

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

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

Roll Call/Attendance

<u>Members/Designees</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Derek Shooster	Phillip Eng, Interim Secretary, MassDOT	Present
Barbara Lachance	Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division	Present
Mark Peterson	Mayor Robert Sullivan, City of Brockton	Absent
Lee Hartmann	David Golden, 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
Donald 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	FHWA	Present
Tonya Holland-Buckley	Peter Butler, FTA Regional Administrator, Region 1	Absent
Dan Salvucci	Vice Chairperson, Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)	Present

Also Present

Kelly Forrester	Brockton Area Transit (BAT)
Kien Ho	BETA Group
Samira Murillo	Brockton District Parent Advisory Committee
Alan Castaline	Brockton MBTA Advisory Board Representative
Mary Ellen DeFrias	Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority
Steven Findlen	Howard Stein Hudson
Arnav Chatterjee	MassDOT
Miranda Briseno	MassDOT
Shawn Bailey	Old Colony Planning Council
Matt Dyer	Old Colony Planning Council
Charles Kilmer	Old Colony Planning Council
Guoqiang Li	Old Colony Planning Council

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Bill McNulty	Old Colony Planning Council
Kyle Mowatt	Old Colony Planning Council
Mary Waldron	Old Colony Planning Council
Rick Bosse	Plymouth
Sherry Holmes	Plymouth
Dan Murphy	Tighe & Bond
Rob Cahoon	VHB

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Derek Shooster called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. Chairperson Shooster then read the meeting accessibility statement and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Roll call was then conducted by Charles Kilmer.

Chairperson Shooster recognized Ray Guarino who recently passed away on September 29, 2025. Charles Kilmer then offered kind words about Ray. A moment of silence was taken in honor of Ray Guarino.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

3. Minutes of the June 17, 2025 Meeting

A motion to approve the draft minutes of the June 17, 2025 meeting was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Lee Hartmann. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Barbara Lachance	Aye
Mark Peterson	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Donald Alcombright	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

- **FY 2026 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Transit State of Good Repair Targets – Review and Potential Approval**

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- September ridership was slightly ahead of last year's September ridership. BAT passed last year's ridership due to the help of Bridgewater State University and Paratransit Service

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- BAT continues to promote the after-hours service, which is a subsidized Uber service for people commuter to or from work between 9pm and 7am. One element rolling out is the ability to take a trip from any of the Commuter Rail stations as well

Kelly Forrester presented the FY 2026 TAM Transit State of Good Repair Targets. They are as follows:

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY FY2026 PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Background: In 2012, MAP-21 mandated FTA to develop a rule establishing a strategic and systematic process of operating, maintaining, and improving public capital assets effectively through their entire life cycle. The TAM Final Rule 49 USC 625 became effective Oct. 1, 2016 and established four performance measures. The performance management requirements outlined in 49 USC 625 Subpart D are a minimum standard for transit operators.

Performance Targets by Asset Category						
Category	Class		Performance Target for FY26	Total # Vehicles	# of vehicles that will exceed ULB - FY26	FY25 Target
Rolling Stock	Buses	X% of fleet exceeds default ULB of 14	31.48%	54	17	12.06%
	Cutaway Buses	X% of fleet exceeds default ULB of 10	25.00%	4	1	25.00%
	Vans	X% of fleet exceeds default ULB of 8	37.50%	56	21	39.62%
Equipment	Non Revenue - Service Automobile	X% of non-revenue service vehicles exceeds default ULB of 8	100.00%	2	2	100.00%
	Non Revenue - Service Truck	X% of non-revenue service vehicles exceeds default ULB of 8	33.33%	9	3	33.33%
Facilities	Admin/Maintenance Facility	X% of facilities rated under 3.0 on TERM scale	0.00%	2	0	0.00%
Facilities	Passenger/Parking Facilities	X% of facilities rated under 3.0 on TERM scale	0.00%	1	0	0.00%

A motion to accept the FY 2026 TAM State of Good Repair Targets was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Becky Coletta. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Barbara Lachance	Aye
Mark Peterson	Aye
Don Alcombright	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

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The motion passed.

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

Mary Ellen DeFrias reported on the following items:

- There has been amazing growth on the Gateway Link which connects Brockton, Taunton, and Fall River. There was a ridership of 1,198 in the month of September. This was an increase when compared to the August performance. There is definitely a need for this Gateway Link and the numbers are showing that
- GATRA is continuing to assess service. Contract has been settled and over the next year there should be some service increases

6. FFY 2026-2030 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustments and/ or Amendments

Bill McNulty discussed the FFY 2026-2030 Old Colony TIP Adjustments and/ or Amendments. They are as follows:

Adjustment 1 includes the following changes:

FFY 2026

- ABINGTON - SS4A SUPPLEMENTAL PLANNING AND DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES (S13332)
 - Adding Project
 - Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
 - Total Project Cost is \$377,255
- BROCKTON - SAFETY PILOT AT THREE INTERSECTIONS ON NORTH MAIN STREET (SS4A) (S13359)
 - Adding Project
 - Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
 - Total Project Cost is \$235,600

A motion to accept Adjustment 1 was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Lee Hartmann. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Barbara Lachance	Aye
Mark Peterson	Aye
Donald Alcombright	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

Amendment 1 includes the following changes:

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FFY 2026

- ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET (609440)
 - Revising Cost
 - Former Value: \$6,733,294
 - New Cost: \$8,483,091
 - Variance: \$1,749,797
- BROCKTON - DOWNTOWN BROCKTON IMPROVEMENTS (RAISE) (S13358)
 - Adding Project
 - Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
 - Total Project Cost is \$9,804,688
- BROCKTON - DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT (SMART) (S13356)
 - Adding Project
 - Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
 - Total Project Cost is \$1,496,630
- PLYMOUTH - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CULVERTS AND REMOVAL OF ONE (TOWN BROOK STREAM; CULVERT AOP) (S13357)
 - Adding Project
 - National Culvert Program AOP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
 - Total Project Cost is \$2,800,000

Becky Coletta made noted that most of the money for the other projects is grant funds and is not coming out of the allocated TIP money. Derek Shooster confirmed this.

A motion to release Amendment 1 to a 21-day public review and comment period was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Becky Coletta. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Barbara Lachance	Aye
Mark Peterson	Aye
Donald Alcombright	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

Chairperson Shooster asked that if anyone from Brockton & Plymouth has any informational changes on the recommended program year on those projects, that they should inform the MPO staff.

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

- **Amendment 1: Add Project: Old Colony Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) – Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Charles Kilmer reported on the Draft FFY 2026 Old Colony UPWP Amendment 1.

The Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) has received a \$1,990,620 grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to lead the development and implementation of the Old Colony MPO Prioritization Process Pilot Program. The Old Colony MPO Prioritization Process Pilot Program, administered by the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), is a comprehensive initiative to develop, test, and institutionalize a structured, transparent, and data-informed system for selecting and advancing transportation projects across the Old Colony MPO region. With a total project cost of \$1,990,620, this program represents a significant opportunity to modernize how transportation investments are planned, ranked, and communicated thus ensuring that public funds are directed toward projects that meet regional needs and long-term objectives.

This effort will formalize a regionwide framework that evaluates projects based on quantifiable criteria, including safety, environmental sustainability, community and municipal support, equitable access, economic development, and resilience. The project aims to unify and strengthen decision-making across multiple planning documents, including the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and the Public Participation Plan (PPP).

The Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration require that any grants related to planning work be amended into the appropriate regional UPWP. As such, this proposed UPWP Amendment will add the project cited above to the Appendix of the Old Colony MPO's FFY 2026 UPWP. Since this project is grant funded, it will not impact funding for any other studies programmed in the FFY 2026 UPWP.

FFY 2026 UPWP Amendment One:

- OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL - PRIORITIZATION PROCESS PILOT PROGRAM (PPPP)
 - Adding Project
 - Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant
 - Total Project Cost is \$1,990,620

A motion to release Amendment 1 to a 21-day public review and comment period was made by Lee Hartmann and seconded by Dan Salvucci. Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Barbara Lachance	Aye
Mark Peterson	Aye
Don Alcombright	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

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8. FFY 2026 Corridor Studies Introduction

- **Route 80 - Kingston and Plymouth; Route 53/139 - Pembroke**

Guoqiang Li provided an introduction to the FFY 2026 Corridor Studies.

Route 80 Corridor Study, Kingston and Plymouth

Objectives:

- To study the Route 80 Corridor (From Route 3A in Kingston to Carver Road in Plymouth), approximately 6.5 miles, in the towns of Kingston and Plymouth.
- To develop short-term and long-term recommendations and strategies that focus on transportation access, improved circulation, improved mobility, reduced congestion, reduced collisions, improvements in air quality, traffic flow efficiency, and improved safety for all transportation modes, including bicycle, pedestrian, and transit accommodation.

The corridor study area includes Route 80 from Route 3A in Kingston to Carver Road in Plymouth. Staff will review volume to capacity ratios, levels-of-service, crash analyses, bus routes and transit access, and include public participation as part of the process. The Route 80 Corridor Study will align with industry standards based on Federal and State guidelines and practices, with the consideration of local ordinance and statutes. The study will determine system needs and identify operational deficiencies and will coordinate improvements that support regional objectives, adjacent land use, and future land use development. The study will consolidate and formalize driveway access, improve intersection design, improve air quality and reduce emissions. Suggested further evaluation, such as intersection Road Safety Audits, Site Impact Analysis, housing demand and supply analysis, before and after analysis, Origin and Destination surveys etc. will be discussed.

Route 53/139 Corridor Study, Pembroke

Objectives:

- To study the Route 53/139 Corridor (From Route 53/ 139 at the Hanover Town Line to Route 139 at the Marshfield Town Line), approximately 2.5 miles, in the town of Pembroke.
- To develop short-term and long-term recommendations and strategies that focus on transportation access, improved circulation, improved mobility, reduced congestion, reduced collisions, improvements in air quality, traffic flow efficiency, and improved safety for all transportation modes, including bicycle, pedestrian, and transit accommodation.

The corridor study area includes Route 53/139 from the Hanover Town Line to Route 139 at the Marshfield Town Line. Staff will review volume to capacity ratios, levels-of-service, crash analyses, bus routes and transit access and include public participation as part of the process. The Route 53/139 Corridor Study will align with industry standards based on Federal and State guidelines and practices, with the consideration of local ordinance and statutes. The study will determine system needs and identify operational deficiencies and will coordinate improvements that support regional objectives, adjacent land use, and future land use development. The study will consolidate and formalize driveway access, improve intersection design, improve air quality, and reduce emissions. Suggested further evaluation, such as intersection Road Safety Audits, Site Impact Analysis, housing demand and supply analysis, before and after analysis, Origin and Destination survey etc. will be discussed.

Procedures:

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1. Documentation of Existing Conditions; 2. Short-Term and Long-Term Improvements Development; 3. Prepare Conclusions and Recommendations; 4. Public Participation

Products:

Preparation of the studies reports and documentations, which will include conclusions and recommendations. Included in study will be data, congestion and safety analysis, traffic flow and safety improvement recommendations (intersection geometric improvement, signal upgrade, bicycle and pedestrian accommodation, transit planning improvement, access management plan, location improvements, speed zoning, heavy vehicle exclusions, etc.) for implementation, and inclusion in MassDOT Project Initiation Form Data for MaPIT, as appropriate.

Schedule:

To be conducted throughout the year and completed by the end of September 2026.

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

Chairperson Shooter reminded everyone about the 2025 Moving Together Conference which will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

Charles Kilmer reported on the following items:

- Duxbury - Listening Session for Powder Point Avenue over Duxbury Bay (Powder Point Bridge) Bridge Replacement - Tuesday, October 21, 2025 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. – Duxbury High School Cafeteria

Becky Coletta noted that there is a group forming in Duxbury regarding trying to save the bridge in its wood form. There will be a lot of participation at this listening session.

- Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO) - Next meeting is on October 28, 2025
- BAT Customer Appreciation Day - October 24 from 12pm – 3 pm

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

- November 18, 2025 at 10 a.m.
- December 16, 2025 at 10 a.m.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Salvucci and seconded by Lee Hartmann.

Members voted as follows:

Derek Shooster	Aye
Barbara Lachance	Aye
Mark Peterson	Aye

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Donald Alcombright	Aye
Lee Hartmann	Aye
Dan Salvucci	Aye
Michael Lambert	Aye
Becky Coletta	Aye

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

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

- Minutes of June 17, 2025, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for October 21, 2025 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items