



Maura Healey, Governor  
Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor  
Phillip Eng, Interim MassDOT Secretary



# MINUTES

## Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Finance & Audit Committee

February 11, 2026 AT 9:30 A.M.

10 Park Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Richard Dimino, Director Tim King,  
Director Eric Batista

**OTHERS  
PARTICIPATING:**

Chief Financial Officer Davis Pottier

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

Chair Dimino called to order the meeting of the Finance & Audit  
Committee at 9:33 a.m. Owen Kane called the roll of the members

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

<b>Chair Dimino</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Director Batista</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Director King</b>	<b>Present</b>

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Minutes**

Chair Dimino asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025 Finance & Audit Committee Meeting.

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

**VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held on November 12, 2025.**

<b>Chair Dimino</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Batista</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director King</b>	<b>Yes</b>

### **Discussion Items**

Chief Financial Officer David Pottier presented **Item #2**, an update on the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget.

Mr. Pottier noted that Governor Healey submitted her Budget request to

the Legislature on January 28. The request, referred to as House 2, advances the administration's transformative \$8 billion plan to upgrade roads, bridges and public transportation across the Commonwealth.

Mr. Pottier led a lengthy discussion on transportation benefits derived from three main funding vehicles: FY27 House 2 Budget, FY26 Fair Share Supplemental Filing and the Chapter 90 Supplemental Bill.

Mr. Pottier noted that, excluding the sales tax transfer, the FY27 House 2 Budget recommends \$1.3 billion in transportation funding, representing a \$94.5 million (8 percent) increase over the FY26 General Appropriations Act (GAA), the FY26 Fair Share Supplemental Filing includes a proposed \$784.7 million investment in transportation, and the Chapter 90 Supplemental Bill provides \$1.2 billion over four years to ensure stable, increased funding for municipal road and bridge repairs.

The House 2 Budget supports MassDOT operations at \$645 million, representing an \$86 million increase compared to the FY26 GAA, an \$85 million appropriation for snow and ice removal, based on the five-year average of actual costs. This reflects a \$50 million increase from the FY26 GAA

to maintain safe roadway conditions during winter storms.

Mr. Pottier stated that, across House 2 and the Supplemental Budget, Fair Share Funding will support \$1.8 billion in transportation investments for the following:

MassDOT – \$545.0 Million

- o \$263.2million for MassDOT Service Investments
- o \$229.8 million in support of RTAs
- o \$30.0 million for the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Credit
- o \$15.0 million for Microtransit and Last Mile grants
- o \$7.0 million for Unpaved Roads

MBTA – \$1.1 Billion

- o \$993.0 million in support of MBTA operations
- o \$121.7 million for Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) reserve

Other Transportation related initiatives – \$162.0 Million

- o \$100.0 million to support the Human Services Transportation Office
- o \$62.0 million to support Education Transportation

The Healey-Driscoll Administration is proposing a four-year \$1.2 billion

Chapter 90 authorization which would provide:

- \$300 million annually for 4 years with a \$100 million distributed by lane

miles

The bill includes significant support for infrastructure improvements

statewide:

- \$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 DCR Assets

- \$200 million for transportation projects to unlock housing

development

It also proposes reauthorization of popular programs funded by the

2022 Transportation Bond Bill:

- \$2.3B in reauthorized federal aid highway spending
- \$800M in reauthorized nonfederal aid highway spending
- \$65M in reauthorized municipal pavement program spending
- \$12M in reauthorized Shared Streets and spaces program spending.

Director King asked if the \$200 million dedicated to TOD was to be used as grants. Mr. Pottier stated that he would provide the information to the Board.

Directors King and Batista expressed concern about the number of FTEs in the budget materials. Mr. Pottier indicated that the Department is confident that, while it will be a challenging year, we have requested an appropriate number of FTEs to accomplish our mission.

The Chair then led a discussion to add context to Mr. Pottier's presentation. He emphasized that the increased money in the budget dedicated to capital projects will allow the Department to redirect other funds for operational needs.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Dimino asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

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

<b>Chair Dimino</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Batista</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director King</b>	<b>Yes</b>