

# State Police Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

## Overview



MassDOT is required by law to have an agreement in place with the State Police to provide services on Metropolitan Highway System (MHS), Tobin Bridge (Tobin) and the western turnpike (Turnpike). This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MassDOT and the State Police replaces the 2010 agreement with State Police Troop E.

- Ensures compliance with statutory requirements
- Provides for development of an annual service plan and budget for services
- Continues the implementation of a strong system of internal controls, policies, and procedures that emphasize transparency, accuracy, and supporting documentation

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## State Police MOU – Legal Considerations:



- Fulfills MassDOT's obligations under M.G.L. c. 22C, § 29 to enter into an agreement with the State Police that provides for MassDOT reimbursement for police services for the Metropolitan Highway System (MHS), Tobin Bridge (Tobin) and the western turnpike (Turnpike).
- Ensures compliance with statutory requirements and bond covenants to ensure toll revenue is used only to reimburse the State Police for police services and expenses for the MHS, Tobin and Turnpike.
- Replaces MassDOT and State Police 2010 Troop E agreement.

## State Police MOU - Service



- State Police will provide protection and services for Interstate Route 90, Callahan, Sumner, CANA and Ted Williams Tunnels, Metropolitan Highway System and all related access roadways and ramps, the Maurice J. Tobin Memorial Bridge and its related access roadways and ramps, as well as any other properties mutually agreed upon by the Colonel and the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation
- State Police will provide baseline service levels for designated patrol areas, emergency response stations and specialized services, including a plan to ensure details for MassDOT's construction projects

# State Police MOU – Fiscal and Internal Controls



- Highway Division and State Police will cooperatively develop an annual service plan and budget for services provided on the MHS, Western Turnpike, and Tobin Bridge.
- This service plan and budget will be submitted to the Board as part of the annual operating budget for the department.
- As drafted, the MOU is intended as a cost neutral agreement with the understanding that changes in costs will be reviewed and approved as part of the annual service plan.
- Highway Administration, Highway Operations and the Audit Office have been reviewing our internal procedures and processes related to the review and acceptance of charges from the MSP.
- State Police are developing updated policies and procedures.
- MassDOT Fiscal, Highway and Audit are working closely with the State Police to strengthen internal controls, monitoring, and reporting around State Police costs for services and related expenses that are reimbursed by MassDOT.
- Ongoing discussions are occurring with the State Police on these areas and we will continue to meet with them with the objective of implementing a strong system of internal controls, policies, and procedures that emphasize transparency, accuracy, and supporting documentation.

## Agreement - Effect on MassDOT Employees



- The MOU with the State Police requires MassDOT to provide facilities and related services as determined by the Secretary of MassDOT
- MassDOT will retain and compensate civilian employees including custodians, dispatchers and administrative staff
  - These employees will remain in their current collective bargaining units