



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



MINUTES

Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Board of Directors

January 28, 2026 AT 10:00 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 Phil Eng, Director Eric Batista (left meeting at 11:54 a.m.), Director Ilyas Bhatti, Director Joseph Beggan, Director Richard Dimino, Director Lisa Iezzone, Director Tim King, Director Tom Koch (left meeting at 11:57 a.m.), Director Dean Mazarella (arrived at 10:42 a.m.), Director Thomas McGee

**OTHERS
PARTICIPATING:**

Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver, Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie, Administrator of Rail & Transit Meredith Slesinger, Aeronautics Administrator Denise Garcia, Darrin McAuliffe, Chief Engineer Carrie Lavallee, Deputy Chief Engineer John Bechard, Budget Director Jack Caljouw, Rev. Larry Camerlin, President of Angel Flight NE

OTHERS PRESENT:

General Counsel Carrie Wicker, Deputy General Counsel Owen Kane

Chair Eng called to order the meeting of the MassDOT Board at 10:04 a.m. Owen Kane called the roll of the members participating, being a quorum of the MassDOT Board of Directors:

Chair Eng	Present
Director Batista	Present
Director Beggan	Present
Director Bhatti	Present
Director Dimino	Present
Director Iezzoni	Present
Director King	Present
Director Koch	Present
Director McGee	Present

Safety Briefing

Darrin McAuliffe presented the Safety Briefing.

Employee Recognition

The Chair Invited Undersecretary Gulliver and Registrar Ogilvie to join him in recognizing four MassDOT employees for extraordinary work achievements.

Amrit Singh, the Manager of Vehicle Services was recognized by Registrar Ogilvie for exceptional service to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Assistant Highway Administrator Neil Boudreau was recognized for his being elected Chair of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

John Bechard and Steve McLaughlin were honored for their long service to the Department. Both men are planning to retire within the next few weeks.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

The Chair then asked for a Motion to Approve the Minutes from the December 3, 2025 Meeting of the MassDOT Board.

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

VOTED:

To approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on December 3, 2025.

Chair Eng	Yes
Director Batista	Yes
Director Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director Dimino	Yes
Director Iezzoni	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Mazzarella	Yes
Director McGee	Yes

STANDING REPORTS

The Secretary presented his report to the Board.

He began with a discussion of his belief that Transportation has to be addressed in the context of Quality of Life. Through the Supplemental Budget Appropriation to Chapter 90, Governor Healey and Lt. Gov. Driscoll have committed more than \$1.2 billion to our cities and towns to improve and maintain the transportation systems that are so vital to the quality of life of all of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

The Secretary led a discussion on the Department's 2026 priorities. He noted that the support of the Administration has allowed us plan and implement important, far-reaching projects that can only be accomplished because we know that the funding is available.

Chief Engineer Carrie Lavallee discussed how the Department has been able to provide funding for accelerated infrastructure projects through the Fair Share appropriation. We have been able to partner with communities throughout the Commonwealth in repairing or replacing bridges that would otherwise have had to wait.

Director McGee commended the Department and asked about the specific dollar amount for each project. The Chief noted that the bridges are owned by the municipalities. The timing of the projects is key. It is the Department's intention to do more of these projects, but \$40 million to 12 communities is a pretty good start.

The Secretary also discussed other initiatives that the Department has recently undertaken, including the Municipal Speed Feedback Signage Program.

He also noted that, for those who have not obtained their REAL ID yet, the TSA has instituted a temporary program that will allow travelers to use airports for a period of 10 days. The temporary program will cost each traveler \$45 for the 10 day pass.

Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver provided his report to the Board. Administrator Gulliver updated the Board on the Snow and Ice activities thus far. The Department had more than 3000 pieces of equipment plowing and treating the roads by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

The Administrator also noted that as of January 27, Massachusetts has seen 16 snow events, with an average snowfall statewide: 37", with a total material use of Salt: 269,211 tons, Sand: 4,295 tons and Mag. Chloride (Prewet salt): 1.192 million gallons. The total cost to date is approximately \$93.5 million. He also discussed the very popular Name The Plow Program, the recent TRB Annual Meeting and, in response to questioning from Director Iezzoni, the Administrator assured the Board that the leases at the Service Plazas have been extended and we will provide a complete update in the near future.

There was extensive discussion.

Aeronautics Administrator Denice Garcia presented her Division's report. The Administrator provided an update on the George Harlow Field Apron Permitting and Reconstruction Project. She noted that the investment in the airport has significantly improved the level of safety and has addressed critical environmental concerns.

The Administrator then introduced Larry Camerlin, founder and president of Angel Flight NE, a long-time partner of the Aeronautics Division. Mr. Camerlin led a discussion on Angel Flight, a charitable organization whose mission is to provide free air transportation in private aircrafts by volunteer pilots and with the assistance of commercial aviation partners so that children and adults may have access to lifesaving care and treatment for as long and as often as needed.

Angel Flight New England has been operating for more than 30 years, has flown 111,000 missions over more than 117 million miles, and has transported thousands of patients to and from nearly 800 medical facilities throughout the United States. With more than 400 volunteer pilots and partnerships with commercial airlines such as Jet Blue and Cape Air, Angel

Flight NE supports children and adults who must travel to access critical care anywhere in the United States.

Mr. Camerlin shared with the Board materials on the amazing work by AFNE and its volunteers, including the story of Maci, a child diagnosed in 2019 with neuroblastoma, a rare childhood cancer. Maci had to travel to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, more than 700 miles from her home, making frequent trips physically, emotionally and financially overwhelming for her family.

In 2021, her family turned to Angel Flight. Over the past five years, AFNE has coordinated more than 40 flights for Maci, ensuring that she never missed critical care. Today, Maci is cancer-free and continues her journey through a clinical trial. Her story is a powerful reminder of what's possible when generosity, partnership and compassion come together.

Directors King, Mazarella, McGee, Dimino and Bhatti all expressed their appreciation to Mr. Camerlin and the great volunteers of Angel Flight.

Chairman Eng also expressed his thanks to the men and women of Angel Flight and noted that what we do at MassDOT is not just about moving

cars and planes, it is about the impact our actions have on people and their needs.

Registrar Colleen Ogilvie presented the report of the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The Registrar provided an update on the use of e-signatures for RMV transactions.

On January 1, 2026, the RMV implemented the E-Signature requirements set forth in Sections 40 and 135 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025. This allows dealerships on the Electronic Vehicle Registration (EVR) program to use electronic signatures on paper certificates of title.

This eliminates the need for customers to be physically present for title signing AND vehicle registration before delivery, resulting in:

- An improved customer experience, particularly for online car buyers;
- and
- Improved operational efficiency and competitive advantage for dealerships.

The Registrar also provided updates on the Driver License Program, Commercial Road Tests and Sheriff Memoranda of Agreements.

Meredith Slesinger then provided the Rail & Transit Division update. She provided information on the Transit Connectivity Awards. The Administrator announced that \$10 million in Fair Share funding through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 state budget would be awarded to Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) to support 16 projects. The grants will allow RTAs to pilot new expansions, continue promising pilots, and improve existing connections. Three awards will facilitate connections to destinations & transit systems in neighboring states, including grants to:

- Lowell Regional Transit Authority year-round service to Nashua & connections to the Nashua Transit System;
- Merrimack Valley Transit (MeVa) service to Salem, NH & connections to the Manchester Transit Authority; and
- Southeastern Regional Transit Authority and Rhode Island Public Transit Authority partnering to expand connections between Fall River, Providence, and Newport.

Presentations and Actions

Deputy Chief Engineer John Bechard presented a request to authorize

and approve the Secretary/CEO, or his designee, to execute MassDOT Contract No. 613921-32904 titled Boston: Boston- Bridge Deck Preservation of B-16-259 and B-16-260 on I-93, for Bridge Preservation, with McCourt Construction Co Inc, for the amount of \$16,699,051.25 for a total duration, not to exceed nine hundred twenty two (922) days from Notice to Proceed (NTP).

The award of Contract No.132904 titled Boston - Bridge Deck preservation of B-16-259 and B-16-260 on I-93, will address the need of the bridge deck joints repair/replacement, concrete deck repairs and full replacement of the wearing surface with the waterproofing mix. The project also includes repair of the bridge barriers and parapets, and cleaning and repair of the drainage system.

Both structures, Bridge B-16-259 (3EC, 3EJ, 3EH) and Bridge B-16-260 (3DN), are located in the southern part of the City of Boston. The bridges were built in 1958; the decks widening and replacement was performed in 1984.

Bridge B-16-259 (3EC) is oriented North - South and carries I-93 Northbound and Southbound over Columbia Road and the MBTA Railroad (Red Line). The overall length of approximately 1531 feet and an overall width

of approximately 111 feet. The structure has a curb-to-curb width of 104 feet and carries eight lanes, four in each direction, no sidewalks. The bridge superstructure consists of 23 simply supported spans comprised of three hundred and fifty five (355) steel rolled-beams supporting the reinforced concrete deck. The substructure consists of two reinforced concrete abutments and wingwalls at all four corners supported by concrete piles, and 8 double steel bents and 14 single steel bents supported by reinforced concrete pile cap (rigid frame legs).

Based on the October 10, 2022, Routine Inspection Report, the existing deck is in satisfactory condition, the existing superstructure is in fair condition, with paint and coating in poor condition; and the existing substructure is in fair condition.

Discussion ensued.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve this project.

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

VOTED: To award and execute MassDOT Contract No. 613921-132904 titled Boston - Bridge Deck Preservation of B-16-259 and B-16-260 on

I-93, with McCourt Construction Co Inc., in a form approved by the General Counsel, in the amount of \$16,699,051.25.

Chair Eng	Yes
Director Batista	Yes
Director Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director Dimino	Yes
Director Iezzoni	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Mazzarella	Yes
Director McGee	Yes

Deputy Chief Engineer Jack Moran presented a mid-year update on the FY 2026 Highway Capital Plan.

Mr. Moran began by providing some background information on what the Department considers when developing its Capital Plan. Mr. Moran noted that the Department looks at three factors, Completeness, the percentage of projects of original plan delivered, Timeliness, the percentage of projects advertised within 30 days of planned date and projects reaching contract NTP within 120 days, and Accuracy, the comparison of office estimate to awarded bid.

Mr. Moran noted that, to date, 80 projects have been planned for advertisement in SFY 2026 (97% of value - \$413M of \$426M planned) , 90% have been advertised to-date (72/80). Of the 8 remaining projects, 1 was advertised on 1/3/26, 3 are planned for advertisement by February and 4 will be reprogrammed in upcoming planning cycle.

Also, 97% of the 72 projects advertised in SFY 26 to-date have been issued NTPs within 30 days of target.

Jack Caljouw presented the next item, a request for approval for the FY26 Quincy Fair Share Reimbursement.

Prior to Mr. Caljouw's presentation, the Chair asked Deputy General Counsel Owen Kane to address the matter of the voluntary recusal by one of the Board members. Mr. Kane explained that as Director Koch is Mayor of Quincy, he decided that in an abundance of caution and to avoid even the perception of a conflict, he was recusing himself from both the discussion and vote on this matter. Mr. Kane further explained that after lengthy discussions with both the General Counsel and the Department's Ethics Counsel, the Legal Department had concluded that there was no actual conflict of interest if

Director Koch elected to participate in the action. Nonetheless, Director Koch chose to recuse himself and left the meeting prior to the presentation.

Mr. Caljouw stated that a \$1.3B supplemental budget was enacted in June 2025 which provided additional investments funded by the Education and Transportation Fund (ETF).

Among other investments, the legislation provided for a series of local earmarks including the funding of a downtown parking garage under construction in the City of Quincy.

The facility under construction will support the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, providing ADA-accessible parking within walking distance of both the medical center and nearby transit including the Quincy Center MBTA station.

The overall project includes all phases of design, construction of a garage superstructure, utilities, elevators, and lighting, as well as ADA compliant pedestrian connections to the medical facility.

As a municipal earmark, the project is being managed by the City of Quincy. The funds provided by the state can only be spent on the parking garage, as designated by legislative language.

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

VOTED: To authorize the Secretary of Transportation or their designee, to execute an Agreement with the City of Quincy transferring \$25,000,000 in Education and Transportation funds as directed by legislative earmark for the purposes of a Parking Garage located at 45 McConville Way, Quincy.

FURTHER VOTED:

To authorize the Secretary or their designee to execute any necessary or ancillary documents to effectuate the transfer of \$25,000,000 to the City of Quincy pursuant to this Agreement.

Chair Eng	Yes
Director Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director Dimino	Yes
Director Iezzoni	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Mazzarella	Yes
Director McGee	Yes

Chair Eng asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 12:02 p.m.

Chair Eng	Yes
Director Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director Dimino	Yes
Director Iezzi	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Mazarella	Yes
Director McGee	Yes