

# FY26 Commonwealth Trust Fund (CTF) Expansion

*Capital Programs Committee*

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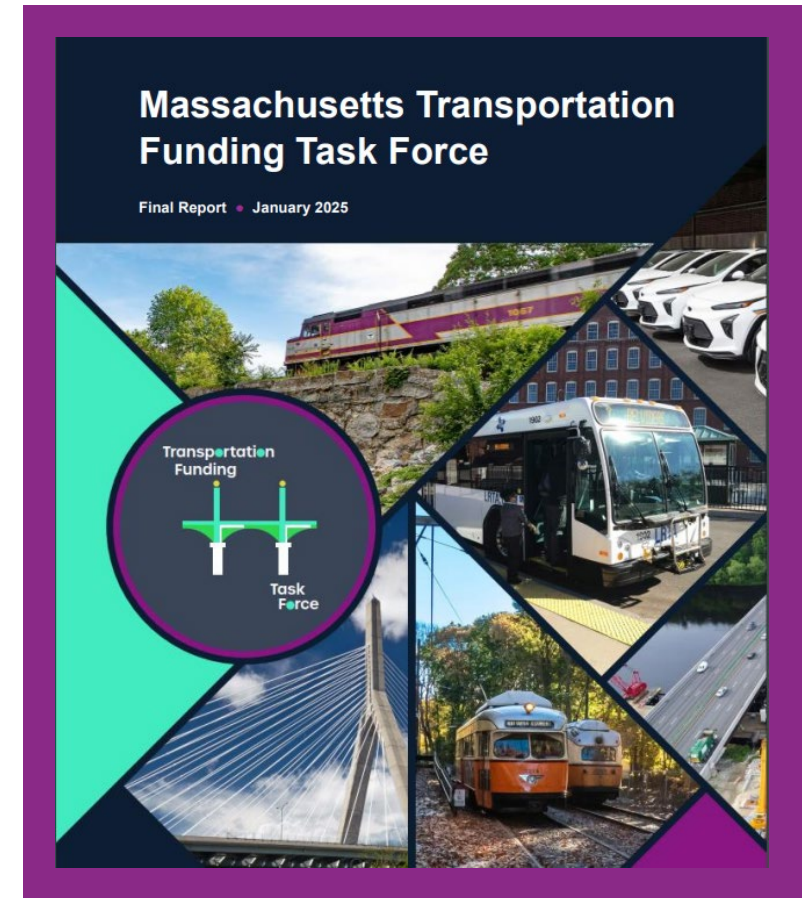
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# CTF Expansion Funding Opportunity

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- The FY26 Massachusetts Budget directs \$550 million annually in Fair Share funding to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) to expand bonding capacity for capital projects, yielding
  - \$2.5 billion for MassDOT
  - \$1.5 billion for Chapter 90
  - \$850 million for the MBTA
- MassDOT and the MBTA are refining proposals for utilizing this capacity, which will likely be spent out over the next five to 10 years.
  - These proposals will advance administration priorities, building off the work of the Transportation Finance Task Force.



# MassDOT Funding

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- MassDOT's funding is allocated among four programs.
- While most funding will be allocated through the upcoming Capital Investment Plan (CIP) process, some programs and projects will begin spending this fiscal year.
- In addition to this funding, the FY26 Chapter 90 Program is funded from CTF bonds instead of bond cap (general obligation bonds) and will be increased from \$200 million to \$300 million.
- Consistent with our standard practice, the upcoming CIP will assume this annual amount for the five years of the CIP.

## MassDOT CTF Program Categories

Program Category	Amount
Bridge and Pavement Asset Management	\$1,500 M
Community Culvert Grant Program	\$200 M
Safety and Congestion Hotspots	\$185 M
Allston Multimodal Project	\$615 M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,500 M</b>

# Bridge and Pavement Asset Management

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- The Highway Division has begun developing a program of projects to be funded with the \$1.5 billion in new resources. Many of these projects will be programmed in the upcoming CIP.
- The Highway Division is also poised to put these funds to work immediately on active task order contacts to address priority unfunded needs across the state, including:
  - Approximately \$24 million in bridge maintenance
  - Approximately \$42 million in resurfacing
- In addition, the Highway Division is implementing a Rapid Repair and Replacement Program for municipal bridges. Under this program, the Division will identify municipal bridges for repair or replacement through an expedited procurement/construction process.



Pavement improvements



Municipal small bridge



# Community Culvert Grant Program

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- Building on the success of the existing small bridge program, MassDOT is working to launch a new grant program this fall on MassDOT's Grant Central portal.
- The program will fund the repair, replacement, removal, modernization, and resiliency of municipally owned culverts and small bridges.
- The entire cost of awarded projects will be funded, including both design and construction.
- MassDOT's goal is to award up to \$20 million in projects in FY26.



Culvert improvement project



# Safety and Congestion Hotspots

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Guard rail improvements



Example of intersection improvements

- The Highway Division has begun developing a program of projects to be funded with the \$185 million in new resources. Many of these projects will be programmed in the upcoming CIP.
- We have, however, identified approximately \$13 million that can be addressed through adding scope to ongoing contracts, expediting project delivery and saving time and money.

# Allston Multimodal Project

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- The CTF bonding proposal included \$615 million for the Allston Multimodal Project.
- In response to the rescission of \$327 million in federal funding, MassDOT will be doing an independent assessment of the project's cost and engineering.
- In addition, the FY26 budget includes an outside section specifying that CTF bonding capacity "shall not be used to support or fund, in whole or in part, a single transportation project with a total project cost, regardless of source, in excess of \$1,000,000,000 unless the borrowing for the project is specifically authorized and approved by the general court."
- Given these facts, MassDOT is holding this funding in reserve and will not propose programming it until after the conclusion of the independent review.



# MBTA Funding

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- The FY26 Budget authorizes \$850 million in CTF bonding capacity to be transferred to the MBTA for maintenance facility and power system modernization and resiliency.
- The MBTA has identified the following projects to be funded in whole or in part from this funding:
  - Widett Regional Rail Layover Facility- Phase 1
  - Arborway Battery Electric Bus Maintenance Facility
  - Green Line Infrastructure Projects
  - Locomotive Procurement
- Given the importance of these projects, the MBTA and MassDOT will be requesting approval of an \$850 million transfer at the October Board meeting.
  - We ask the Capital Programs Committee today to vote to recommend approval by the full Board.



MBTA Commuter Rail locomotive

# Request of the Capital Programs Committee

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## **VOTED:**

Staff request that the Capital Programs Committee recommend the MassDOT Board of Directors to authorize the Secretary of Transportation or her designee, to execute an Agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) transferring \$850,000,000.00 in Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) bonding capacity to the MBTA to fund certain transit and transit related investments as determined by the General Manager of the MBTA.

## **FURTHER VOTED:**

To recommend the MassDOT Board of Directors to authorize the Secretary, to execute any necessary or ancillary documents to effectuate the transfer of \$850,000,000.00 to the MBTA pursuant to this Agreement.

# Thank You

