

Old Colony Planning Council  
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Special Meeting  
Regional Economic Diversification Summit (REDS)

AGENDA

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Kingston Town House, Selectmen's Meeting Room (Room 200)

26 Evergreen Street, Kingston, MA 02364

6:00-9:30 P.M.

**6:00 Registration, Networking, and Refreshments**

**6:45 Welcome and Introductions**

1. Welcoming Remarks: Bruce Hughes, Community/Economic Development Planner, Old Colony Planning Council, Moderators Mary Waldron, Director, Institute for Policy Analysis and Regional Engagement, Bridgewater State, Stephen Cole, Executive Director, the Plymouth Foundation.
2. Purpose and Objectives of Tonight's Summit and Subsequent REDS Process.
3. Brief Summary of CEDS and Priority Projects
4. Description of Panels and Introductions of Panelists

**7:30 Panel 1 -Water and Wastewater Expansion**

TOPIC SUMMARY

Kingston's moratorium on wastewater connections have been in place since 2006. Improving and expanding the plant will affect future land use, housing, and economic development activities. The economic impact of expanded plant capacity in terms of job creation, private investment and actionable steps will be discussed.

PANELISTS

- Robert Downey, Town Planner, Kingston
- Elaine Fiore, Chair of Sewer Commissioners, Kingston
- James Errickson, VP Development and Planning, Mass Development Finance Agency

**8:00 Panel 2 - Traffic and Transit Solutions**

TOPIC SUMMARY

In Plymouth, capacity and access along the Route 3 corridor require enhancement and modernization starting with signalization and geometric improvements. These needs also tie into the need to update the downtown master plan to include live-work-play components that incorporate a focus of connecting the waterfront assets and amenities with the downtown activity along Court Street. Actionable steps lead with increasing the tie between transportation and sustainable economic development.

PANELISTS

- Representative, U.S. Department of Transportation, Build America Bureau
- Elizabeth Williams, Director of Data Massachusetts Department of Transportation
- James Errickson, VP Development and Financing, Mass Development

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## **8:30 Panel 3- Advancing Workforce Development**

### **TOPIC SUMMARY**

Given recent retractions and changes in the workforce as a result of the Pilgrim facility's decommissioning, regional and state workforce development practitioners will evaluate current strengths and opportunities. This will include discussion on entrepreneurship and opportunities within the blue economy.

### **PANELISTS**

- Dean Rizzo, Executive Director, South Shore Workforce Board
- Hugh Dunn, Executive Director, UMass Dartmouth Economic Development
- Ken Messenia, Business Services Manager, Massachusetts Rapid Response
- Robert Nelson, District Director, Massachusetts SBA
- Sheila Sullivan-Jardim, Executive Director, Greater Brockton Workforce Board

## **9:00 Project Implementation Teams**

- Assignment of Summit participants to individual project teams, including Team Lead
- Identification of Next Steps for each team, (e.g., date/time/place of next meeting, agenda, setting, etc.)