adoption to the Old Colony MPO. They are prepared in conformance with the objectives for the transportation planning process described in the introduction, including compliance with Title VI and all related statutes and regulations, as well as the executive order concerning environmental justice in minority and low-income populations.

1. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) - The UPWP described the scope and cost of the work tasks of the OCPC transportation and transit staff in several elements. The UPWP is also a budgeting tool, and each task includes the approximate cost of each service or study and an appropriate schedule for performing these tasks. For detailed information regarding administrative procedures and budgets, please refer to the current UPWP. The UPWP is used by OCPC, the MassDOT (OTP), FHWA, FTA, and BAT as the scope of services for the contract for planning services, and can be adjusted or amended during the program year as determined by the Old Colony MPO and funding agencies.
2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - The TIP is a programming document that lists all the transportation projects in the Old Colony region by federal funding category. Regional priorities for projects are recommended by the JTC for approval by the Old Colony MPO. The Old Colony MPO approved TIP is forwarded to MassDOT OTP where it is combined with the TIPs produced by all of the MPOs throughout the state. The resulting document, referred to as the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), is forwarded to FHWA, FTA, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval. Only after this approval can federal transportation funds be obligated for projects in the TIP.

TIP projects are evaluated as to their potential for improving safety issues, traffic congestion, multi-modal connections, livability and sustainable development, as well as community impact using the Transportation Evaluation Criteria. Transit projects in the TIP are evaluated on their importance to the continued and efficient operation of public transportation (transit) service that meets the needs of areas and residents served.

Federal legislation establishes performance-based planning requirements that provide more efficient investment of transportation funds. These requirements focus on national transportation goals, increase the accountability and transparency of the federal highway and transit programs, and improve investment decisions through performance-based planning and programming.

All of these factors are considered in programming the use of transportation funds. For detailed information, regarding administrative procedures, such as changes to project schedules and costs, and financial constraints, please refer to the current TIP. Projects are grouped by expected year of implementation; that is, they are grouped according to a balance of the likely completion date of the engineering design, and the factors that determine the project's importance. The complexity of the engineering design, i.e. complexity, wetlands issues, and land taking issues must also be considered; because design completion dictates when construction funds are needed. When there are more projects than funding allows, the transportation evaluation criteria scoring becomes the deciding factor.

3. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - The LRTP provides a comprehensive look at the needs of the Region for highway and transit improvements. It highlights the major transportation issues and provides both short-range and long-range guidance to local elected officials, the JTC, and eventually to the state and federal implementing agencies. There must be reasonable opportunity for public comment on the LRTP before it is approved. The development of the LRTP and TIP by the Old Colony MPO provides our local communities direct access to the transportation decision-making process.

The LRTP identifies all transportation facilities, includes a financial plan that demonstrates how it can be implemented, and assesses capital investments necessary for the existing transportation system, and makes efficient use of the existing system to relieve congestion. The LRTP also demonstrates conformity with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality improvements. The projects in the TIP must be consistent with the Long Range Transportation Plan.

4. Air Quality Conformity - The Old Colony MPO must determine that the Long Range Transportation Plan is in conformance with the Massachusetts State Implementation Plan (SIP). This assures that no goals, directives, recommendations or projects that are identified in the LRTP have an adverse impact on the SIP. The SIP is the official document, which lists committed strategies to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments through investments in transportation.
5. Public Participation Program (PPP) - The PPP defines all public notification and involvement techniques that are utilized in creation of the TIP, LRTP, transportation studies and FTA Section 5307 grants to BAT. Federal regulations state, "the metropolitan transportation planning process shall include a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key



decisions and supports early and continuing involvement of the public in developing plans and TIPs.”

All public participation includes compliance with Title VI and all related statutes and regulations, as well as the executive order concerning Environmental Justice in minority and low-income populations.

**August 7, 2025 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 7C**  
**FFY 2028 Update to Long Range Transportation Plan**  
**▪ Development Schedule**

**Summary**

Under the FFY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Old Colony Planning Council will begin the process of updating the Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan, with an anticipated endorsement of the FFY 2028 LRTP in the Spring of 2027. The LRTP is a 20-year planning horizon vision document that reflects the application of programmatic transportation goals to project prioritization.

The following is a general schedule of Plan development:

**FFY 2026**

- Review, update as necessary, and affirm the Goals and Objectives of the Plan
- Review, update as necessary, and affirm the Planning Scenarios identified in the Plan
- Survey the public on needs and priorities of the transportation system
- Conduct a comprehensive existing condition assessment and needs assessment of the surface transportation system

- Collaborate with MassDOT and Massachusetts MPOs on socio-economic data forecasting
- Update of Travel Demand Model

#### FFY 2027

- Refinement and calibration of Travel Demand Model
- Identification and testing of recommendations
- Presentation of Plan recommendations to stakeholders and the public
- Refinement and completion of Plan Document

For information about the Old Colony MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, please direct inquiries to Bill McNulty, PTP ([wmcnulty@ocpcrpa.org](mailto:wmcnulty@ocpcrpa.org)) at (774) 539-5103.

**August 7, 2025 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.

The Old Colony Planning Council recently completed the following traffic studies:

- Halifax: Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion (HCVE) Zone Analysis for Old Plymouth Street
- Kingston: School Zone Analysis for Second Brook Street

Data and findings for these studies have been submitted to the respective communities and Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

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.

**August 7, 2025 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#16558 – Lake Shore Center Phase 4 – Bridgewater**

*Notice of Project Change (NPC) Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)*

**SUMMARY OF PROJECT CHANGE PARAMETERS AND IMPACTS**

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Previously reviewed	Net Change	Currently Proposed
<b>LAND</b>			
Total site acreage	58.1	6.1	64.2
Acres of land altered	18.36	5.56	23.92
Acres of impervious area	7.31	-0.44	6.87
Square feet of bordering vegetated wetlands alteration	0	0	0
Square feet of other wetland alteration	0	0	0
Acres of non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways	0	0	0
<b>STRUCTURES</b>			
Gross square footage	385,010	83,111	468,121
Number of housing units	225	0	225
Maximum height (in feet)	57	0	57
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>			
Vehicle trips per day	4,328	550	4,878
Parking spaces	555	158	705
Proposed Parking Spaces to be Banked	100	0	100
<b>WATER/WASTEWATER</b>			
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	86,100	15,000	101,100

**Certificates**

**EEA #16939 – 642-644 Turnpike Street – Easton**  
*Environmental Notification Form (ENF)*

Certificate states that this project **does not** require an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

## **Public Notices**

### **Notice of Intent to Initiate an Aquatic Plant Management Program – Halifax**

### **Notice of Intent to Initiate an Ecological Restoration Project – Hanson**

Both of these Public Notices are in regards to the reduction of bacteria through phosphorous mitigation at Monponsett Pond.

### **Notice of Application and Issuance of a Draft Groundwater Discharge Permit- East Bridgewater**

In regards to the discharge of 25,000 Gallons/Day of Sanitary Wastewater at White Pine Village in East Bridgewater.

### **Long Beach Seawall & Revetment Reconstruction Project – Plymouth**

Request for Advisory Opinion (RAO) – The proposed project involves maintenance reconstruction of 630 LF of failing concrete seawall and stone revetment with the purpose of restoring coastal protection and resiliency along the southern end of Long Beach.



## **Notice of Application and Issuance of a Draft Groundwater Discharge Permit – East Bridgewater**

Regarding the discharge of 22,000 Gallons/Day of Sanitary Wastewater at Harmony Crossing in East Bridgewater.

**August 7, 2025 Old Colony JTC Meeting**

**Agenda Item 8C**

**Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues**

**Summary**

Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues.

**August 7, 2025 Old Colony JTC Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 9**  
**Adjournment**

**Summary**

Adjournment.