

# Old Colony Planning Council Agenda

Agenda for Meeting No. 482  
September 28, 2011

Old Colony Planning Council  
70 School Street, Brockton, MA 02301

*The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

1. **Call to Order, 7:30 PM**
2. **Roll Call of Members**
3. **Minutes of August 31, 2011 Meeting**
4. **Financial Report for August 2011**
5. **Staff Report**
6. **Regional Clearinghouse Reviews**

Mr. Robert G. Moran, Jr., President  
Mr. Fred Gilmetti, Secretary  
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Mr. Lee Hartmann, Treasurer  
Mr. Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director

## Industrial Revenue Bonds

None

## Environmental Notifications

**Plymouth - EEA #14801 – Plymouth Municipal Airport Safety Improvements** - Consistent with the Plymouth Municipal Airport Commissions 2011 Master Plan Update the applicant is proposing to increase the length of Runway 15-33 by 1,000 feet to a total of 4,350 feet to meet the FAA design standards that enable the airport to safely accommodate the design aircraft (Hawker 850XP), which is based at the airport and has over 500 annual operations. The airport currently relies on pilots to monitor their own approaches to and activity around the airport. This system works well when only one runway is in use. Currently, because Runway 6-24 is the longer of the runways, turbine powered aircraft must use Runway 6-24 even when wind conditions favor the use of Runway 15-33. This creates a condition where smaller aircraft approach and depart the airport using Runway 15-33, and larger turbine aircraft are using Runway 6-24 at the same time. While the airport has operated in this manner for many years without incident there have been a number of "near misses" of aircraft operating simultaneously on the crossing runways. This Project addresses this operational safety condition by extending Runway 15-33 to a length that will allow turbine powered aircraft to use Runway 15-33 when wind conditions favor it, letting all air traffic to operate on the same runway thereby addressing this concern.

The extension of Runway 15-33 as well as associated taxiways and stopways require the permanent fill of approximately one acre of bordering vegetated wetlands. Because of the runway extension and the addition of the stopways, it will be necessary to remove trees and other obstructions from a total of 61.3 acres, including approximately 6.7 acres of bordering vegetated wetlands, 0.5 acres of isolated vegetated wetlands and 1,005 linear feet of inland bank. To minimize wetland impacts, a 6:1 sideslope was designed between Runway 33 and Taxiway "S". An appropriately sized and designed wetland replication area will be constructed to mitigate these impacts and wetland replication will be designed with planning input from the Plymouth Conservation Commission, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Project will also alter habitat of several state protected grassland bird species. The Proponent is working with NHESP to minimize impacts to protected species and to develop mitigation for potential impacts. Information only, no Council action required.

## **7. Old Business**

- A. Update on the Upper Taunton River Regional Wastewater Evaluation Project. Bruce Hughes, Economic Development/Community Planner.
- B. Update on District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program. Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director

## **8. New Business**

- A. Report on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study. Rodrigo Marion, Transportation Planner/ Charlie Kilmer, Transportation Program manager.
- B. Report and update on the Old Colony Storm Water Management Conference. Jim Watson, Comprehensive Planning Supervisor.
- C. Report and update on the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director/ Jim Watson, Comprehensive Planning Supervisor.
- D. Report on the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) workshops. Bruce Hughes, Economic Development/Community Planner.
- E. Report and update on OCPC's Finances. Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director.
- F. Report and Update from the Building Committee. Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director.

## **9. Community Concerns**

## **10. Other Business**

## **11. Visitors Comments/Questions**

## **12. Adjournment**

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Moran, Jr., President