

Chapter 90 Bill Transfers

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FY27 Chapter 90 Bill Overview

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In June 2026, Governor Healey signed a Chapter 90 Bill, funded by Fair Share, which provides:

- \$300 million in Chapter 90 funding for cities and towns with a \$100 million distributed by lane miles

The bill includes significant investments to support infrastructure statewide while advancing safety improvements, mobility and supporting economic growth:

- \$500 million for MassDOT Lifecycle Asset Management Program,
- **\$200 million for MBTA Rail Reliability & Modernization**
- **\$200 million for Parkway Resilience Improvement and Safety Modernization (PRISM) Program for Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Assets**
- **\$200 million for transportation projects to unlock housing development**

It also provides \$3.2 billion for transportation reauthorizations originally included in the 2022 transportation bond bill, supporting federally aided and non-federal aid highway projects, the Municipal Pavement Program and Shared Streets and Spaces grants.

Funding Transfers

MBTA Rail Improvements

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- \$200M authorization for the MBTA is to implement rail improvements, “including upgrading and modernizing vehicles, new vehicle procurements, planning, design and acquisition of commuter rail locomotives.”
- The funding will be used for procurement of Regional Rail rolling stock, including:
 - Replacing the oldest locomotives with 10 Diesel-Electric and 10 Battery/Catenary locomotives, with an option for up to 50 additional locomotives.
 - Diesel-electrics will comply with US EPA-required Tier 4 emissions standards.



Current diesel rolling stock

DCR PRISM Program

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Cape Cod Rail Trail in Yarmouth

- \$200M authorization for the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will implement the Parkway Resilience Improvement and Safety Modernization (PRISM) program
- Working with the Executive Office of Administration & Finance and MassDOT, DCR is developing the suite of projects for this program including:
 - establishing an accelerated Statewide Resurfacing Program
 - a Statewide Culvert Improvement Program
 - performing major trail maintenance,
 - designing or constructing projects identified under the Parkway Master Plan.

Housing and Livable Communities

Transportation Grants for Housing

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- \$200M authorization for the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (HLC) is for a program of transportation capital projects to support development of housing, including the planning, design and construction of transportation infrastructure.
- Consistent with the Healey-Driscoll Administration's policy of simplifying and expediting the delivery of municipal projects, the majority of funding under this initiative will be provided through existing HLC grant programs via a centralized grant portal (Community One Stop for Growth) for public economic development investment.
- HLC operates four competitive grant programs open to municipalities for a variety of infrastructure projects associated with housing development (Community Planning, Housing Works Infrastructure Program, Housing Choice, and MBTA/3A Catalyst). HLC expects that approximately \$180 million of the new funding will be dedicated to projects under these programs.
- Community One Stop applications for SFY27 are currently under review and awards will be announced in the Fall. MassDOT/MBTA staff are included in the One Stop review process.



Housing and Livable Communities

Local Housing Authority Roadways

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- HLC is also responsible for overseeing approximately 43,000 state-funded public housing units.
- HLC has identified 8.5 million square feet of internal roadways in need of repair or rehabilitation.
- HLC expects to allocate approximately \$20 million of the new funding to this effort with a goal of ensuring safer, more accessible and reliable internal roadways and preserving existing public-housing assets.



Braintree Housing Authority

Request of the Board of Directors

Request of the MassDOT Board of Directors

Vote 1 – MBTA Rail Improvements

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VOTED:

To recommend that the MassDOT Board of Directors authorize the Secretary, or their designee, to approve and execute an Agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to transfer \$200,000,000.00 to the MBTA to implement rail improvements, including upgrading and modernizing vehicles, new vehicle procurements, planning, design and acquisition of commuter rail locomotives.

FURTHER VOTED:

That the Secretary, or their designee, is hereby authorized to execute any necessary or ancillary documents to effectuate the transfer of \$200,000,000.00 to the MBTA in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

Request of the MassDOT Board of Directors

Vote 2 – DCR PRISM Program

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VOTED:

To recommend that the MassDOT Board of Directors authorize the Secretary, or their designee, to approve and execute an Agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to transfer \$200,000,000.00 to DCR for the Parkway Resilience Improvement and Safety Modernization (PRISM) investment program.

FURTHER VOTED:

That the Secretary, or their designee, is hereby authorized to execute any necessary or ancillary documents to effectuate the transfer of \$200,000,000.00 to DCR in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

Request of the MassDOT Board of Directors

Vote 3 – HLC Unlocking Housing Development

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VOTED:

To recommend that the MassDOT Board of Directors authorize the Secretary, or their designee, to approve and execute an Agreement with the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (HLC) to transfer \$200,000,000.00 to HLC for a program of transportation capital projects to support the development of housing.

FURTHER VOTED:

That the Secretary, or their designee, is hereby authorized to execute any necessary or ancillary documents to effectuate the transfer of \$200,000,000.00 to HLC in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

Thank You



Appendix

Legislative Language

AN ACT FINANCING LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL ROADS AND BRIDGES

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SECTION 2A 6121-2768

For a program of transportation capital projects to support development of housing, including, but not limited to, the costs of planning, design and engineering and other services for those projects rendered by commonwealth employees and consultants; construction and reconstruction of roadways, bridges, pavements, culverts, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, safety and accessibility improvements, landscape improvements, lighting, climate resilience and stormwater management improvements; provided further, that the secretary of transportation shall consult with the secretary of housing and livable communities and the secretary for administration and finance on prioritization, selection and implementation of transportation capital projects to be funded from this item; provided further, that this item may be used by the secretary of transportation to provide grants to municipalities for transportation capital projects to support development of housing in those municipalities, in consultation with the secretary of housing and livable communities and the secretary for administration and finance..... \$200,000,000

SECTION 2A 6121-2737

For the Parkway Resilience Improvement and Safety Modernization (PRISM) investment program, an accelerated deferred maintenance, modernization and safety program for multi-modal transportation infrastructure under the care and control of the department of conservation and recreation, including, but not limited to, the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, repair, improvement and rehabilitation of transportation infrastructure; the costs of planning, design and engineering and other services for those projects rendered by commonwealth employees and by consultants; provided, that funds may be expended for roadways, bridges, culverts, pavements, multi-modal transportation infrastructure, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, safety and accessibility improvements, intersection and landscape improvements, lighting, traffic signals and signage, climate resilience and stormwater management improvements associated with transportation capital projects on transportation infrastructure under the care and control of the department; provided further, that the secretary of transportation shall consult with the secretary of energy and environment and the secretary for administration and finance on coordination of transportation capital projects to be funded from this item, and the design of any project funded by this item shall be consistent with applicable historic parkways preservation treatment guidelines and parkways master plan to the extent practicable..... \$200,000,000

SECTION 2B 6622-2747

For the purpose of implementing rail improvements pursuant to chapter 161A of the General Laws, including upgrading and modernizing vehicles, new vehicle procurements, planning, design and acquisition of commuter rail locomotives \$200,000,000