

OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Minutes of the Old Colony MPO Virtual Meeting, June 21, 2022 - 10:00 A.M., Held Via Zoom

Signatories Present:

Brady Winsten, Representing Mayor Sullivan, City of Brockton
Lee Hartmann, Representing Chairman Betty Cavacco, Plymouth Select Board
Dan Salvucci, Vice-Chair, Board of Selectmen, Whitman
Stephen Woelfel, Representing Jamey Tesler, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Pam Haznar, Representing Jonathan Gulliver, Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
Glenn Geiler, Representing Michael Lambert, Administrator, Brockton Area Transit (BAT)
Mary Waldron, Representing Christine Joy, President, Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)

Others Present:

Al DeGirolamo, Office of State Senator Michael Brady
Andrew Reovan, FHWA
Michelle Ho, MassDOT
Raissah Kouame, MassDOT
Derek Krevat, MassDOT
Ishmail Sharif, MassDOT
Shawn Bailey, OCPC
Ray Guarino, OCPC
Charles Kilmer, OCPC
Guoqiang Li, OCPC
Bill McNulty, OCPC
Kyle Mowatt, OCPC

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Stephen Woelfel called the meeting to order at 10:16 A.M. and then read the meeting accessibility statement, and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Charles Kilmer conducted the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments offered at this time.

3. Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Meeting

Chairperson Woelfel asked the MPO Members for comments or changes regarding the minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting.

Daniel Salvucci made a motion and Lee Hartmann seconded to endorse the minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting.

There being no changes, the Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse the

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minutes of the May 17, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting.

4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Report

Chares Kilmer filled in for BAT and reported on the following:

- BAT has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Goal for FFY 2021-2023 of 2.5% of funds expended in U.S. Department of Transportation assisted contracts.

5. FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and/ or Adjustments

- **Adjustment 1 - Review and Potential Approval**
- **Amendment 3 - Review and Potential Release to Public Review and Comment Period**

Adjustment 1

Charles Kilmer discussed Adjustment 1 for FFY 2022 of the FFY 2022-2026 TIP which includes the following:

FFY 2022

5307

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - BAT - BUY REPLACEMENT 40-FT BUS - (3)

- ADJUSTMENT: INCREASE FUNDING
- COST IS \$1,459,250 (+\$1,015,500); (\$355,000 FEDERAL; \$1,104,250 (+\$1,015,500) STATE)

5339

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - BAT - BUY REPLACEMENT 40-FT BUS - (3)

- ADJUSTMENT: NO CHANGE
- COST IS \$395,000; (\$395,000 FEDERAL; \$98,750 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPEMNT CREDITS)

OTHER FEDERAL

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) - BAT - BUY REPLACEMENT 40-FT BUS - (3)

- ADJUSTMENT: REMOVE PROJECT (FUNDING SOURCE)
- COST IS \$0 (-\$562,500); (\$0 FEDERAL (-\$450,000); \$0 STATE (-\$112,500))

NOTE:

PREVIOUS TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$1,401,250

ADJUSTED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$1,854,250 (+453,000)

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there a motion to approve Adjustment 1. Dan Salvucci made a motion and Brady Winsten seconded.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to approve Adjustment 1.

Amendment 3

Charles Kilmer reported that Amendment 3 adds and programs seven projects into FFY 2022 of the FFY 2022-2026 TIP that were awarded as part of the FY 2022 MassDOT Community Transit Grant Program. Specifically, Amendment 3 includes the following:

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FFY 2022

5310

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

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS (5)
- COST IS \$299,638 (\$239,710 FEDERAL; \$59,928 STATE)

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

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE - AVON/STOUGHTON
- COST IS \$60,000 (\$30,000 FEDERAL; \$30,000 LOCAL)

3. **BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT)**

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR ROCKLAND FLEX SERVICE
- COST IS \$168,000 (\$84,000 FEDERAL; \$84,000 LOCAL)

4. **OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)**

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (VTP)
- COST IS \$60,000 (\$30,000 FEDERAL; \$30,000 LOCAL)

5. **SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)**

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - BUY REPLACEMENT VANS (6)
- COST IS \$430,867 (\$344,694 FEDERAL; \$86,173 LOCAL)

6. **SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)**

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT SSCAC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
- COST IS \$150,000 (\$75,000 FEDERAL; \$75,000 LOCAL)

7. **SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SSCAC)**

- AMENDMENT: ADD PROJECT - PLANNING
- COST IS \$31,250 (\$25,000 FEDERAL; \$6,250 LOCAL)

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Chairperson Woelfel asked if there a motion to release Amendment 3 to a 21-day public review and comment period. Dan Salvucci made a motion and Lee Hartmann seconded.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to release Amendment 3 to a 21-day public review and comment period.

6. FFY 2022 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program - Budget Reallocation 1

▪ Review and Potential Endorsement

Charles Kilmer discussed the Proposed Budget Reallocation 1 for the FFY 2022 Old Colony UPWP.

The need for additional funding has been identified for Tasks 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, and 3400 due to the underestimation in the level of effort. While some task budgets are being increased and other task budget are being decreased, the overall UPWP Budget remains unchanged. In addition, all task budget changes are less than 20 percent. As such, the proposed FFY 2022 UPWP Budget Reallocation 1 is as follows:

1500 - Title VI and Environmental Justice

- From \$44,000 to \$36,000 (-\$8,000)

2100 - Demographic Surveillance & Road Inventory

- From \$20,000 to \$17,000 (-\$3,000)

2200 - Multi-Modal Data Surveillance and System Monitoring

- From \$87,000 to \$91,000 (+\$4,000)

2300 - System Planning Resource Activities

- From \$48,000 to \$53,000 (+\$5,000)

2400 - Geographic Information System (GIS)

- From \$64,000 to \$73,000 (+\$9,000)

2500 - Management Systems and Travel Demand Model

- From \$96,000 to \$106,000 (+\$10,000)

3200 - Local Highway Technical Assistance

- From \$85,000 to \$76,000 (-\$9,000)

3400 - High Priority Corridor Study Screening Assessment

- From \$55,000 to \$65,000 (+\$10,000)

3500 - Freight Planning and Action Plan

- From \$60,000 to \$52,000 (-\$8,000)

3600 - Performance Based Planning

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- From \$20,000 to \$17,000 (-\$3,000)

4100 - Transit Technical Assistance and Coordination, and Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Support

- From \$40,000 to \$33,000 (-\$7,000)

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there a motion to endorse Budget Reallocation 1. Dan Salvucci made a motion and Brady Winsten seconded.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse Budget Reallocation 1.

7. Draft FFY 2023 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- **Public Comments and Potential Endorsement**

Charles Kilmer reviewed the comments received regarding the Draft FFY 2023 Old Colony UPWP, and noted that Revised Draft FFY 2023 Old Colony UPWP reflective of eh public comment had been prepared and distributed previously along with the meeting materials.

Charles Kilmer explained that on May 17, 2022, the Old Colony MPO released the Draft FFY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to a 21-day public review and comment period. With the completion of the 21-day public review and comment period, the Old Colony MPO is respectfully asked to review the public comments and consider endorsement of the Draft FFY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program.

Comments were received by the following:

- Raissah Kouame, MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning - Reviewed and provided MPO Liaison UPWP Review Checklist with comments and suggestions
- OCPC Board of Directors, Old Colony Region - OCPC Board of Directors, at their public meeting on May 25, 2022, reviewed and approved the Draft FFY 2023 UPWP
- Old Colony JTC, Old Colony Region - The Old Colony JTC, at their public meeting on June 2, 2022, reviewed and approved the Draft FFY 2023 UPWP
- Andrew Reovan, FHWA - Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions

Chairperson Woelfel asked if there a motion to endorse the Revised Draft FFY 2023 Old Colony UPWP as edited by public comment. Dan Salvucci made a motion and Mary Waldron seconded.

The Old Colony MPO then voted unanimously via roll call to endorse FFY 2023 Old Colony UPWP as edited by public comment.

8. High Priority Corridor Study Screening Assessment Update

Guoqiang Li provided a presentation and update on the High Priority Corridor Study Screening Assessment, which is being funded by the FFY 2022 UPWP.

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This project applies a comprehensive approach to analyzing problems and forming recommendations ensuring that the needs of all transportation users are considered. It identifies, ranks, and informs the selection process for locations to conduct corridor studies that will then inform the future Long-Range Transportation Plan Needs Assessment.

Timeline and Next Steps:

- Developed GIS database to manage candidate project scoring January 2022 (Completed)
- Verified traffic data, update Synchro and SimTraffic Simulation by March 2022 (Completed)
- Updated base year Travel Demand Model to verify volume and travel time results by March 2022 (Completed)
- Developed and validate network scoring by April 2022 (Completed)
- Selected final projects by May 2022 (Completed)
- Prepare draft technical reports, developed maps and results summary (Current)
- Provide project presentation (July 2022)
- Gather comments and suggestions (August 2022)
- Final project completion (September 2022)

9. Road Safety Audits (RSAs) at Multiple Locations Project Update

Bill McNulty provided an update on the RSAs at Multiple Locations Project.

Though the Old Colony MPO's FFY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program, Old Colony Planning Council continues preparation of Road Safety Audits at high crash locations throughout the region. This program builds upon the FFY 2021 program, through with OCPC prepared road safety audits at fifteen locations in Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Hanover, Kingston, Plymouth, Stoughton, and West Bridgewater.

The FFY 2022 Program identified nine intersections and three corridors to conduct Road Safety Audits. These locations and status of these road safety audits are as follows:

Abington

- Groveland Street and Linwood Street - *Completed*
- Central Street Corridor - *Completed*

Brockton

- Warren Avenue at Market Street - *Completed*
- West Chestnut Street at Southworth Street - *Completed*
- West Chestnut Street at Mercedes Road and Ettrick Street - *Completed*
- Reynolds Memorial Highway Corridor - *To Be Scheduled Summer 2022*

Bridgewater

- Bedford Street at Grove Street - *To Be Scheduled Summer 2022*

Easton

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- Massapoag Avenue at Mill Street - *Completed*

Duxbury

- Summer Street (Route 53) at Franklin Street and High Street - *Completed*
- Congress Street (Route 14) at Franklin Street - *Completed*
- Tremont Street / Enterprise Street (Route 3A) at Tremont Street / Church Street (Route 139) - *Completed*

Pembroke

- Church Street Route 139 Corridor - *To Be Scheduled Summer 2022*

Pam Haznar asked Bill McNulty to send over any information he has already for the Pembroke RSA and the Brockton, Reynolds Memorial Highway Corridor RSA as well.

Ray Guarino noted that there are 50 RSAs on our website via ESRI StoryMap that everyone can view.

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

Charles Kilmer reported on the following item:

- Transportation for Massachusetts (T4MA) - Just Transportation Community Session - June 23, 2022, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Charles Kilmer provided the Date and Time of Next Old Colony MPO Meetings(s):

2022

- July 19, 2022 at 10 AM
- August 16, 2022 at 10 AM

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Woelfel adjourned the meeting at 10:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt, Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for the June 21, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting

- Minutes of May 17, 2022, Old Colony MPO Meeting
- Staff Report for June 21, 2022 Old Colony MPO Meeting Agenda Items
- Draft FFY 2023 Old Colony UPWP Public Comment Matrix
- High Priority Corridor Study Screening Assessment Presentation