



Maura Healey, Governor
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Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Secretary & CEO



MINUTES

Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Board of Directors May 15, 2024 AT 12:00 P.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
IN-PERSON:**

*Chair Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Director Ilyas Bhatti,
Director Richard Dimino, Director Lisa Iezzoni,
Director Dean Mazarella (arrived at 12:09),
Director Thomas McGee*

**BOARD MEMBERS
PARTICIPATING
REMOTELY:**

Director Vanessa Otero

**OTHERS
PARTICIPATING:**

*Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver, Rail &
Transit Administrator Meredith Slesinger,
Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie,
Aeronautics Administrator Jeff DeCarlo, MBTA
Deputy Chief of Staff Darrin McAuliffe, Chief
Financial Officer David Pottier, Robert Mahoney,
KPMG, Director of RMV Contact Center James
McPartlin, Director of Aviation Planning Mike
Miller,*

OTHERS PRESENT:

*General Counsel Douglas M. McGarrah, Deputy
General Counsel Owen Kane, Undersecretary
Hayes Morrison*

Chair Tibbits-Nutt called to order the meeting of the MassDOT Board at 12:03p.m. Owen Kane called the roll of the members participating, being a quorum of the MassDOT Board of Directors:

Chair Tibbits-Nutt	Present
Director Bhatti	Present
Director Dimino	Present
Director Iezzoni	Present
Director McGee	Present
Director Otero	Present

Public Comment

The Department received 21 email messages related to the Allston Multimodal Project. Those emails are attached to these minutes.

Safety Briefing

MBTA Deputy Chief of Staff Darrin McAuliffe presented the Safety Briefing.

Employee Recognition

The Chair began the meeting by recognizing three MassDOT employees for their remarkable work. Director of the Contact Center at the RMV, James McPartlin, presented a Commendation from the Board to Customer Service

Rep Gina Collins, Mike Miller, the Director of Aviation Planning, presented a Commendation to James Matz, an Environmental Analyst at Aeronautics and Registrar Colleen Ogilvie presented an award to Sharon Ridgway, Training Technician at RMV..

Minutes

Chair Tibbits-Nutt asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024, 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 April 16, 2024.

Chair Tibbits-Nutt	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director Iezioni	Yes
Director Mazarella	Yes
Director McGee	Yes
Director Otero	Yes

MassDOT Standing Reports

Secretary Tibbits-Nutt presented her report for Item #4, announcing

that IRAP Grant Submissions are now open.

The Secretary also discussed her recent visits to the Innovation Conference in Worcester, as well as Fall River, New Bedford and Plymouth.

Secretary Tibbitts-Nutt also provided an update on the most recent Morrissey Boulevard Commission meeting.

Registrar Colleen Ogilvie presented Item #5, the RMV report.

The Registrar discussed the countdown to the federal REAL ID compliance. The deadline for compliance is May 7, 2025.

Ms. Ogilvie announced the celebration of the 30th anniversary for the Right Whale/Roseate License Plate. More than 21, 000 Right Whale plates have been issued since 1994.

The Registrar provided an update on Vulnerable User statistics.

Director Iezzoni asked the Registrar to provide more detailed information on vulnerable user crashes, including specific location of crashes. The Director also requested clarification on the definition of "scooter" in the statistics.

Administrator Meredith Slesinger presented the Rail & Transit Division report, Item #6. The Administrator reported that the Nantucket Regional

Transit Authority has implemented a new workforce housing initiative.

The Administrator also discussed a meeting convened by Congressman Neal for West-East Rail updates.

Jonathan Gulliver presented Item #7, The Highway Division Report. Mr. Gulliver began by discussing awards made at the recent Innovation Conference. Tom Donnelly was awarded the Stephen T. O'Donnell Award and Bonnie Pollin received the Francis A DePaola Award.

Mr. Gulliver also provided an update on the recently refurbished Framingham Park and Ride.

The Administrator provided an update on staff's efforts on the Spring Cleanup. On April 23rd, District staff collected more than 12 tons of trash from along the roadways.

The Aeronautics Division Report, Item #8 was presented in writing and is attached hereto.

Presentations and Actions

For Item#9, the Chair asked CFO David Pottier and KPMG representative Bob Mahoney, to lead a discussion on the most recent KPMG Financial Audit and the Department's response.

KPMG reported only one material weakness, that being the timely and accurate financial reporting. The report identified four separate events of concern.

Mr. Pottier provided the Department's response. In pertinent part, Mr. Pottier noted that the Department relies on the timely reporting by both the Commonwealth and Regional Transit Agencies. If one or more are late in reporting to us, it can result in us reporting late.

The Department is working with various outside entities to do a better job at reporting. Extensive discussion ensued.

The Highway Division Director of Mobility, Jackie DeWolfe presented Item #10, an update on the Highway Resilience Improvement Plan. Ms. DeWolfe discussed the resiliency initiatives at MassDOT and within the Commonwealth.

Director Bhatti asked that the Department carefully consider sleeping dams as well as flood retarding dams. Ms. DeWolfe promised to look into the state of repair for these dams and report back to the Board.

Extensive discussion ensued.

Administrator Gulliver presented Item #12, an update on the Sumner Tunnel Project and expected closings this Summer.

Thus far, the contractor has completed work on the tunnel ceiling and overhead arch, the walls, has installed fireproofing, new LED lights and upgraded the CCTV within the tunnel.

The tunnel will be closed from July 5 to August 5 to replace the tunnel deck and roadway surface, install new utility conduits and replace pumps.

The Department is working with the community and other state agencies to make the shutdown less disruptive.

Chair Tibbits-Nutt asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 2:06 p.m.

Chair Tibbits-Nutt	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director Dimino	Yes
Director Iezzoni	Yes
Director McGee	Yes
Director Otero	Yes