

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

Meeting Minutes of the Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Held Virtually Via Zoom March 5, 2026 at 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Abington	Bruce Hughes	BETA Group	Isaac Almy
Abington	John Stone	BETA Group	Austin Pszenny
Avon	Rick Jordan	MassDOT District 5	Barbara Lachance
Bridgewater	Justin Casanova-Davis	MassDOT OTP	Christina Mendoza
Bridgewater	Shane O'Brien	MBTA Advisory Board	Alan Castaline
Bridgewater	Greg Tansey	McMahon Associates	Phil Viveiros
Easton	Dave Field	Tighe & Bond	Greg Lucas
Easton	Greg Swan	OCPC	Shawn Bailey
Hanson	Don Howard	OCPC	Matt Dyer
Pembroke	Becky Coletta	OCPC	Charles Kilmer
Plymouth	Rick Bosse	OCPC	Guoqiang Li
Plymouth	Sherry Holmes	OCPC	Bill McNulty
Stoughton	William Roth	OCPC	Kyle Mowatt
Whitman	Dan Salvucci	OCPC	Mary Waldron
BAT	Michael Lambert		

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson John Stone 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. Shawn Bailey then conducted the roll call.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

3. Minutes of February 5, 2026 Meeting

Chairperson John Stone asked if there were any revisions to the minutes. There were no revisions at this time.

Dan Salvucci made a motion to approve the minutes for February 5, 2026 and Don Howard seconded.

The Old Colony JTC voted unanimously via roll call to approve the February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

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4. Communications

Shawn Bailey reviewed the contents of the communications staff report. Included were letters of correspondence, as well as notices of workshops and conferences. They are as follows:

- Abington – Intersection Improvements at Randolph Street, Richard A Fitts Drive (Route 139), and Chestnut Street – Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 6 p.m. – Virtual Design Public Hearing.
- Duxbury – Intersection Improvements at Route 53 and Franklin Street – Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6 p.m. – Virtual Public Informational Meeting.
- Culvert and Small Bridge Replacement and Training Site Initiative Grant Opportunity – Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) – Applications are due Friday, March 20, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
- Citizen Planner Training Collaborative Annual Conference – March 21, 2026 at College of the Holy Cross.
- Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO) – Next meeting is March 24, 2026 at 2 p.m.

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Michael Lambert reported on the following items:

- Service was suspended during the recent blizzard; and resumed successfully by midweek.
- Ongoing regional transit plan includes:
 - Analysis of bus stop spacing/overlap (requested by Avon)
 - Potential stop consolidation to improve efficiency.

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

There was no update from GATRA at this time.

6. Old Business

A. Old Colony FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Bill McNulty announced that on February 17, 2026 the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization voted unanimously to endorse, as presented, Amendment 2 to the Old Colony FFY 2026-2030 TIP following its 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

Amendment 2 included the following changes:

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FFY 2026

- RTD0011353: BAT - REHAB RENOVATE MAINTENANCE FACILITY
 - Funding Revision
 - Former RTACAP Value: \$2,150,000
 - New RTACAP Value: \$700,000
 - Variance: -\$1,450,000
 - Total Project Cost is \$ 2,850,000 (\$2,150,000 - 5307; \$700,000 - RTACAP)

7. New Business

- A. ***FFY 2027-2031 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development***
 - ***Draft Program Scenarios***

Bill McNulty reported on March 17, 2026 the Old Colony Planning Council staff will present draft potential program scenario(s) to the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), who will then adopt a preferred set of projects for the FFY 2027 – 2031 TIP.

Following recent TIP Readiness Days with MassDOT, staff evaluated project readiness and programming status across the region. As a result of projects being deferred to later years and significant cost increases, the initial (baseline) TIP scenario was **not fiscally constrained**.

This created a challenging situation, as the TIP must meet federal fiscal constraint requirements. Staff have since been coordinating with MassDOT to develop a revised, balanced scenario.

The staff recommendation for a preferred TIP set of projects is as follows:

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TABLE 1: FFY 2027-2031 OLD COLONY TIP PROJECTS WITH YEAR OF EXPENDITURE (YOE)/ INFLATION

SCENARIO 2

Current FFY 2026-2030 TIP Year	Proposed FFY 2027-2031 TIP Year	PROJECT ID#	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FFY 2026 (Cost)	FFY 2027 (Cost)	FFY 2028 (Cost with 4% Inflation)	FFY 2029 (Cost with 8% Inflation)	FFY 2030 (Cost with 12% Inflation)	FFY 2031 (Cost with 16% Inflation)	TEC SCORE
2026	2026	609052	BROCKTON - ROUTE 123 (CENTRE STREET) AT PLYMOUTH STREET SIGNALIZATION AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENTS	\$4,556,663	\$4,556,663	\$4,738,930	\$4,921,196	\$5,103,463	\$5,285,730	75.00
2026	2026	609440	ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HANCOCK STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET	\$8,525,316	\$8,525,316	\$8,866,328	\$9,207,341	\$9,548,353	\$9,889,366	61.00
2027	2027	607818	BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT LYMAN STREET/GROVE STREET/SUMMER STREET & REPLACEMENT OF GROVE STREET BRIDGE, B-25-005, OVER SALISBURY PLAIN RIVER	\$9,178,272	\$9,178,272	\$9,207,341	\$9,912,534	\$10,279,665	\$10,646,796	74.00
2027	2027	612525	ABINGTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, RANDOLPH STREET AND RICHARD A FITTS DRIVE (ROUTE 139) AT CHESTNUT STREET AND OLD RANDOLPH STREET	\$4,205,451	\$4,205,451	\$4,373,669	\$4,541,887	\$4,710,105	\$4,878,323	58.00
2028	2029	612262	BROCKTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), PEARL STREET AND STONEHILL STREET	\$7,465,375	\$7,465,375	\$7,763,990	\$8,062,605	\$8,361,220	\$8,659,835	61.00
2029	2029	613277	STOUGHTON- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 27 (PARK STREET) AND TURNPIKE STREET	\$3,264,123	\$3,264,123	\$3,394,688	\$3,525,253	\$3,655,818	\$3,786,383	65.00
2029	2029	611976	EAST BRIDGEWATER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HIGHLAND STREET AND NORTH BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18)	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,640,000	\$3,780,000	\$3,920,000	\$4,060,000	71.00
2028	2028	606002	KINGSTON- DUXBURY- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 3 RAMPS (NB/SB) AND ROUTE 3A (TREMONT STREET)	\$8,828,682	\$8,828,682	\$9,181,830	\$9,534,977	\$9,888,124	\$10,241,271	53.00
2030	2031	613599	HANOVER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT COLUMBIA ROAD (ROUTE 53/139) AND BROADWAY	\$5,938,600	\$5,938,600	\$6,176,144	\$6,413,688	\$6,651,232	\$6,888,776	59.00
2029	2031	612769	HANOVER - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 139 (HANOVER STREET) AT MAIN STREET, CENTER STREET AND SILVER STREET (AC FFY 2031 and 2032)	\$12,524,332	\$12,524,332	\$13,025,305	\$13,526,278	\$14,027,251	\$7,264,112	57.00
2030	2030	613643	WHITMAN- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON SOUTH AVENUE (ROUTE 27) (AC FFY 230 AND 2031)	\$14,835,581	\$14,835,581	\$15,429,004	\$16,022,427	\$16,615,850	\$17,209,273	54.00
TOTAL PROGRAMMED BY FFY:				\$13,081,979	\$13,383,724	\$9,181,830	\$15,367,858	\$16,615,850	\$14,152,888	
TOTAL REGIONAL FUNDING TARGET BY FFY:				\$13,863,758	\$16,241,458	\$16,493,052	\$16,749,677	\$16,526,987	\$16,890,869	
BALANCE:				\$781,779	\$2,857,735	\$7,311,222	\$1,381,818	(\$88,863)	\$2,737,981	

Dan Salvucci asked how to mitigate project costs. Bill McNulty stated that the easiest way would be to look at the design and other features that could be modified that don't have to be in there. Material costs keep going up.

B. FFY 2027 Old Colony Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development
 ■ **Development Schedule and Universe of Projects**

Charles Kilmer discussed the FFY 2027 UPWP Development.

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. The Old Colony UPWP is a federally required certification document, which is prepared and endorsed annually by the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

The Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) has the responsibility of preparing and implementing the Old Colony UPWP, and a release to a public review and comment period is slated for either April or May. As OCPC staff is developing the FFY 2027 Old Colony UPWP and is asking the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for suggestions and input on proposed activities, tasks, and projects.

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Charles Kilmer provided an overview of the development of the FFY 2027 UPWP, which establishes the scope of work and budget for transportation planning activities beginning October 1. Staff are coordinating with the JTC and MPO to identify priority discretionary projects.

- A universe of 36 projects was presented, informed by public input, state and transit agency input, and a prior high-priority corridor needs assessment (evaluating pavement, safety, and operations).
- Current and recent corridor studies include:
 - Ongoing: Route 80 (Kingston/Plymouth) and Route 139 (Pembroke)
 - Completed: Route 104 (Bridgewater), Route 28 (Avon), Route 3A (Plymouth)
- Regional planning efforts under consideration include:
 - Long-Range Transportation Plan
 - Age-Friendly Transportation Plan
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Connectivity Study
 - Bottleneck and interchange safety studies.

A 10-year summary highlighted OCPC's workload:

- Approximately 1,000 traffic counts
- 451 turning movement counts.
- 152 local technical assistance studies

Staff requested input from communities on future study priorities and emphasized ongoing support for local transportation planning needs.

C. 2026 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP)

- **Review and Update**

Shawn Bailey provided an update on the 2026 CHSTP.

The Coordinated Human Services Transportation (CHST) Plan is a document updated every four years (similar to the Public Participation Plan and Long-Range Transportation Plan) and is a vital document for any transit agency. The CHST Plan summarizes and addresses the needs of any and all public transportation/transit providers in the Old Colony Region, including fixed route bus service, paratransit service, commuter bus, and taxi companies.

The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan focuses on four of the many available programs under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL):

- 5310 (Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities)
 - Traditional
 - Provides capital project funding through a formula program to

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- increase mobility for older adults, people with disabilities and special needs.
- 80% federal funding/20% local matching
- Yearly application process through MassDOT
- Non-Traditional
 - Provides capital/operational funding through a formula program to increase mobility for older adults, people with disabilities and special needs.
 - 50% federal funding/50% local matching
 - Yearly application process through MassDOT
- 5307 (Urbanized Area Formula Grants)
 - Provides technical transportation-related studies, capital for bus and bus-related activities, and capital for new/existing fixed guideway systems assistance for public transit systems.
 - Capital: 80% federal funding/20% local matching
 - Vehicles: 85% federal funding/15% local matching
 - Vehicle Equipment/Facilities: 90% federal funding/10% local matching
 - Yearly application process through MassDOT
- 5311 (Formula Grants for Rural Areas)
 - Provides capital, operating assistance, and ADA non-fixed route paratransit service assistance for public transit systems.
 - Capital: 80% federal funding/20% local matching
 - Operating Assistance: 50% federal funding/50% local matching
 - ADA Paratransit: 80% federal funding/20% local matching
 - Yearly application process through MassDOT
- Community Transit Grant (CTG) Program
 - Provides operating, mobility management, and accessible vehicle funding for older adults and people with disabilities.
 - Operating: 50% MassDOT funding/50% local matching
 - Mobility Management: 80% MassDOT funding/20% local matching
 - Accessible Vehicles: 85% MassDOT funding/15% local matching

Yearly application process through MassDOTThe timeline for this Plan is to update internally and request updates/feedback externally from multiple transportation providers through the beginning of May, finalize a draft Plan ahead of the May MPO Meeting, put out the Plan for a public review and comment period, and finally endorse the Plan at the June MPO Meeting.

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8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

Bill McNulty discussed Community Local Technical Assistance Studies.

Old Colony Planning Council recently completed a Road Safety Audit for the intersection of Standish Avenue at Alden Street in Plymouth. Final edits following the stakeholder review are being completed and the Final Report is expected to be distributed shortly.

West Bridgewater

- Traffic Counts for Crescent Street and West Street, and Elm Street at Lincoln Street
Data collection rescheduled for early April 2026 due to weather.

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.

Submitting Comments to MEPA

The Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) accepts written comments on projects currently under MEPA review. Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, via fax, or by hand delivery. Comments submitted to MEPA are public records and should be sent to the following address:

Secretary Kathleen Theoharides
EEA, Attn: MEPA Office
[Analyst Name], EEA No. _____
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

New Projects

None

Certificates

EEA #17028 – Pembroke Wells 2 and 3 Water Treatment Plant - Pembroke
Environmental Notification Form (ENF)

Certificate states that this project **does not require** an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

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Public Notices

Notice of Intent to Initiate an Aquatic Plant Management Program – Easton

The program aims to reduce nuisance and invasive aquatic vegetation and algae using manual removal and EPA/Massachusetts-approved aquatic herbicides and algaecides. The goal is to slow eutrophication and improve aquatic habitat, while protecting resource areas under the Wetlands Protection Act.

Notice of Application for a 401 Water Quality Certificate – Norwell, Marshfield, Pembroke

A 401 Water Quality Certification application has been submitted for the replacement of the Route 3 bridges over the North River in Norwell, Pembroke, and Marshfield, Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division. The project will replace the existing bridges carrying northbound and southbound Route 3 with slightly wider structures to provide wider shoulders and improved safety capacity.

Notice of Submission of a Yearly Operational Plan – East Bridgewater, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plymouth, Whitman

To apply herbicides to control vegetation along Eversource rights-of-way (ROW).

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

Bruce Hughes asked when BAT is implementing electric buses. Michael Lambert was not available to respond, so Bruce will push his question out to next month's meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Mowatt

Kyle Mowatt

Senior Transportation Planner

List of Documents for March 5, 2026 Old Colony JTC Meeting

- Minutes of February 5, 2026 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for March 5, 2026, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items