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OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)

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OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(JTC)

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA)
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FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)
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NOTICE OF MEETING

10:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 19, 2019
Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)
70 School Street, Brockton, MA

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Minutes of October 15, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting
4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report
5. MassDOT District 5 Update on Projects Under Design or Construction
6. Draft Old Colony Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan
 - Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period
7. Performance Based Planning and Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Transit State of Good Repair Targets
 - Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Set of Federally Required Performance Targets Pertaining to Transit State of Good Repair
8. Performance Based Planning and MassDOT Proposed Calendar Year 2020 Highway Safety Targets
 - Presentation, discussion, and possible adoption of the proposed set of federally required performance targets pertaining to highway safety
9. Draft FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and/ or Adjustments
10. Administrative Matters, Other Business, and Date and Time of Next Meeting(s)
 - Old Colony MPO Transportation Planning Certification Review
11. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Meeting, October 15, 2019 - 10:00 A.M.
At Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

Signatories Present:

Nicholas Giaquinto, Representing Mayor Moises Rodrigues, City of Brockton
James Downey, Representing Chairman Kenneth Tavares, Plymouth Board of Selectmen
Eldon Moreira, Chairman, West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chairman, Whitman Board of Selectmen
Stephen Woelfel, Representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pam Haznar, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)
Pat Ciaramella, Representing Christine Joy, President, OCPC

Others Present:

Robert Moran, Brockton
Michele Grenier, Hanover
Joe Scardino, Stoughton
Noreen O'Toole, Old Colony JTC
Mary Waldron, Bridgewater State University, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee
Chris Timmel, FHWA
Brandon Wilcox, FHWA
Leah Sirmin, FTA
Ryan Bartlett, FTA
Phil Shepard, Massasoit Community College (Retired)
Liz Williams, MassDOT
Ben Muller, MassDOT
Cheryll-Ann Senior, MassDOT District 5
Shawn Bailey, OCPC
Paul Chenard, OCPC
Pat Ciaramella, OCPC
Ray Guarino, OCPC
Bruce Hughes, OCPC
Charles Kilmer, OCPC
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Those in attendance then introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments

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There were no public comments at this time.

3. Minutes of the July 16, 2019 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting. There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then endorsed the minutes of the July 16, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Michael Lambert provided a report on BAT activities:

- Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) received more funding from the State this year through discretionary grants
- There are new trips running to Ashmont, Stoughton, and Bridgewater State University (BSU)
- There is increased elderly and disabled service to Stoughton and Avon. All of Stoughton and Avon is now covered

5. MassDOT District 5 Update on Projects under Design or Construction

Pam Haznar provided an update on projects under design or construction. They are as follows:

Abington & Brockton - Intersection Improvements at North Quincy Street, Boundary Avenue, and Chestnut Street (FFY 2019)

- Bid opening expected December 10, 2019

East Bridgewater - Resurfacing and Sidewalk Construction on Bedford Street (Route 18), from Whitman Street (Route 106) to Central Street (FFY 2019)

- Bid opening expected November 26, 2019

Plymouth & Bourne- Pavement Preservation and Related Work on Route 3

- Bid opening expected in January, 2020

Pembroke - Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 53 (FFY 2020)

- At PS&E
- Advertisement expected in December, 2019

Brockton - Corridor Improvements on Route 123 (Belmont Street), from Angus Beaton Drive to West Street (FFY 2020)

- Should be receiving 100% Design Plans this month

Brockton, Bridgewater, Raynham - Pavement Preservation and Related Work on Route 24 (FFY 2020)

- At 75% Design

Kingston - Bridge Replacement, K-01-014, Smiths Lane Over Route 3 (Pilgrim Highway)

- At PS&E

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Easton - Corridor Improvements on Depot Street (Route 123), from Newell Circle to Washington Street (Route 138) (FFY 2021)

- Expecting 100% Design Plans in February, 2020

Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street (FFY 2021)

- At 75% Design

Avon & Stoughton - Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 24 (FFY 2021)

- At 75% Design

Stoughton - Improvements at Wilkins School (SRTS) (FFY 2021)

- At 75% Design

Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive (FFY 2022)

- Design Public Hearing was held last week

6. Public Meeting by FHWA and FTA on the Old Colony MPO Transportation Planning Process

Brandon Wilcox discussed the certification process. Every four years, the FHWA and FTA are required by law to review the metropolitan transportation planning process conducted by the Old Colony MPO and its partners in order to certify that they are carrying out the process in accordance with all applicable Federal requirements. FHWA and FTA recently attended the Old Colony JTC Meeting. On November 6, 2019, FHWA and FTA will conduct the on-site review.

Brandon Wilcox stated that the last certification review report was issued in August 2016. FHWA and FTA are required to seek public input regarding the transportation planning and decision-making process administered by the Old Colony MPO. Comments received today, and by mail will be taken into consideration and summarized in the final report.

Leah Sirmin stated that the certification determination would be made approximately 90 days after the on-site review. The determination categories are as follows: Certified, Certified Subject to Corrective Actions, or Not Certified. If not certified, funding restriction may be put in place.

Nick Giaquinto expressed support of OCPC who has been a tremendous partner with the City of Brockton. The City has worked with OCPC on a variety of projects including: Safe Routes to School, Road Safety Audits, Technical Assistance, Etc. This has helped Brockton become a safer City.

Dan Salvucci stated that he has been a part of the JTC and MPO for many years. The cooperation between the town of Whitman and OCPC is unbelievable. Dan Salvucci thanked OCPC and the MPO for what they do for the Town of Whitman.

Noreen O'Toole stated that the Old Colony MPO is so receptive to communities. OCPC offers and provides technical assistance to communities and this helps, as there is a range of in-house professional available. Smaller communities cannot survive without the technical assistance from the

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JTC, MPO, and OCPC.

Joe Scardino stated that he has been on the Planning Board for the Town of Stoughton for 12 years. While working on the Master Plan, Stoughton could not have completed the existing conditions for that plan without the help from this organization. The speed and energy that the staff at OCPC has is great.

Mary Waldron stated that the staff at OCPC has been by far, exceptional. Mary Waldron then thanked the MPO for the opportunity to have this public comment.

Phil Shepard stated that he had worked at Massasoit Community College since 1971. Massasoit is 100 percent dependent on the roads and vehicles. Studies by OCPC have been done at both entrances of the College. Without the help from OCPC, we could not complete the work that needs to be done. Phil Shepard then thanked the MPO for allowing him to express his strong affection for the organization.

Bob Moran stated that this is an organization valued in every community.

Michael Lambert stated that this MPO provides great technical support to transit. OCPC and the MPO do a great job of ensuring that the various partners are well coordinated, and that elements that change are reflected quickly.

James Downey stated that the Town of Plymouth has benefited from OCPCs efforts. The Town of Plymouth appreciates all the help from OCPC.

Pam Haznar stated that she has worked with OCPC in this capacity at District 5 for over a dozen years. OCPC is very responsive and professional. It has been a pleasure to work with them over the years.

Michele Grenier thanked OCPC for their Route 53 Traffic Study that they completed in 2018.

7. Draft Old Colony Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan

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

Paul Chenard provided an overview of the Draft Old Colony Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan.

This plan is required to be developed in accordance with the FAST Act for those transportation providers that seek to utilize funding from Section 5310 (Elderly and Disabled) program funds. The plan provides guidance to those wishing to utilize 5310 funding in their quest to fill gaps in existing transit service and reduce the duplication of transportation services currently provided. As such, the Old Colony MPO is respectfully asked to review and subsequently release the Draft 2019 Old Colony Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan to a twenty-one-day (21) public review and comment period.

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there is a motion to release the Draft 2019 Old Colony Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan to a 21-day Public Review and Comment Period. A motion was

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made and was seconded.

The Old Colony MPO voted unanimously to release the Draft 2019 Old Colony Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan to a 21-day Public Review and Comment Period.

8. Congestion in the Commonwealth Report

In the summer of 2018, Governor Baker signed HB4833, which included language that directed MassDOT to conduct a study of vehicular congestion on Massachusetts roadways. Specifically, the mandate calls for MassDOT to “design and execute a study that provides a detailed analysis of practical pathways by which the Commonwealth could reduce motor vehicle congestion and make appropriate recommendations for further study or pilot programs, if warranted.” This report was released on August 8, 2019, and it describes the occurrence, severity, and causes of vehicular congestion in Massachusetts.

The report is available on the mass.gov website.

Liz Williams then provided a presentation on the Congestion in the Commonwealth Report.

Ten Key Findings from the Report:

1. Congestion is bad because the economy is good
2. The worst congestion in the commonwealth occurs in greater Boston
3. Congestion can and does occur at various times and locations through the commonwealth
4. Many roadways are now congested outside of peak periods
5. Congestion worsened between 2013 and 2018
6. Changes in travel time on an average day do not capture the severity of the problem
7. Massachusetts has reached a tipping point with respect to congestion
8. Many commuting corridors have become unreliable, with lengthy trips on bad days
9. Congestion has worsened to the point where it reduces access to jobs
10. We should be worried about congestion on local roads, too

Next Steps:

- Address local and regional bottlenecks where feasible
- Actively manage state and local roadway operations
- Reinvent bus transit at both the MBTA and RTAs
- Increase MBTA capacity and ridership
- Work with employers to give commuters more options
- Create infrastructure to support shared travel modes
- Increase remote work and telecommuting
- Produce more affordable housing, especially near transit
- Encourage growth in less congested gateway cities

Joe Scardino suggested that cities and towns include timing and phasing of traffic lights in their future projects. Joe Scardino then commented that the flow of traffic on Route 128 is awful. Discussion followed.

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Dan Salvucci stated that families have grown, but streets have not.

Nick Giaquinto stated that Route 27, between Montello Street to Pleasant Street is very congested. The City of Brockton would love to see improvements in that area.

Charles Kilmer asked if there are plans to expand the capacity for parking at Red Line stations. Chairman Woelfel stated that there is a study on system wide parking, but there are no alternatives developed yet.

Charles Kilmer asked if friction factors (rain, snow, lack of daylight, etc.) were looked into for this report. Liz Williams stated that bad weather did not affect trip times in high-congested areas.

9. Draft FFY 2020-2040 Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan (TIP) Amendments and/ or Adjustments

Charles Kilmer stated that there are no Amendments or Adjustments at this time.

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

Chairperson Woelfel stated that the Moving Together Conference is getting close to the 800-person capacity. If people are interested, they are encouraged to sign up soon.

The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2019.

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the October 15, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of July 16, 2019, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for October 15, 2019 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items