1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O’Toole called the meeting to order at 11:58 A.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 is stepping down as Whitman JTC Delegate, and Noreen O’Toole will take over as Whitman JTC Delegate. Dan Salvucci will now be the Whitman alternate.

3. Minutes of the February 7, 2019 Meeting

Chairperson Noreen O’Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the February 7, 2019 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the February 7, 2019 Old Colony JTC Meeting.

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:
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- Letter to Patricia Leavenworth, MassDOT Chief Engineer, from Pat Ciaramella Regarding Project #608086 (Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street Intersection Improvements Project)

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiler reported on the following BAT activities:
- Thanked OCPC and Bill McNulty for preparing BATs Green House Gas Emissions (GHG) Analyses
- BAT is the recipient of three discretionary grants from MassDOT. These grants will expand service to Stoughton, Bridgewater State University, and Ashmont
- Ridership has remained steady so far this year
- Second Phase of the fare increase will be implemented in July. This will increase the cost of passes and the Charlie Card.

Dan Salvucci stated that he has noticed since the last snowstorm that all bus stops have been cleared, but the sidewalks in the area still have snow on them. Snow removal from sidewalks is an issue that all communities need to address.

Joe Scardino asked if there would be any new stops in Stoughton with the expansion of service. Glenn Geiler stated that it is yet to be determined. BAT will work closely with Stoughton as they proceed through the analysis of the new route.

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

Paul Chenard stated that there is no update at this time.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Paul Chenard stated that Jean Fox from MassDOT is here to provide an update on South Coast Rail.

6. Old Business

A. FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Charles Kilmer discussed the changes in the FFY 2019-2023 TIP. They are as follows:

FFY 2020 Projects:
- AVON – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HARRISON BOULEVARD AND POND STREET (608086)
  - 25% Design Public Hearing held February 25, 2019

7. New Business

A. South Coast Rail (SCR) Project Update

  Jean Fox, MassDOT
Jean Fox provided a presentation on the status of Phase 1 of the project.

**South Coast Rail Advances**
- Phase 1 early action work is on schedule within the Board-allocated CIP amount of $108 Million
- A new PM/CM team is being selected and an MBTA staffing plan is in development
- Contracts approved: repair/replace 63 culverts; special track work has been ordered; bids open in March for replacement of 4 RR bridges

**Finance Plan**
- Late last year, MassDOT/MBTA engaged two independent consultants to review the Phase 1 budget and timeline. Analysis is nearly complete
- Agencies will work with A&F to reconcile the projected budget and schedule with existing sources, including state bond cap and existing capacity with the Rail Enhancement Program, as well as any other sources that may be available
- A final finance plan is anticipated once this review is completed

**2018 Milestones - Permitting**
- Phase 1 State environmental Review - Completed FSEIR (6/15/2018)
- Phase 1 Wetlands Permitting - 11 of 12 Orders of Conditions issues in SCR communities
- Phase 1 Federal Environmental Review - Environmental Assessment Statement of Findings (EASOF) under review by the ACOE
- State and Federal permitting for all State of Good Repair (SGR) projects completed

**Final Permits Expected in 2019**
- Chapter 91 License issued on 1/31/2019
- MassDEP 401 permit and MCZM Consistency Cert expected this spring
- ACOE Section 404 permit pending state and tribal consultation (expected April 2019)
- Order of Conditions for North New Bedford Station, Spring 2019

**FY19 Activities Underway**
- Complete Phase 1 final design while continuing to advance Full Build preliminary design
- Finalize permitting (local, state and federal)
- Continue land acquisitions needed for stations, layovers, ROW, signals, equipment and track
- Initiate vehicle procurement for new coaches and locomotives
- Complete independent cost and schedule validation process and develop Finance Plan
- Establish program governance with new PM/CM team and Agency staffing plan
- Prepare Force Account Agreements with railroads (MCRR, Keolis, & Amtrak) for flagging and construction agreements, and develop Utility Agreements
- Continue to coordinate with host communities, partner on Technical Assistance
- Develop O&M Cost Approach with Railroad Ops (staffing, schedule, operating hours, crew sizes)

**Community Outreach**
- Continue ongoing consultation with those communities in preparation for construction
- Discuss Technical Assistance for Phase 1 to prepare communities for the rail
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- Brief local boards, councils, elected officials
- Update website and produce email and fact sheet updates

Charles Kilmer asked when Phase 1 would open. Jean Fox stated that it is expected to be built by November of 2022. If there are delays, it could extend into 2023.

Joe Scardino asked if there are any changes to the location of the station in Stoughton. Jean Fox stated that there are many concerns with the amount of grade crossings in Stoughton. If the station does move, it is not going far from where it is currently planned to be built.

Bob Moran asked how many more trains would be needed for SCR. Jean Fox stated that the existing 24 would be utilized, along with two more trains.

Charles Kilmer asked if there would still be the same amount of seating and space on the northbound trains as they arrive at the Brockton Stations. Jean Fox replied that with the added train cars, there would be about the same capacity as the trains arrive in Brockton.

B. Development of FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
   - Universe of Projects and Results of TIP Readiness Day

Charles Kilmer discussed the projects located in the Universe of Projects and summarized the results of TIP Readiness Day.

Brockton - Corridor Improvements on Route 123 (Belmont Street), from Angus Beaton Drive to West Street
   - FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2020; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2020

Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/ Quincy Street/Massasoit Boulevard
   - FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2020; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2022. Pam Haznar stated that MassDOT needs an updated schedule on this project

Easton - Route 123 (Depot Street) Reconstruction from Newell Circle to Route 138
   - FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2021; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2022

Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138
   - FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2022; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2022

Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive
   - FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2022; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2022

Brockton - Intersection Improvements at Centre Street (Route 123) and Plymouth Street
   - FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2023; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2023
Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) from Route 27 to Route 14
  - FFY in 2019-2023 TIP is 2023. TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2022

Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street
  - FFY 2019-2023 TIP is 2020; TIP Day FFY Recommendation is 2020

Stoughton - Improvements at West Elementary School (SRTS)
  - FFY 2019-2023 TIP is 2021; TIP Day FFY Recommendation - 2021

Tim Kochan then provided updates for the following projects:

Abington/Brockton - Intersection Improvements at North Quincy Street, Boundary Avenue, and Chestnut Street
  - Comments on 100% Design have been returned to design engineer. PS&E is due April 1, 2019

East Bridgewater - Resurfacing and Sidewalk Construction on Bedford Street (Route 18), from Whitman Street (Route 106) to Central Street
  - 100% Design review was completed March 1, 2019. Comment resolution meeting is needed with design engineer

Avon - Intersection Improvements at Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street
  - Design Public Hearing has been held. 25% Design plans are due May 8, 2019

Brockton - Corridor Improvements on Route 123 (Belmont Street), from Angus Beaton Drive to West Street
  - 75% Design is under review

Brockton - Intersection Improvements @ Crescent Street (Route 27)/Quincy Street/Massasoit Boulevard
  - Given that a revised 25% design is being considered, moving the project out two years is reasonable

Easton - Corridor Improvements on Depot Street (Route 123), from Newell Circle to Washington Street (Route 138)
  - 75% Design is due as early as March 8, 2019

Kingston - Bridge replacement, K-01-014, Smiths Lane over Route 3 (Pilgrim Highway)
  - Waiting for 25% Design

Stoughton - Improvements at West Elementary School (SRTS)
  - 25% Design is due May 24, 2019

Bridgewater/Brockton - Pavement preservation and related work on Route 24
  - MassDOT working on combined 25/ 75% Design submission. Charles Kilmer asked if the replacement of the glare paddles are a part of this project. Tim Kochan will look into that.
Stoughton - Corridor Improvements on Route 138
- 25% Design is under review

Stoughton - Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Central Street, Canton Street and Tosca Drive
- At 25% Design. Comment resolution meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2019

Avon/ Stoughton - Resurfacing And Related Work on Route 24
- MassDOT working towards 25/ 75% Submission

Brockton - Intersection Improvements at Centre Street (Route 123) and Plymouth Street
- At Pre 25% Design

Pembroke - Rehabilitation of Route 36 (Center Street) from Route 27 to Route 14
- MassDOT comments on 75% Design have been returned to the design engineer as of March 1, 2019

Tobias Cowans expressed the City of Brockton’s support for all the Brockton projects in the TIP.

C. Old Colony Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update

Paul Chenard provided an update on the Old Colony Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Upcoming Meetings are as follows:
- March 21, 2019 - Old Colony Planning Council – 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
- March 21, 2019 - Brockton Public Library East Branch – 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Dan Salvucci asked if someone from the local Police Departments would be at the meetings. Paul Chenard stated that invitations have been sent to the Police Departments.

Shane O’Brien commended OCPC for consistently providing the Look! Brochure, which provides bicycle and pedestrian safety and awareness information.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

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

Brockton
- Road Safety Audit for North Main Street at Oak Street and Howard Street - Data collected, Analysis underway and Road Safety Audit to be scheduled

Halifax
- Plymouth Street (Route 106) Traffic Data and Crosswalk Location Analysis - Data collection in
progress

Hanover
- Traffic Study for Winter Street - Analysis and report development underway

Kingston
- Traffic Study for Smith’s Lane at Crescent Street and Main Street (Route 3A), and Howland Lane Traffic and Speed Analysis - Data collected; Analysis and report preparation underway

Plymouth
- Raymond Road Multiway Stop Warrant Analyses - Data collection in progress

Pembroke
- Pembroke Center Traffic Study - Data collected; Analysis and report preparation underway

Stoughton
- Road Safety Audit for Island Street - Audit completed on February 6, 2019. Report in development.
- Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Study for State Street and Peters Drive - Report in development

Whitman
- Traffic Study for Pleasant Street, and Intersection of Franklin Street (Route 27), South Avenue (Route 27), and Pleasant Street - Data collection to occur Spring 2019

B. Staff Reviews on ENFs, EIRs, and NPCs

Charles Kilmer 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 March 6, 2019

EEA #15978 - Elm Street Roadway Improvements (Bridgewater) (ENF)
The proposed project consists of roadway reconstruction, pedestrian improvements, and drainage improvements along Elm Street from the West Bridgewater town line south to Pleasant Street (Route 104). The proposed roadway improvements include a complete reconstruction of the existing roadway surface, which is in poor condition, widening of the existing roadway from 22-feet to 26-feet to add a 2-foot shoulder on each side. A 6-foot wide sidewalk, on one side of the roadway will be included. In addition, a new stormwater drainage system will be installed throughout the project site.

EEA #15998 - Proposed Shorefront Protection (Plymouth) (ENF)
The proposed project includes the installation of a shorefront protection system along the 652 linear feet of coastal bank of the subject properties. The system includes a rock revetment that would protect the coastal bank from further erosion that could lead to jeopardizing the pre-1978 dwellings. The system
also includes a section of coir envelopes buried under a sand berm to protect the coastal bank in front of the post-1978 dwellings.

**EEA #15639 - North Carver Development (Carver) (FEIR)**
The project involves the construction of approximately 1.77 million square feet of new warehouse/distribution facilities with ancillary office uses, provides approximately 1,883 parking spaces, and provides paved access roads. The project Site will be accessed from a re-configured intersection of Montello Street and Route 58 and a new configuration for Montello Street. Facility construction is expected to begin in 2020.

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

There were no regional concerns or local community transportation issues at this time.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt
Transportation Planner

**List of Documents for March 7, 2019 Old Colony JTC Meeting**

- Meeting Minutes of the February 7, 2019 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for March 7, 2019, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
- South Coast Rail (SCR) Phase 1 Update Presentation