

Massachusetts Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board Meeting Notes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
State Transportation Building, Boston

Welcome & Swearing In: Jaclyn Youngblood, MassDOT's Deputy Chief Innovation Officer and MABPAB co-chair, called the meeting to order and introduced Massachusetts Chief Secretary April English, who administered the swearing in of new and existing MABPAB members (see board member sign-in sheet below)

Opening remarks by Secretary Eng: MassDOT Interim Secretary Phillip Eng stressed the importance of multimodality – having all modes of transportation – walking, cycling, transit and driving blend together. Secretary Eng also emphasized MABPAB's role in advising agency officials to meet goals of having the Commonwealth's transportation network safe, accessible and available to everyone. Secretary Eng concluded with congratulating the new members and thanking MABPAB for their ongoing work and continued open, transparent dialog on future initiatives

Board member introductions: Jaclyn facilitated board member introductions, including names, organization/affiliation **and/or** what perspective you are bringing to the board, in addition to a great stroll or roll you've been on in recently ([view video link](#))

MABPAB guidelines: Jaclyn provided a brief overview (attached) on MABPAB-related information including board purpose and scope, function and proposed meeting norms. Spelling out agency-type acronyms and resolving conflict were given as a couple of examples. Speaking from your own experience (using "I" statements) was also encouraged

2025 Bicycle and pedestrian recap: Pete Sutton, MassDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Coordinator gave an update on MABPAB's 2025 accomplishments (attached) and provided data points measuring performance, such as number of trail miles built and number of bike/ped projects in the MassDOT pipeline that are either in design or funded for construction. The biggest future challenge will be addressing the rising costs of project implementation, which was echoed by DCR

2026 MABPAB Goals: Jaclyn stated MABPAB will need to select two co-chairs at the next meeting, one of which cannot be a state agency member. Open discussion then took place regarding potential topics to be undertaken by MABPAB in 2026, including:

- Marketing or rebranding bike/ped infrastructure through the safety lens: not only for vulnerable users, but for motor vehicles as well. American Legion Highway in Boston was cited as an example of a dangerous high-speed high-volume roadway being calmed by separated bike lanes, benefiting all modes using that road
- Broadening the constituent base for MassDOT's annual [Moving Together conference](#), such as more poster sessions for students. Moving Together has established itself as an important event highlighting active transportation (bike/ped/transit) throughout the Commonwealth in addition to being a premier networking event for agencies, advocacy groups, academia and consultants. MABPAB members attend the conference free-of-charge
- Hospital data to be added to MassDOT's [IMPACT crash data portal](#). Using Falmouth as an example, during peak summer months, at least a half dozen bicycle-related crashes per weekend go unreported due to lack of hospitals providing crash data
- Multi-lingual education for parents regarding e-mobility devices, such as e-bikes and e-motos (mopeds or motorcycles) and the potential dangers for non-experienced teenage users. An ad campaign (such the ones used for anti-smoking) could be rolled out strategically prior to the holiday gift-giving season for added impact. Reports of some children as young as twelve years old have suffered serious and fatal crashes riding e-motos at speeds of 30-35 mph
- Action resulting from findings of the [Micromobility Commission](#) report due out this winter. Safety education and piloting design innovations should be considered, especially along shared use paths
 - Findings from the report are scheduled to be presented at an upcoming MABPAB meeting with some of the MABPAB agency members also serving on the Special Commission on Micromobility – they can also offer their perspective
 - One note: the report does not specifically address e-motos, as they regulated by the MA Environmental Police
 - MassBike is compiling materials regarding public outreach based on the findings, which will result in a road show (virtual and in-person) across the Commonwealth to educate and

inform. While MABPAB should be informed and kept up to date on developments, the Micromobility Commission should be the lead on key findings, such as speed regulations and guidelines. This will be especially important for local police, who will need education on identifying and enforcing these regulations

- WalkMassachusetts will be hosting a webinar on February 26 to present and discuss the report's findings. This will be a productive lead-in to the March MABPAB meeting
- The proliferation of headphones on cyclists and walkers and the potential dangers and hazards they pose. For example, some headphones come equipped with a microphone to amplify ambient sounds surrounding the user
 - The topic of distracted driving/walking cycling is a huge issue collectively. MassDOT has adopted the Safe Systems approach used by FHWA, which acknowledges safety is everyone's responsibility: safer vehicles, safer roads, safer users, post-crash care, etc. If you miss one layer of safety, there are other fail-safes from other engineering frameworks
 - This is a topic that could be taken up at a future meeting with MassDOT's Safety section
- Connectivity remains an issue in and around Boston. The weakest link or gap will oftentimes prevent users from undertaking a journey at all. There are some great state parks, such as Harold Parker State Forest that are not well-connected to the rest of Andover and cross busy, unprotected arterial roadways – a big deterrence, particularly to less-experienced cyclists or children
 - A great meeting topic that we could also invite members of the MassTrails Team, as our meeting times occasionally overlap. Another major stride to address connectivity this year will be examining the entire statewide sidewalk network: MassDOT has recently partnered with UMASS in developing an entire statewide sidewalk inventory utilizing light detection and ranging (LIDAR) data mapping
- Information sharing: efficient ways to share info, better maps, better wayfinding and signage. UMASS is currently conducting a public survey regarding what people would like to see displayed on maps to encourage more cycling and walking
 - The recently launched [MassTrails 10 website](#) also addresses this issue by highlighting trails around the state and their amenities, including curated rides, connections to transit and other useful/fun facts
 - The website aims to become a centralized source of information to better navigate the entire statewide trails network, including better connectivity. The connecting pieces to existing trails and greenways – largely on local and state-owned roads - are something this group should continue to think about and work towards
- First and last mile connections, including connections to transit and bike share, such as the European CityMapper app
- Less updates on ongoing MassDOT initiatives and more input on works in progress to advise on
 - MassDOT is very excited to have fresh input and ideas from its newest members and will actively seek out projects and initiatives this year for MABPAB to advise on. Secretary Eng and Undersecretary Gulliver have both been briefed on MABPAB's role and look forward to future collaboration
- Better information sharing at the local or regional level regarding new infrastructure. For example, the City of Springfield will pave a road and add bike lanes but there is no announcement or info-sharing that accompanies these changes. It varies tremendously by municipality
 - A prime opportunity to involve our regional planning agencies more as they are in direct contact with municipalities
 - New members can also familiarize themselves with MassDOT's [Bicycle Facility Inventory](#), which is updated weekly and contains the most current planned and existing bicycle infrastructure across the state
- Bicycle storage is major issue, especially in cities with apartment complexes: is there a safe and convenient place to store your bike? There needs to be more action directed towards bike parking to encourage mode shift, and less on motor vehicle parking requirements

Other Announcements

- Jaclyn concluded the meeting stating an onboarding packet will be sent out to members along with materials from this meeting
- Next MABPAB meeting: March 18, Virtual, 1-3 pm

- List of board members in attendance (see below)
- Other attendees:
 - Lorenzo Varone (MassDOT)
 - David Loutzenheiser (MAPC)
 - Jonah Williams (MassDOT)
 - Kris Carter (MassDOT)
 - Emily Paskewicz (ECGA)
 - Josh Grzegorzewski (FHWA)
 - Anil Gurcan (MassDOT)
 - Shawn Bailey (OCPC)
 - Chris Sorensen (MassDOT D1)
 - Nick Daigle (MassDOT D3)
 - Kyle Mowatt (OCPC)
 - Nick Russo (BRPC)
 - Cheryl-Ann Senior (MassDOT D5)
 - Adam Wriggins (CMRPC)
 - Tom Ruta (MassDOT D2)
 - Lee Toma (Milton)
 - Max Rasbold-Gabbard (DPH)
 - John York (Bourne)
 - Sarah Cannamela (MassDOT D2)
 - Pedro Hernandez (MassDOT)
 - Mike Murphy (MassDOT)
 - Colleen Medeiros (CCC)
 - Kyle Casiglio (CTPS)
 - Sean Polay (Sandwich Bikeways)
 - Carmen Baskauf (CTPS)
 - Betsy Johnson (Walk/Bike Springfield)
 - Meg Robertson (North Reading)
 - WHDH-TV
 - Alexis Hosea-Abbott (MassBike)
 - Bryce Germain (XRoadz)
 - Mike Burns (NPEDC)
 - Jim Curley
 - Jaime Garmendia (MBTA)
 - David Nolan (CCC)
 - T Bulger
 - Joel Porten (North Andover)
 - Hannah Fong (City of Boston)
 - Michael Evans (City of Boston)

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Board Member Sign-In Sheet
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Member Name	Attended	Notes
Tom DiPaolo MassDOT-Highway	yes	
Matt Warfield MBTA	yes	
Pete Sutton MassDOT-Planning	yes	
Kurt Gaertner EOEEA	yes	
Gerald Autler	yes	

DCR		
Jaclyn Youngblood MassDOT	yes	
Kirby Lecy DPH	no	
Charlie Ticotsky MOTT	yes	
Vacant EOPSS	no	
Jeff McCollough MARPA	yes	
Amanuel Regassa MARPA	yes	
Jackie Jones MARPA	yes	
Mary Beth Ellis – public member	yes	
Nathan David Obeng-Amoako – public member	yes	
Galen Mook – MassBike	yes	
Bonnie Roalsen – public member	yes	
William Gousios – public member	yes	
Katherine Jansen - public member	yes	
Jed Hresko – public member	yes	
Kristine Acevedo – public member	yes	
Brendan Kearney – WalkBoston	yes	
Mike Brousseau - public member	yes	
Eleni Christofa – public member	yes	
Alexa Gomberg – public member	yes	
Chery Pavlik – public member	no	
Karl Alexander – public member	yes	