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

Vivian Ortiz stated that the application window for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Signs and Lines Program is open until October 31, 2019. Examples of a Signs and Lines Project could include the purchase and installation of new signage or pavement markings. The program will provide design services and up to $6,000 in construction funding.

John Charbonneau reported that on October 9, 2019, there will be a MassDOT Design Public Hearing for the proposed Central Street/ Tosca Drive/ Canton Street Intersection Improvements project in Stoughton and then provided the hearing announcement.

3. Minutes of the September 5, 2019 Meeting

Chairperson O’Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the September 5, 2019 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the September 5, 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:

- Letter from Mary-Joe Perry to Mayor Moises Rodrigues Regarding MassDOT Project 609520
- Letter from MEMA to Potential Hazard Mitigation Grants Applicants Regarding Funding for Two FEMA Programs
- Letter from FHWA and FTA to Secretary Stephanie Pollack Regarding Old Colony MPO Transportation Planning Process Certification Review
- Letter from FHWA and FTA to Secretary Stephanie Pollack Regarding Approval of the Massachusetts FY 2020 UPWPs
- MAPC Announcement Regarding a Commuter Rail Communities Coalition Meeting
- MassDOT Announcement Regarding the 2019 Moving Together Conference
- List of CTPC Courses for Fall 2019 Hosted by OCPC
- Announcement from the Baker-Polito Administration Regarding Complete Streets Funding Awards

5. Reports

A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

Glenn Geiler reported on the following BAT activities:
- BAT will be hosting a customer appreciation event at the Intermodal Centre on October 4, 2019
- The recently implemented additional Stoughton service has seen steady ridership increases
- BAT is currently exploring a connection between Brockton and Taunton. BAT will be working with OCPC on this project

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

Shawn Bailey reported on the following GATRA activities:
- GATRA continues its search for a new Administrator since the current one, Frank Gay, is retiring.

C. South Coast Rail Project

Shawn Bailey reported on the following South Coast Rail activities:
- Culvert replacement and track work continues to go on for Phase 1 of the project.

6. Old Business

A. FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Implementation

Charles Kilmer discussed the changes in the FFY 2019-2023 TIP

FFY 2020 Projects:
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- PEMBROKE - RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 53 (608266)
  - Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) received by MassDOT (as of 9/12/2019)

FFY 2022 Projects:
- STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE (608279)
  - Design Public Hearing scheduled for October 9, 2019

Pam Haznar provided a few updates:
- FFY 2020 - BROCKTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (608088)
  - Expecting 100% Design Package on October 4, 2019

- FFY 2021 - AVON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HARRISON BOULEVARD AND POND STREET (608086)
  - Comment resolution meeting was held recently
  - The Designer is working towards 100% Design

Charles Kilmer asked if it is possible to move the Harrison Boulevard and Pond Street Project earlier. Pam Haznar stated that 2020 would be difficult seeing, as there is still right of way and design work to be done. Bill Fitzgerald stated that the 100% Design Plans would be submitted in a month or so. The Town meeting vote will be in November.

7. New Business

A. Old Colony MPO Federal Certification Overview

Charles Kilmer stated that FHWA and FTA will be conducting an on-site review on November 6, 2019 from approximately 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Comments can be provided via email, or verbal comments can be offered today.

- Rob May stated that this is the best run MPO in the Commonwealth.
- Chairperson O'Toole stated that a lot of work being done at this organization. There are great negotiations and great leadership. OCPC provides what the communities need.
- Bill Fitzgerald stated that OCPC is a great group to work with.
- Jackie Jones stated that SRPEDD has a great working relationship with OCPC.
- Sid Kashi stated that he has been coming to the JTC meetings for the past 20 years. The Staff at OCPC are very professional and the work ethic is number one. OCPC is very quick to complete requests from the town of Plymouth.

Brandon Wilcox then provided an overview of the MPO Certification Review process.

B. Brockton - Main Street Corridor Study Overview

Ray Guarino provided an overview of the Study. The corridor study area begins in the south on Main
Street at the Brockton City Line at the West Bridgewater Town Line, and concludes on North Main Street at the Brockton City Line at the Avon Town Line. The Corridor Study will focus on:

- Traffic volumes, including average daily traffic and peak hour turning movement data for 25 intersections; Traffic speeds and heavy vehicle volumes.
- Traffic congestion and delay within the corridor and at key intersections including peak hour levels-of-service.
- Traffic and transit operations and constraints (turning radii, height and weight restrictions).
- Number and types of crashes and crash rates.
- The condition of the built environment including pavement, sidewalks, pavement markings, traffic control devices and signage
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety and accommodations, and access to transit.
- Land use and zoning, and the potential changes of the plans to revitalize the downtown.
- The consideration of the impact of transportation on public health.

C. Hanover - Route 139 Corridor Study Overview

Bill McNulty provided an overview of the Route 139 Corridor Study. The corridor study area goes from Columbia Route (Route 53) to the Rockland Town Line. Route 139, with its connection to Route 123 in Rockland, serves as a major east-west arterial through northern Plymouth County connecting the Route 53 Corridor in Hanover to the Route 123, Route 58, Route 18, and Route 27 corridors to the west. This planning level study will result in the development of short term and long term actions that will enhance circulation and traffic flow efficiency and improve safety. Staff will review volume to capacity ratios, levels-of-service, crash analyses, pedestrian and bicycle traffic and infrastructure, pavement conditions, traffic control, and signage and overall physical condition. Public input will be included as part of the project identification process. A draft report for stakeholder and public review is anticipated to be completed and released in the late Spring, with a final report released in early Summer 2020.

D. Development of FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Charles Kilmer discussed key elements of the Draft FFY 2021-2025 Old Colony TIP Development Schedule. Pam Haznar stated that project readiness is very critical. It is recommended that any communities developing projects in next TIP cycle to get the project schedule to Charles Kilmer or Pam Haznar as soon as possible. This will allow for realistic advertising dates and cost estimates. Charles Kilmer then stated that locking in the project cost has made the process of developing the TIP much easier, versus project prices escalating or de-escalating.

E. MBTA Rail Vision

Rob May provided an overview of the MBTA Rail Vision. MBTA Rail Vision will identify cost-effective strategies to transform the existing Commuter Rail system into one that better supports improved mobility and economic competitiveness in Greater Boston. Over the past year, the Rail Vision team has focused on learning about effective Commuter Rail service around the world, identifying service models we can test on our system, and understanding the constraints and opportunities with our current infrastructure. This included:

- Reviewing more than a dozen domestic and international peer rail systems
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- Developing clear objectives for a future MBTA rail system
- Evaluating more than 60 service concepts across all 14 Commuter Rail lines to project potential ridership benefits and required infrastructure changes
- Developing seven service alternatives, featuring a range of service approaches and technologies, to move forward into the next phase of analysis
- Hosting five Advisory Committee meetings to gather feedback about our objectives, service concepts, initial results, and seven service alternatives

Rob May stated that this is a call to action. There has been very little participation from the Old Colony Rail Line network and South Eastern Massachusetts in particular. We need to have political support to move this project forward.

8. Other Business and Public Comment

A. Community Local Technical Assistance Studies

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

**Abington**
- Block Street Traffic Study: Data collection in progress

**Avon**
- Road Safety Audit for Central Street Corridor: Draft Report distributed for review and comment

**Hanson**
- Route 58 Traffic Study: Data analysis underway

**Plymouth**
- Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion (HCVE) Feasibility Study of Rocky Hill Road: Data collection in progress
- Intersection Traffic Study of Court Street (Route 3A) at Cherry Street and Prince Street: Data collection scheduled for Fall 2019

**Stoughton**
- Road Safety Audit for Park Street (Route 27) at Turnpike Street and Turnpike Street at Campanelli Parkway: Data collection scheduled for September 2019
- Traffic Counts with Speed Analysis for Kelsey Drive, Tosca Drive, and Queen Anne Way: Data collection to be scheduled

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 September 25, 2019

EEA #16082 - Hanson Cranberry Bog Restoration Project (Hanson) (ENF)
The purpose of this project is to improve water quality and restore aquatic and riparian habitat within the Hanson Bogs. The NRCS has designed this project to focus on removing flow control structures, plugging perimeter and lateral ditches to re-wet the bogs, construction microtopography through much of the bog surfaces, and placing large wood within the stream channel for added habitat complexity. The proposed work will help the cranberry bogs retain the proper hydrology to establish a predominantly native, hydrophytic, woody plant community.

EEA #16096 - Carver to Kingston Reliability Project (Carver, Kingston, Plympton) (ENF)
The Project is designed to address certain transmission reliability issues in the South Shore area (an area that runs south of Boston to the Massachusetts southern shoreline), specifically the Kingston Load Pocket area, which includes all or part of the towns of Kingston, Duxbury, Plympton, Carver and Marshfield. The Project consists of construction of a new overhead transmission line and associated structures, along with a short section of underground line, along an existing maintained right-of-way.

MEPA Certificates

EEA #11519 - The Pinehills (Plymouth) (NPC)
Nearly 20 years following the original permitted withdrawal approval, based on the Project’s current and future buildout, Pinehills is requesting an increase for its withdrawal volume. The proposed change in the Project will have no adverse impact on water supply and wastewater.

C. Regional Concerns and Local Community Transportation Issues

- John Charbonneau expressed concern for the reduction of the statutory speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph in thickly settled or business districts. Chairperson O’Toole stated that this is optional and that such opting in would need to go before the Board of Selectmen. Bill McNulty stated that if there is an already an existing special speed regulation, the community cannot create the 25 mph zone.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle Mowatt
Kyle Mowatt, Transportation Planner

List of Documents for October 3, 2019 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Minutes of the September 5, 2019 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for October 3, 2019, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items
- Rail Vision PowerPoint Presentation