



Charles D. Baker, Governor  
Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant Governor  
Jamey Tesler, Secretary & CEO



## MINUTES

### Meeting of the MassDOT Board of Directors

October 20, 2021 AT 12:00 P.M.

*This meeting was held virtually in accordance the law recently signed by the Governor permitting public bodies to continue to hold meetings remotely. Public participation and comment was available via written communication, voice message and live public comment through conference call.*

*This meeting was broadcast live online.*

#### **MASSDOT BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY:**

Chairman Jamey Tesler, Director  
Timothy King, Director Dean  
Mazzarella, Director Robert Moylan  
and Director Betsy Taylor

#### **MASSDOT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Director Chrystal Kornegay, Director  
Brian Lang, Director Kathleen  
Murtagh and Director Vanessa  
Otero

#### **OTHERS PRESENT AND/OR PARTICIPATING FOR VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE MEETING:**

Highway Administrator Jonathan  
Gulliver, Registrar Colleen Ogilvie,  
Deputy Administrator of Rail and  
Transit Meredith Slesinger, Chief  
Financial Officer David Pottier,  
Deputy Chief Engineer for Project  
Development John Bechard, Capital  
Budget Director Susan Woods,  
Senior Counsel Amy Nash, and  
General Counsel Marie Breen

### **A. Open of Meeting of MassDOT**

Secretary Tesler called to order the meeting of the MassDOT Board at 12:05 PM.

Senior Counsel Amy Nash called the roll of the members participating, being a quorum of the

MassDOT Board of Directors:

**Chairman Tesler  
Director King  
Director Kornegay**

**Yes  
Yes  
Absent**

<b>Director Lang</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Mazzerella</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Moylan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Murtagh</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Otero</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Taylor</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Public comment was taken by regular mail, e-mail, and by voice message. No voicemails were received.

Chairman Tesler asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 MassDOT Board Meeting.

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

**VOTED:**

**To approve the minutes of the MassDOT Board Meeting held on September 21, 2021.**

<b>Chairman Tesler</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director King</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Kornegay</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Lang</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Mazzarella</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Moylan</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Director Murtagh</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Otero</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Taylor</b>	<b>Yes</b>

## **B. MassDOT Standing Reports**

Secretary Tesler presented his report, Agenda Item 2, beginning with a reminder that the standing report from the Administrator of Rail and Transit, Agenda Item 6, was submitted to the Board in writing.

Secretary Tesler provided updates on Covid-19 and RMV support for school bus driver recruitment. He announced that Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt had resigned from the

Board and thanked her for her service and the positive impact she has made on the transit landscape. He also said that Director Betsy Taylor had been appointed Chair of the MBTA Board of Directors, serving along with Quincy Mayor Tom Koch (who will also be joining the MassDOT Board). Secretary Tesler discussed potential funding from the federal infrastructure bill, reviewed the selection of the modified at-grade option for the Allston Multi-Modal Project and discussed the “Bus on Shoulder Travel” pilot program on I-93 in Somerville. Finally, Secretary Tesler reviewed recent departmental events and upcoming public meetings.

Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver presented his report, Agenda Item 3. He discussed the Allston I-90 project’s “modified at-grade option,” reviewing the benefits of the option and discussing next steps for the department. Mr. Gulliver also discussed projects that received awards at the 2020/2021 ACEC Awards, congratulated Mike McGrath on his retirement, and announced a new time travel dashboard that will launch soon.

Director Moylan congratulated staff on their achievements and expressed concern that the selection of the modified at-grade option as the preferred alternative may lead the public to believe that the DOT is no longer addressing the problems identified with the at-grade option in the past, including permitting and construction challenges. Secretary Tesler agreed that significant work remains and said that all parties would need to work together to solve the challenges. He characterized MassDOT’s approach as focusing its energy on the option with the most support.

Registrar Colleen Ogilvie presented Agenda Item 4, the Registrar’s report, discussing RMV service updates, new inspection stations and the EVR Lite program. She provided more details on the RMV’s efforts to recruit more school pupil drivers and conduct outreach

to commercial drivers. Ms. Ogilvie also reviewed past and upcoming events and described pending updates to the RMV system.

Aeronautics Administrator Jeff DeCarlo presented his report, Agenda Item 5. Mr. DeCarlo discussed the statewide aviation system plan update, which envisions the role of aviation in the commonwealth within the broader transportation system and is concurrent with the statewide Long Range Transportation Plan. He said that a recent meeting of the Massachusetts Aviation Caucus provided information on innovative tech and public private partnerships and showed that the state can lead in the electrification of aviation. Finally, he discussed sustainable aviation fuel.

### **C. Presentations & Action Items**

Deputy Chief Engineer for Project Development John Bechard presented Agenda Item 7, a proposed highway contract for the reconstruction of certain sections of Route 138 in Raynham. At the conclusion of Mr. Bechard's report, Director Moylan said that the Capital Programs Committee had reviewed the contract and voted to recommend that the full MassDOT Board approve the contract presented.

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

**To authorize the Secretary/CEO, or his designee, to award and execute MassDOT Construction Contract No.115641 for roadway reconstruction and related work on sections of Route 138 in Raynham with J.H. Lynch & Sons, Inc., in a form approved by the General Counsel, in the amount of \$17,646,357.**

Chairman Tesler	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Kornegay	Absent
Director Lang	Absent
Director Mazzarella	Yes
Director Moylan	Yes
Director Murtagh	Absent

**Director Otero  
Director Taylor**

**Absent  
Yes**

Rail & Transit Administrator Meredith Slesinger presented Agenda Item 8, a proposed contract between MassDOT and the Connecticut Department of Transportation concerning revenue and expense sharing for certain Amtrak service between Massachusetts and Connecticut. Ms. Slesinger explained that this vote would extend the term of the existing cost/expense sharing agreement for an additional three years.

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

**To authorize the Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to execute agreement No. 88563 between MassDOT and the Connecticut Department of Transportation (“CTDOT”), in a form approved by the General Counsel, to share revenues and expenses for certain PRIIA Section 209 State-supported services, committing MassDOT to pay CTDOT \$18,000,000 (plus inflation), over a three-year period, for Amtrak Hartford Line and Valley Flyer services.**

<b>Chairman Tesler</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director King</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Kornegay</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Lang</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Mazzarella</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Moylan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Murtagh</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Otero</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Taylor</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Capital Budget Director Susan Woods discussed Agenda Item 9, a contract between MassDOT and Massport to fund the state share of the US Army Corps of Engineers’ capital infrastructure project called the Boston Harbor Deep Draft Improvements Project and to transfer \$37.5 million from the Commonwealth through MassDOT to Massport to fund the project. Ms. Woods reviewed MassDOT’s commitment to increasing the depth of Boston Harbor to 50 feet and noted that the requested increase will fulfill the department’s obligation.

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

**That the Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, be and hereby is authorized to execute in the name of and on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (“MassDOT”), and in a form approved by the General Counsel, an amendment to contract number 101429 between MassDOT and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to increase the value of such contract by \$60,000,000 to fulfill the fiscal year 2022 share of the Commonwealth’s investment from the State Bond Capital, as programmed in the board-approved fiscal year 2022 Capital Investment Plan.**

<b>Chairman Tesler</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director King</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Kornegay</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Lang</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Mazzarella</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Moylan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Murtagh</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Otero</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Taylor</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Finally, Ms. Woods presented Agenda Item 10, an amendment to an existing contract between MassDOT and the MBTA to pass through certain state bond capital from the Commonwealth to the MBTA. Ms. Woods reviewed the previous bond cap support for the MBTA and discussed the improvements that this transfer will support.

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

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<b>Chairman Tesler</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director King</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Kornegay</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Lang</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Mazzarella</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Moylan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Murtagh</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Director Otero</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**Director Taylor**

**Yes**

Secretary Tesler then asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

**To adjourn the meeting of the MassDOT Board of Directors at 1:25 PM.**

**Chairman Tesler**

**Yes**

**Director King**

**Yes**

**Director Kornegay**

**Absent**

**Director Lang**

**Absent**

**Director Mazzarella**

**Yes**

**Director Moylan**

**Yes**

**Director Murtagh**

**Absent**

**Director Otero**

**Absent**

**Director Taylor**

**Yes**

Documents relied upon for this meeting:

**MassDOT Board:**

- October 20, 2021 MassDOT Agenda
- September 21, 2021 MassDOT Board Meeting Minutes
- Secretary Jamey Tesler's Report to the MassDOT Board, October 20, 2021
- Highway Administrator's Report, October 2021
- RMV Report, October 2021
- Rail and Transit Division Board Report, October 2021
- Aero Division Board Report, October 2021
- Highway Contract – Reconstruction and related work on sections of Route 138 in Raynham
- Staff Summary - Presentation Highway Contract – Reconstruction and related work on sections of Route 138 in Raynham
- CTDOT Agreement Briefing
- MassDOT Staff Summary\_CTDOT-Amtrak
- FY22 Board Summary Sheet Massport \$37.5m
- FY22 Massport and MBTA Capital Support Slide
- FY22 Board Staff Summary Sheet MBTA Capital Support \$60M