



MINUTES

Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Finance & Audit Committee

June 10, 2026 AT 9:30 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 Richard Dimino, Director Eric Batista,
Director Timothy King

**OTHERS
PARTICIPATING:**

Chief Financial Officer David Pottier, Deputy
Transit Administrator Tom Schiavone, Chief
Operating Officer Meghan Haggerty, Director of
Audit Operations Jim Logan, RMV Chief
Compliance Officer Allen Chiu

OTHERS PRESENT:

Counsel, Corporate Governance Noah Potash

Chairman Dimino called to order the meeting of the Finance & Audit
Committee at 10:30 a.m. Noah Potash called the roll of the members
participating, being a quorum of the Committee:

Chair Dimino

Present

Director King

Present

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2026, Capital Programs Committee Meeting.

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Finance & Audit Committee Meeting held on May 13, 2026.

Chair Dimino
Director King

Yes
Yes

Chief Financial Officer David Pottier presented Item #2, the FY27 Budget, beginning by discussing various developing state funding sources.

Note: Director Batista joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Mr. Pottier reviewed increases to the Snow & Ice and cost of doing business totals and discussed \$217 million in funding for the RTAs. He reviewed funding for the Merit Rating Board and toll collection revenues. Mr. Pottier discussed the ongoing development of the Fair Share Supplemental Budget and noted a decrease in non-toll operating revenues tied to real estate

changes. He discussed the importance of FTE support and explained that a decrease in toll revenues is projected due to fuel prices. Mr. Pottier reviewed the successful Chapter 90 bill, which would provide \$300 million in the first year and discussed associated infrastructure investments and reauthorization of popular programs.

Director King asked about municipal winter recovery funds and Mr. Pottier explained that those funds would be allocated 80% based on lane miles and 20% based on circumstances. Director King asked about the reduced toll revenues and Mr. Pottier discussed the impact of gas prices. Mr. King asked about mode shift and Mr. Pottier said that the projection expects that people will take fewer extra trips. Director Batista and Mr. Pottier discussed communication about winter funds going directly to communities. Chair Dimino discussed the bills that will support the final budget and possible changes. Director Batista asked about funding for fare free RTAs and Deputy Transit Administrator Tom Schiavone noted that funding would be at least at a stable \$35 million level. Chair Dimino said that while the final amount would depend on negotiations, some amount would be included. He then discussed Chapter 90 and concluded that the budget was in a solid

position.

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

VOTED: To recommend that the MassDOT Board of Directors approve the FY27 Budget as presented.

Chair Dimino	Yes
Director Batista	Yes
Director King	Yes

Deputy Transit Administrator Tom Schiavone presented Item #3, a request for a recommendation for two separate contracts with Regional Transit Authorities (“RTAs”) for Operating Assistance. He provided an overview of the RTAs, noting that they provided 32.8 million passenger trips in FY25, surpassing pre-pandemic levels. Mr. Schiavone reviewed \$168.5 million in state contract assistance and \$49 million in Fair Share funding. He provided a profile of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, the largest RTA, and the Worcester Regional Transit Authority, the second largest.

Director King discussed the breakdown of funding with Mr. Schiavone. Chair Dimino and Mr. Schiavone discussed the increased contract size over previous years. Chair Dimino called it an incredibly good story to see an unprecedented level of support.

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

VOTED: To recommend that the full Board authorize the agreement with Pioneer Valley Transit Authority as described.

Chair Dimino	Yes
Director Batista	Yes
Director King	Yes

Note: Director Batista recused himself from the WRTA vote.

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

VOTED: recommend that the full Board authorize the agreement with the Worcester Regional Transit Authority as described.

Chair Dimino	Yes
Director King	Yes

Chief Operating Officer Meghan Haggerty began the presentation for Item # 4, the RMV SPEX/Out of State Audit by emphasizing the important safety functions of the State Pointer Exchange (SPEX) Unit and the Out of State (OOS) Unit of the RMV. Director of Audit Operations Jim Logan provided background, explaining that the SPEX Unit prevents duplicate driver credentials and the OOS unit ensures that out-of-state infractions are applied in state. He said that the audit reviewed CY2024 and reviewed the scope and key processes covered. Mr. Logan said that the results indicated that the

internal controls, policies, and procedures were in place and that there were no critical findings.

Chair Dimino discussed the importance of the work. RMV Chief Compliance Officer Allen Chiu and Chair Dimino discussed the RMV's ongoing efforts on compliance. Director King asked about the next cycle of this audit and Mr. Logan said that it would start in 2027. Director King asked about findings of concern and Mr. Logan said that the sole minor finding was corrected during the audit. Director King said he was glad to see the audit process was ongoing. Director Batista congratulated the audit team and the RMV team. Chair Dimino mentioned ongoing internal discussions about the next audit.

The Chair then asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:24 a.m.

Chair Dimino	Yes
Director Batista	Yes
Director King	Yes