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MINUTES

Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Capital Programs Committee

April 8, 2026 AT 10:30 A.M.

10 Park Plaza, 2nd Floor Board Room, Suite 2890
Boston, MA 02116

Public participation and comment was available via written communication, voice message and in-person public comment.

This meeting was broadcast live online.

**MASSDOT BOARD
MEMBERS
PARTICIPATING:**

Chair Joseph Beggan, Director Ilyas Bhatti,
Director Tim King, Director Tom Koch

**OTHERS
PARTICIPATING:**

Manager of Capital Planning Michelle Scott

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deputy General Counsel Owen Kane, Director of
Operations and Policy Faisa Sharif

Chair Beggan called to order the meeting of the Capital Programs

Committee at 10:30 a.m. Owen Kane called the roll of the members

participating, being a quorum of the members of the committee:

Chair Beggan	Present
Director Bhatti	Present
Director King	Present
Director Koch	Present

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

Chair Beggan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, Capital Programs Committee Meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Capital Programs Committee Meeting held on March 11, 2026.

Chair Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes

Discussion Items

Manager of Capital Planning Michelle Scott presented **Item #2**, an update on the FY27-31 Capital Investment Plan.

She began with an update on the CIP development progress. It is expected that in May the Department will request Board approval to release the draft CIP for public comment. Board approval of the final FY27-31 CIP is expected to be requested in June.

As it develops the CIP, the Department is following advancement of the Healey-Driscoll administration funding proposals in Legislature, integrating Fair Share-supported CTF Expansion dollars into the CIP, monitoring federal policy and funding, reinforcing links between Beyond Mobility priorities and CIP investments and preparing for public engagement.

Ms. Scott discussed the preliminary funding sources for the CIP. The total budget for the FY27-31 CIP is currently set at \$20.2 billion, with expected primary funding from the federal government (through annual apportionments and the continuation of the BIL/ILJA programs), the use of the Commonwealth Bond Cap and CTF Expansion Bonds.

She also discussed the preliminary spending details. At this point, it is recommended that the Department expend more than \$7.1 billion on bridges over the next 5 years, as well as \$1.2 65 billion for MBTA investments, \$2,6

billion for Chapter 90 and \$2.2 billion for Roadway Reconstruction projects, among several initiatives.

Ms. Scott also identified the major investment highlights described in the CIP. These include the Allston Multimodal Transportation Project, the Hall-Whitaker Drawbridge and Kernwood Ave Bridge Replacements, the Cape Cod Bridges Program, Compass Rail, including West-East Rail, a project in Chicopee described as Bridge Replacement, I-391 over Chicopee Street, Bridge Replacements Haverhill/Methuen – I-495 over Merrimack River and Industrial Avenue over I-495, and I-90/I-495 Interchange Improvements in Hopkinton.

Director King asked about the proposed \$7.1 billion investment in bridges. In particular, he is interested in learning exactly what percentage of our bridges are considered deficient, and how this investment will address that percentage. Ms. Scott committed to getting an answer before the next meeting.

Chairman Beggan agreed with Director King and stressed that such information is essential as we track individual upcoming projects.

Director Koch noted that Chapter 90 is woefully underfunded and urged the Department and the Legislature to work together to provide greater assistance to municipalities through the valuable program.

Director Bhatti asked for clarification on the schedule. Ms. Scott confirmed that she will be back before this Committee (as well as the full Board) in May to seek permission to release the draft CIP for public comment.

Director King asked if we would be changing the way we have gathered public comment in past years. Ms. Scott indicated that we intend to hold 6 public meetings and a legislative meeting, as well as gathering comments online, as in past years.

The Chairman specifically asked about the Allston Project and whether we were still holding money for the project. Ms. Scott indicated that we are holding the cost of engineering and preliminary design. We are currently looking at various funding methods for the full project.

Chair Beggan asked for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call:

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

Chair Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes