



MINUTES

Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Capital Programs Committee

July 15, 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:**

Chairman Joseph Beggan, Director Timothy
King, Director Ilyas Bhatti, Director Thomas
Koch

**OTHERS
PARTICIPATING:**

Deputy Chief Engineer Jack Moran

OTHERS PRESENT:

Counsel, Corporate Governance Noah Potash

Chair Beggan called to order the meeting of the Capital Programs
Committee at 10:30 a.m. Noah Potash called the roll of the members
participating, being a quorum of the Committee:

**Chair Beggan
Director King**

**Present
Present**

Director Bhatti
Director Koch

Present
Present

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 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 June 10, 2026.

Chair Beggan
Director King
Director Bhatti
Director Koch

Abstain
Yes
Yes
Yes

Deputy Chief Engineer Jack Moran then presented Item #2, a recommendation to approve a Bridge Replacement at Upper Road in Deerfield over the Deerfield River. Mr. Moran discussed the deterioration of the existing bridge, exacerbated by the river. He explained that the new bridge would feature scour-stable piers, a wider bridge, treatment of runoff, and more overhead utilities. He described how the new construction would

improve resiliency, then discussed the public review and permitting processes. Mr. Moran said that the project would take 4.5 years and would utilize staged construction to maintain alternating one-way traffic. He reviewed the procurement, noting that three bids were submitted, with the winning bidder, Northern Construction Services, coming in 8% below the engineer's estimate. He reviewed the budget and noted that it would use set-aside federal funds available for off-system bridges.

Director Bhatti said the bridge was badly needed and discussed the detour for heavier vehicles with Mr. Moran. Director Bhatti and Mr. Moran discussed how reducing the number of piers and providing robust foundations will reduce scouring. Director Bhatti asked if the steel beams would be replaced and Mr. Moran said that they would be. Director Bhatti and Mr. Moran discussed the total project budget. Director Koch said that the project was straightforward and that he was pleased with the estimate.

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

VOTED: To recommend that the MassDOT Board of Directors authorize the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or their designee, to award and execute MassDOT Construction Contract 134590 – Bridge Replacement, D-06-001, Upper Road Over Deerfield River in Deerfield, MA, with Northern Construction Service

LLC, for the amount of \$21,632,509.00.

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

Chair Beggan then asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

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