1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Noreen O’Toole called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M. and then read the Meeting Accessibility Statement and the Title VI Notice of Protection Statement. Those present then introduced themselves.

- Chairperson O’Toole recognized the retiring Pat Ciaramella for all the wonderful work he has done for the past 42 years at OCPC
- Don Howard thanked Pat Ciaramella for everything that he has done for the town of Hanson

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

3. Minutes of the October 3, 2019 Meeting

Chairperson O’Toole asked if the members had reviewed the minutes of the October 3, 2019 Meeting. The members then voted to endorse the minutes of the October 3, 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:
OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (JTC)

- Letter to David Mohler from Martin Suuberg Regarding the Conformity Review of the FFY 2020-2024 State & Regional TIPs and the FFY 2020-2024 Long Range Transportation Plans
- Letter to Bill McNulty from Chief of Police Richard Wall Regarding Safety Issues at the Intersection of Church and Oak Streets in Pembroke
- Letter to Pat Ciaramella and Charles Kilmer from David Gagne Regarding Safety Issues on River Street in West Bridgewater
- Support Letter to Chief Patricia Leavenworth from Pat Ciaramella Regarding MassDOT Project 608279 in Stoughton
- Letter to Secretary Stephanie Pollack from Jeffrey McEwen and Perter Butler Regarding FFY 2020-2024 Statewide TIP
- Letter to Charles Kilmer from Christopher Ahmadjian Regarding Paul Chenard’s Completion of the Baystate Roads Scholar Program
- List of Rivers and Roads Tier 2 Workshops

5. Reports

   A. Brockton Area Regional Transit Authority (BAT)

   There was no report from BAT at this time.

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

   Shawn Bailey reported on the following GATRA activities:
   - GATRA is still searching for new Administrator
   - GATRA is still looking for a site for its new bus terminal

   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

   D. MBTA Rail Vision

   Shawn Bailey provided an overview of the MBTA Rail Vision. Over the past year, the Rail Vision team has focused on learning about effective commuter rail service around the world, identifying service models that can test the system, and understanding the constraints and opportunities with the current infrastructure. On November 4, 2019, six Rail Vision alternatives were presented to the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board for discussion and review. The Board voted to support the Urban Rail Alternative, with electric locomotives being desirable. The Board also supported a resolution of electrifying the Providence/Stoughton lines, Fairmount Lines, and the Lynn to Boston Lines.

   The Old Colony Planning Council and the City of Brockton submitted letters to the MBTA expressing their support in improving Commuter Rail service to Brockton and the Old Colony region. It is the opinion of the City of Brockton and the OCPC that Alternative Six Full Transformation should be the preferred alternative.
6. Old Business

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

Charles Kilmer and Cheryll-Ann Senior discussed the projects for the FFY 2020-2024 TIP.

FFY 2020

- BROCKTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123 (BELMONT STREET), FROM ANGUS BEATON DRIVE TO WEST STREET (608088)
  - At 75% Design
  - 100% Design Plans are due on December 3

FFY 2021

- STOUGHTON - IMPROVEMENTS AT RICHARD WILKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SRTS) (608829)
  - MassDOT comments on the 75% Package returned to the Design Engineer (as of 10/25/2019)

FFY 2022

- STOUGHTON - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK AT CENTRAL STREET, CANTON STREET AND TOSCA DRIVE (608279)
  - Design Public Hearing held 10/9/2019
  - 75% Design Plans are due February 14

FFY 2024

- STOUGHTON - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 138 (607403)
  - Revised schedule moves 75% design submission into June of 2021 (previously January of 2021)

7. New Business

A. Old Colony MPO Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Shawn Bailey provided an overview of the Old Colony MPO CMP. The Old Colony MPO addresses three areas within the CMP: roadways, parking facilities, and transit. Roadways are addressed by requests from municipalities and by corridor studies conducted by OCPC staff on a yearly basis. State and local jurisdiction Roadways that have a V/C ratio (Volume-to-Capacity) of 0.80 or higher are considered to be congested.

Within the CMP, utilization counts at MBTA Commuter Rail stations, the BAT Facility, and Park & Ride lots are conducted in April and October every year. Locations that are greater than or equal to 85% utilized are considered to be congested. As an addition to the report and as a request from the previous Certification Review, OCPC conducted a sample of Passengers per Seat (PPS) for BAT.

B. Draft Old Colony Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan
Shawn Bailey provided an overview of the Draft Old Colony Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan. The CHSTP is a plan that is required to be developed in accordance with Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) for those transportation providers that seek to utilize funding from Section 5310 (Elderly and Disabled) program funds. The CHSTP has sought to help identify transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes. The plan also proposes solutions to identify service needs all awhile promoting inter-agency cooperation to provide needed transportation services in a cost effective way utilizing existing resources. On October 15, 2019, the Old Colony MPO voted to release for 21-day review and comment period.

Chairperson O’Toole asked if there is a motion to endorse the CHSTP. A motion was made and was seconded. The Old Colony JTC then voted unanimously to endorse the CHSTP.

C. Procedure for Establishment of Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Zones

Bill McNulty provided an overview on the procedure for the establishment of heavy commercial vehicle exclusion zone. Typical reasons for why a municipality may pursue a Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion zone for a roadway in their community include:

1. Preservation of Infrastructure: Existing heavy vehicle traffic is having a severe impact on the condition of pavement, culverts, and bridges on the roadway.
2. Safety: Existing roadway layout cannot safely accommodate heavy vehicles conflicting with other roadway users.
3. Quality of Life: Noise and pollution from heavy vehicles are creating an excessive burden on residents, particularly in densely developed residential areas and during hours of darkness.

Three primary warrants are considered by MassDOT when a municipality requests the establishment of a Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion Zone on a municipal roadway. One or more of these conditions may be sufficient justification for the establishment of an HCVE:

1. An existing volume of heavy vehicles, typically 5 to 8 percent of total traffic, is reducing the utilization of a facility and is cause for substantial reduction in capacity and/ or safety.
2. The condition of the pavement structure of the route to be excluded indicates that further repeated heavy wheel loads will lead to severe deterioration of the roadway.
3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in certain instances where land is primarily residential in nature and a municipality has requested exclusion only during hours of darkness, a specific night exclusion may be granted.

Chairperson O’Toole stated that the entrance to Whitman off Route 18 had heavy vehicle traffic traveling through downtown. Since getting the exclusion, it has made a huge difference in the downtown. The signage is great on Route 18.

D. Results of Old Colony MPO Local Signatory Election

On October 30, 2019, the Old Colony Planning Council Board of Directors conducted the Old Colony MPO Local Signatory Election from among the interested candidates. From the election, the Town of Whitman, represented by Daniel Salvucci, Vice Chairman, Board of Selectmen, was re-elected by a
majority vote to serve a Two-Year Term commencing November 1, 2019 and concluding on October 31, 2021.

Charles Kilmer then congratulated Dan Salvucci on being re-elected.

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 analysis in progress

Hanson
- Route 58 Traffic Study: Report in Development

Plymouth
- Intersection Traffic Study of Court Street (Route 3A) at Cherry Street and Prince Street: Data collection in progress

Stoughton
- Road Safety Audit for Park Street (Route 27) at Turnpike Street and Turnpike Street at Campanelli Parkway: Final report in development
- Traffic Counts with Speed Analysis for Kelsey Drive, Tosca Drive, and Queen Anne Way: Data collection in progress

West Bridgewater
- River Street Traffic Study: Data collection in progress

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 #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.

**EEA #16104 - Kingston Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project (Kingston) (EENF)**
The Town of Kingston proposes to construct wastewater system improvements in two phases. The first phase includes expansion of an existing wastewater treatment plant to increase its capacity from 375,000 gallons per day to 700 gallons per day and construction of .5 miles of sewer main, two pumping stations and a force main to connect the Kingston Collection mall. Phase 2 includes construction of additional effluent recharge basins to increase discharge of treated wastewater to groundwater by 200,000 gpd.

**EEA #16077 - Harju Solar Array (Plympton) (NPC)**
The Project includes a 12-acre conventional ground mounted solar facility located in wooded uplands. The Proponent also proposes to install an aerator in the agricultural reservoir to introduce oxygen in the water, enabling circulation. Improved aeration and circulation of the pond is anticipated to result in a reduction of the floating plan duckweed, which often blocks sunlight over the surface of the pond for portions of the summer.

**MEPA Certificates**

**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.

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

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

### 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kyle Mowatt*

Kyle Mowatt
Transportation Planner

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

- Minutes of the October 3, 2019 Old Colony JTC Meeting
- Staff Report for November 7, 2019, Old Colony JTC Meeting Agenda Items