

# OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

## Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA March 5, 2020 at 12:00 P.M.

### ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	BAT	Glenn Geiler
Abington	John Stone	MassDOT District 5	Pam Haznar
Avon	Bill Fitzgerald	MassDOT District 5	Cheryll-Ann Senior
Bridgewater	Elijah Romulus	CDM Smith	Dan Murphy
Bridgewater	Bob Wood	Massasoit Community College	Bill Mitchell
Brockton	Rob May	OCPC	Paul Chenard
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Hanson	Deb Pettey	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Hanson	Don Howard	OCPC	Mary Waldron
Hanson	Matthew Cahill	OCPC	Jimmy Pereira
Plymouth	Sid Kashi	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Stoughton	Joe Scardino	OCPC	Ray Guarino
Stoughton	John Charbonneau	OCPC	Laurie Muncy
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Joanne Zygmunt
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O'Toole called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Those present then introduced themselves.

### 2. Public Comments

Dan Salvucci stated that he represents Whitman on the MBTA Advisory Board. The MBTA is looking to introduce a new program regarding repairs. In the past, the MBTA would make repairs over a period of 4 hours when the train would be stopped. There is a new proposal to shut down the station needing repairs Friday night through the weekend and open back up on Monday. Buses would run throughout the weekend. The MBTA believes that this would allow a years' worth of repairs to be completed in a month.

### 3. Minutes of the February 6, 2020 Meeting

Chairperson O'Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the February 6, 2020 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the February 6, 2020 Old Colony JTC Meeting.

### 4. Communications

Shawn Bailey reviewed the contents of the communications staff report. Included were letters of

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correspondence, as well as notices of workshops and conferences. They are as follows:

- Announcement from Baker-Polito Administration Regarding Workforce Transportation Grants Awards
- Public Information Meeting Announcement: Highway Exit Renumbering Project - New Bedford
- Citizen Planner Training Collaborative 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Schedule
- Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Public Meeting Schedule

### 5. Reports

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

Glenn Geiler reported on the following:

- Glenn Geiler recently toured the light rail street car facility in Oklahoma City.
- BAT is in the process of assembling a list of stakeholders for its Comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan (CRTP). The survey for this plan will go live next week.
- BAT has received 3 new buses for Bridgewater State University.
- OCPC is working on BAT's Title VI Report.

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

Paul Chenard stated that GATRA will be applying for a number of grants to launch its micro transit system. GATRA is currently looking over a couple options for its new bus facility in Plymouth.

#### C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard stated that culvert and track work is progressing.

#### D. MBTA Rail Vision

Paul Chenard stated that at the January 27, 2020 MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board Meeting, an update was given detailing FY 2020 and FY 2021 budget request along with details expanding Rail Vision team. Additionally, the Rail Vision team will begin developing consultant work plans along with identifying future capital investments and planning and technical studies.

Rob May stated that plans for the North and West suburbs are abundant. We need to advocate for the service in our area.

Bob Wood asked for an update on South Station. Paul Chenard state that he will gather this information.

### 6. Old Business

#### A. FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Charles Kilmer discussed the changes in the FFY 2020-2024 TIP. They are as follows:

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## FFY 2021 Project:

- EASTON - ROUTE 123 (DEPOT STREET) RECONSTRUCTION FROM NEWELL CIRCLE TO ROUTE 138 (607217)
  - 100% Package received by MassDOT (as of 02/28/2020).

## FFY 2022 Project:

- STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE (608279)
  - 75% Package received by MassDOT (as of 02/27/2020).

## FFY 2023 Project:

- PEMBROKE - REHABILITATION OF ROUTE 36 (CENTER STREET) FROM ROUTE 27 TO ROUTE 14 (600380)
  - Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) Package received by MassDOT (as of 01/15/2020).

Pam Haznar questioned the 100% package received by MassDOT for the Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/Quincy Street/Massasoit Boulevard (606143) Project. Charles Kilmer stated that this was a typo and that the last submission was the 25% package.

## 7. New Business

### A. FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2

Charles Kilmer discussed the FFY 2020-2024 TIP Amendment 2. The FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony TIP Amendment 2 changes five (5) projects in FFY 2020 and two (2) projects in FFY 2021.

## FFY 2020

1. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
  - AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST FOR PROJECT – (4) VEHICLE OVERHAUL (UP TO 20% VEHICLE MAINTENANCE) (2) HYBRID (2) DIESEL GILLIG LOWFLOOR
  - COST IS \$815,000 (+\$15,000) (\$640,000 FEDERAL; \$175,000 (+\$15,000) STATE)
2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
  - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT – OPERATING ASSISTANCE
  - COST IS \$4,500,000 (\$2,250,000 FEDERAL; \$2,250,000 STATE)
3. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
  - AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT – OPERATING ASSISTANCE
  - COST IS \$162,796 (\$81,398 FEDERAL; \$81,398 STATE)
4. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)
  - AMENDMENT: REMOVES PROJECT – ACQUIRE – PARATRANSIT BUS FARE COLLECTION EQUIPMENT
  - COST IS \$75,000 (\$60,000 FEDERAL; \$15,000 STATE)

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### 5. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)

- AMENDMENT: ADDS PROJECT – ACQUIRE – MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT
- COST IS \$393,750 (\$315,000 FEDERAL; \$78,750 TDC)

### FFY 2021

#### 1. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)

- AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST – OPERATING ASSISTANCE – OPERATING/PM/ADA
- COST IS \$5,000,000 (+\$500,000) (\$2,500,000 FEDERAL; \$2,500,000 STATE)

#### 2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)

- AMENDMENT: INCREASE COST – BUY REPLACEMENT 40-FT BUS (4) EQUIPMENT
- COST IS \$2,250,000 (+\$100,000) (\$1,800,000 (+80,000) FEDERAL; \$450,000 (+\$20,000) STATE)

Chairperson O’Toole asked if there is a motion to approve the FFY 2020-2024 TIP Amendment 2. A motion was made and was seconded. The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously to approve the FFY 2020-2024 TIP Amendment 2.

### **B. Development of FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

#### **▪ Universe of Projects and Results of TIP Readiness Day**

Charles Kilmer discussed the Universe of Projects and the Results of TIP Readiness Day.

Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street

- Current FFY 2021, TIP Day FFY 2021
- Bill Fitzgerald stated that a special town meeting took place where the takings were approved. Right of way to start in April. PS&E is due in April.

Avon, Stoughton - Pavement Preservation and Related Work on Route 24

- Current FFY 2021, TIP Day FFY N/A

Easton - Route 123 (Depot Street) Reconstruction from Newell Circle to Route 138

- Current FFY 2021; TIP Day FFY 2021

Stoughton - Improvements at Richard Wilkins Elementary School (SRTS)

- Current FFY 2021, TIP Day FFY 2021

Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/Quincy Street/Massasoit Boulevard

- Current FFY 2022; TIP Day FFY to be determined as there has not been a design submission since 2015

Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive

- Current FFY 2022; TIP Day FFY 2022

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- Pam Haznar stated that there is no record of the 75% Plans coming in.

Brockton - Route 123 (Centre Street) at Plymouth Street Signalization and Geometric Improvements

- Current FFY 2023, TIP Day FFY 2023

Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) from Route 27 to Route 14

- Proposed FFY 2023, TIP Day FFY 2022

Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138

- Current FFY 2024, TIP Day FFY 2024

Plympton - Bridge Replacement, Winnetuxet Road Over Winnetuxet River

- Current FFY 2024, TIP Day FFY N/A

Charles Kilmer then presented and reviewed the following potential FFY 2025 projects:

- Abington - Intersection Improvements at Hancock Street and Chestnut Street
- Brockton - Improvements and Related Work on Crescent Street (Route 27), including replacement of Grove Street Bridge, B-25-005, over Salisbury Plain River
- Duxbury - Signal Installation @ Route 3 (NB & SB) Ramps & Route 3A (Tremont Street)
- Easton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138 Including Intersection Improvements at Route 138 (Washington Street) and Elm Street
- Hanson - Corridor Improvements on Route 14 (Maquan Street), from the Pembroke T.L. to Indian Head Street and Related Work

### C. Draft MBTA Public Engagement Plan

Paul Chenard summarized the Draft MBTA Public Engagement Plan. The Plan outlines the MBTA's commitment to public engagement in the improvement and development of public transit infrastructure in the Commonwealth. Outlined in the plan are strategies that will be utilized in the outreach efforts to engage members of the public on planning studies and infrastructure projects. As a part of these outreach methods and strategies, the plan also discusses how the MBTA will engage those members of the public who have been traditionally underserved by the public transit system and or have lacked access to the decision making process historically. The updating of this plan is required by the Federal Government in order to ensure the MBTA is meeting its commitment to civil rights. The public comment period ends March 20, 2020 at 5 PM. Public comments can be submitted via the MBTA's website.

Charles Kilmer asked if there is any evolutionary changes in the plan since the 2014 version. Paul Chenard stated that they are trying to be more robust in their public outreach process for this plan. There will also be more interactive tools.

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## 8. Other Business and Public Comment

### A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Bill McNulty reported on the following Community Local Technical Assistance Studies:

#### Easton

- Belmont Street (Route 123) Traffic Counts: Data collection planned for Spring 2020

#### Hanover

- Walnut Hill Neighborhood Traffic Study: Data collection scheduled for Summer 2020 (Tentative)

#### Hanson

- Route 58 Traffic Study: Analysis and Findings Distributed; Meeting Scheduled

#### Plymouth

- Intersection Traffic Study of Carver Road and Montgomery Drive: Data collection planned for Spring 2020

### 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.

#### **Projects Currently Under Review as of February 18, 2020**

##### **EEA #16023 - Sylvia Place Pond Dam Breach (Kingston) (DEIR)**

The project consists of breaching the existing dam and abandoning the existing fish ladder. The restoration approach stemmed from the need to rehabilitate the deteriorating fish ladder and eroding earth embankment dam in accordance with the DCR ODS. Hydraulic modeling of the Sylvia Place Pond Dam has been completed. With spillway capacity limited to 25 cubic feet per second (cfs), the dam is subject to potential overtopping in the event of runoff generated by a 2-year, 24-hour, or less, storm event.

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

Bill McNulty stated that the RSA in Abington at Birch and Brighton Street is complete and is expecting a Draft of that RSA today.

Bill McNulty announced another RSA in East Bridgewater on March 16, at the intersection of Bedford Street (Route 18) and West Street (Route 106)/East Street.

Charles Kilmer stated that OCPC will be conducting a RSA in Brockton at Main Street & East Nilsson Street. Ray Guarino will be taking the lead on this RSA.

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Charles Kilmer thanked MassDOT regarding the restriping of lanes on Route 25.

### 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

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Transportation Planner

### List of Documents for March 5, 2020 Old Colony JTC Meeting

1. Minutes of the February 6, 2020 Old Colony JTC Meeting
2. Staff Report for March 5, 2020, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items