

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, June 17, 2025 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

Roll Call/Attendance

<u>Members/Designees</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Steve Woelfel	Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Secretary, MassDOT	Present
Shaun Handy	Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division	Present
Mayor Robert Sullivan	City of Brockton	Absent
Lee Hartmann	Richard J. 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
Don Alcombright	Town of Kingston - Avon, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Plympton, and West Bridgewater	Present
Becky Coletta	President, Old Colony Planning Council	Present

Ex-Officio Members

Rhonda Motley	Joi Singh, FHWA Massachusetts Division	Present
Tonya Holland-Buckley	Peter Butler, FTA Regional Administrator, Region 1	Absent
John Stone	Chairperson, Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)	Present

Also Present

John Stone	Abington
Kelly Forrester	BAT
Mary Ellen DeFrias	GATRA
Steven Findlen	Howard Stein Hudson
Arnav Chatterjee	MassDOT
Chris Klem	MassDOT
Alan Castaline	MBTA Advisory Board
Pamela Haznar	McClure
Rick Bosse	Plymouth
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
Emmanuel Okpomo	Old Colony Planning Council
Mary Waldron	Old Colony Planning Council

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1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Steve Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. Chairperson Woelfel then 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 May 20, 2025 Meeting

A motion to approve the draft minutes of the May 20, 2025 meeting was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Lee Hartmann. Members voted as follows:

Steve Woelfel	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Don Alcombright	Abstained
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 remains strong at 12,000–13,000 passengers daily.
- FY annual ridership will fall just short of 4 million passengers.
- BAT continues piloting overnight subsidized Uber trips for employment commuters (9 PM–6 AM). Initial rollout is focused on Home Depot employees, with expansion planned. The Town of Avon expressed interest in helping to publicize the program.

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

Mary Ellen DeFrias reported on the following items:

- Ridership recovery continues post-COVID.
- Reviewing micro transit service for potential expansion using supplemental budget funding.
- Service has not been updated since inception; review aims to improve access and rider benefits.

6. Draft FY 2026-2030 MassDOT Capital Investment Plan (CIP) and Development Process Overview

Charels Kilmer stated that staff's recommendation to the board is to continue to have Michael Lambert as Vice Chairperson to the Old Colony MPO.

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A motion was made by Lee Hartmann and seconded by Dan Salvucci to re-elect Michael Lambert as Vice Chairperson for another two-year term to the Old Colony MPO. Members voted as follows:

Steve Woelfel	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Don Alcombright	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed. Congratulations were extended to Michael Lambert.

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

There are no TIP Adjustments or Amendments at this time.

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

▪ Public Comments and Potential Endorsement

Charles Kilmer noted that the Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) provides an overview and budgetary information for the transportation planning tasks and activities, which are to be conducted in the region during the upcoming federal fiscal year. Charles Kilmer furthered that the public review and comment period for the Draft FFY 2026 UPWP concluded on June 13, 2025. All comments have been reviewed and address appropriately. The public comment matrix is as follows:

Date	Name	Representation	Comment or Summary	Response
5/28/2025	Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) Board of Directors	Old Colony Region	The OCPC Board of Directors, at their public meeting on May 28, 2025, approved the FFY 2026 UPWP.	Noted.
6/5/2025	Old Colony Joint Transportation (JTC)	Old Colony Region	The Old Colony JTC, at their public meeting on June 5, 2025, reviewed and approved the FFY 2026 UPWP.	Noted.
6/5/2025	Christopher Klem	MassDOT - Office of Transportation Planning	Reviewed and provided MPO Liaison UPWP Review Checklist. Please see attached checklist for detail.	Noted. Thank you for the review and provision of Checklist and Comments. Staff will work to align Final UPWP with provided comments and suggestions.

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A motion to approve the 2026 Old Colony UPWP was made by Becky Coletta and seconded by Dan Salvucci.

Members voted as follows:

Steve Woelfel	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Don Alcombright	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

9. Vision Zero and The Safe System Approach Overview

Bill McNulty discussed Vision Zero and the Safe System Approach. Through its Vision 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (endorsed September 2023), the Old Colony MPO adopted a Vision Zero Goal for Safety, and described how it would implement the Safe System Approach to work towards its Vision Zero goal. Building upon the fundamental principle that the loss of life and preventable serious injuries are not acceptable, Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. First implemented in Sweden in the 1990s, Vision Zero has proved successful across Europe and now it is gaining momentum in the United States and American metropolitan areas.

The Safe System Approach prioritizes the elimination of crashes that result in fatal and serious injuries. It moves beyond a traditional safety approach to both prevent crashes from happening in the first place and to mitigate the harm caused by crashes that do occur. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts adopted the Safe System Approach in the 2023 Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

Dan Salvucci raised concerns about electric scooters and youth safety. Bill McNulty noted that while no local data shows increase in incidents, OCPC will monitor trends through its safety management system.

10. 2024 Measures of Effectiveness (MOE) Report

Shawn Bailey provided an overview of the 2024 MOE Report. Public Participation is a key ingredient in the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) transportation planning efforts. Public Participation not only leads to better projects, studies, and outcomes, but also helps spend limited funding in a manner in line with community and regional goals. In addition to helping develop better projects, public outreach fosters greater trust between citizens and Local, State, and the Federal Government and their representative entities like the Old Colony MPO. Lastly, the MPO is required by State and Federal partners to ensure it is including members of the public in the transportation planning process.

In order to ensure the Old Colony MPO is meeting its public participation requirements, measures are necessary to determine whether its Public Participation Plan (PPP) is accomplishing its goals. Through a series of data collection efforts that take place during outreach efforts, the MPO obtains the ability to see where the PPP is succeeding and where there are opportunities for greater participation. This report explores outreach efforts and

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measures their effectiveness in expanding public participation to members of the public and outside organizations in MPO planning activities.

In order to better understand how the MPO is meeting its commitment to fostering public engagement in all MPO planning activities, it is key to develop a series of measurements to understand the effectiveness of the public outreach efforts. It is through the tracking of public engagements, whether it be in person, via email, through social media or utilizing virtual public engagement, that the MPO can determine if its public outreach efforts are delivering the results that are desired and required.

The Old Colony MPO tracks all the outreach efforts it conducts. Public meeting attendance is recorded with additional attention given to attendees that are from Title VI protected classes. The MPO tracks the methods it employs in getting information to the public on upcoming meetings, the release of public documents, and the viewing and engagement of the public through its social media presence. Through the collection of this information the MPO gains greater clarity on where it is doing well and where there is a need to increase public engagement.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

- Duxbury - Powder Point Avenue over Duxbury Bay (Powder Point Bridge) Bridge Replacement Public Informational Meeting - June 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. - Duxbury Performing Arts Center
- Community Walk Audit - June 26, 2025 from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. - South Main Street, Brockton
- Community Walk Audit - July 23, 2025 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. - West Middle School, Brockton
- Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO) - Next meeting is June 24, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. - Virtual

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

- July 15, 2025 at 10 AM
- August 19, 2025 at 10 AM
- September 16, 2025 at 10 AM

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Becky Coletta and seconded by Lee Hartmann.

Members voted as follows:

Steve Woelfel	Aye
Shaun Handy	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Don Alcombright	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye

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Becky Coletta

Aye

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the June 17, 2025 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of May 20, 2025, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for June 17, 2025 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items