

### How to reach the MPO?

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### How Can You Become Involved?

- ⇒ Attend meetings of the advisory committees and the MPO
- ⇒ Review draft plans, and other documents, and comment in writing or person
- ⇒ Attend public hearings, workshops, and forums, and comment in writing or person
- ⇒ Ask to be put on the Join Transportation Committee mailing list
- ⇒ Volunteer for events and activities held by the Old Colony Planning Council

### Contact me to discuss participation in the:

- Joint Transportation Committee (JTC)
- Old Colony MPO
- CEDS Committee
- Regional Task Forces

### Add me to the:

- Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) mailing list
- Mailing list to receive agendas for all meetings of the:
  - MPO  JTC  Task Forces  CEDS

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# HOW SHOULD YOUR TRANSPORTATION TAX DOLLAR\$ BE SPENT?

## WHO DECIDES AND HOW YOU CAN HAVE AN IMPACT...



OLD COLONY  
PLANNING COUNCIL

## What is the MPO?

The Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is an intergovernmental transportation planning agency created by an agreement among the Old Colony communities, the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. State and federal laws require the formation of MPOs in urbanized areas with populations of more than 50,000 in order for surface transportation projects to be eligible for federal Highway Trust Funds dollars.

The MPO is responsible for the comprehensive transportation planning process for the Old Colony Region and must plan for the movement of both people and goods within the region by all modes of travel — including highways, public transportation, bicycles, and foot.

The MPO develops a long-range transportation plan, identifying roadway and transit improvements that can be afforded through the year 2035, and endorses a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that identifies projects to be done over the next few years.

## Who Makes up the MPO?

### Voting Members

- The Secretary and CEO of the MassDOT
- The Administrator of the MassDOT Highway Division
- The President of the Old Colony Planning Council
- The Administrator of Brockton Area Transit Authority
- The Mayor of the City of Brockton
- The Chief Elected Official of the Town of Plymouth
- The Chief Elected Official from two (2) communities, other than Brockton or Plymouth to serve a two-year term

### Non-Voting Members

- Federal Transit Authority (FTA)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

## How Does the MPO Work?

The MPO is staffed by the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC). The MPO is advised by the Old Colony, Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) committee, and the regional **task forces**.

The **MPO** is responsible for articulating a local government perspective of regional transportation problems and issues, and the needs for the community or agency on which they represent, and the Region as a whole. The MPO meets quarterly and meetings are open to the public. Announcements for the meetings are posted on the local newspapers and OCPC's website.

The **JTC** includes a representative from each OCPC community, whom are appointed by the Board of Selectmen/Mayor in the community. Participation is open to any interested resident, representative from a transportation provider, or interested group. The JTC meets on the second Thursday of each month at the OCPC office.

The **CEDS** Committee serves as an idea and information exchange for agencies, firms, officials and individuals concerned with economic development in the District and advises the Council on economic development issues. The Council provides administrative and technical support and hosts bi-monthly meetings of the CEDS Committee. The effort is supported by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) who has designated the Council region an Economic Development District.

OCPC organized four **task forces** with topics that play important roles to transportation and land use planning decisions. These task forces are intended to act as advisory committees to the Joint Transportation Committee. The task force meet in a quarterly basis. The four regional task forces are:

- Livability and Sustainability Task Force
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force
- Safety and Mobility Task Force
- Climate Change Adaptation Task Force

## MPO Outreach Efforts

The MPO provides complete information, timely public notice, and full public access to decisions and documents. It supports early and continuing public involvement in the development and review of its plans and programs. It especially seeks out and considers the interests of people whose needs may not be well served by the existing transportation system, such as low income and minority households and persons with limited personal mobility.

**Public Participation Activities.** In order to enhance public consideration of issues and to maximize citizen involvement, the Old Colony MPO organizes a number of diverse activities to keep the public engaged and informed regarding on-going transportation and comprehensive planning efforts in the region. The MPO conducts comprehensive surveys, visioning workshops, open houses, and informational table events.



## For More Information...

About the MPO and its plans and programs, visit our website at [www.ocpcrpa.org](http://www.ocpcrpa.org). Copies of the MPO's current Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program are available at all public libraries in the Old Colony region. Copies of all current MPO publications are available, free of charge, at the OCPC offices.