



Maura Healey, Governor
Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor
Gina Fiandaca, Secretary & CEO



MINUTES
Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Board of Directors

June 22, 2023 AT 12:30 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 Gina Fiandaca, Director Carlos Aramayo,
Director Joseph Beggan, Director Timothy King,
Director Thomas Koch, Director Dean Mazzarella
Director Kathleen Murtagh

**BOARD MEMBER
PARTICIPATING
REMOTELY:**

Director Vanessa Otero

**OTHERS
PARTICIPATING
FOR VARIOUS
PORTIONS OF THE
MEETING:**

Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver, MBTA
General Manager Phillip Eng, Registrar Colleen
Ogilvie, Director of Capital Programs Michelle Ho,
Chief Financial Officer David Pottier, Director of
Planning David Mohler, Rail and Transit Administrator
Meredith Slesinger, Chief Engineer Carrie Lavallee,
Director of Data and Policy Liz Williams, Manager of
Performance Data and Technology Joaquin Osio-
Norgaard

OTHERS PRESENT:

General Counsel Douglas M. McGarrah, First Deputy
General Counsel Susan D. Cobb, MBTA Chief
Counsel Kevin Scanlon, Counsel- Corporate
Governance Noah Potash

Joint Meeting with MBTA Board of Directors

Chair Fiandaca called to order the meeting of the MassDOT Board at 12:30
p.m., joining the MBTA Board meeting already in progress. Noah Potash called the

roll of the members participating, being a quorum of the MassDOT Board of

Directors:

Chair Fiandaca	Present
Director Aramayo	Present
Director Beggan	Present
Director King	Present
Director Koch	Present
Director Mazzarella	Present
Director Murtagh	Present
Director Otero	Present

7. Sumner Tunnel Briefing

MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver presented on planned work on the Sumner Tunnel, providing an overview of the shutdown schedule and discussing agency coordination with adjacent projects. He reviewed commute impacts and travel diversions. He discussed staff efforts to enhance mitigations and manage public safety. Mr. Gulliver said that alternative travel options include the Blue Line, the commuter rail, toll discounts, ferry service, the Logan Express, and the Silver Line. He discussed the “Ditch the Drive” messaging campaign and concluded by mentioning the Mass511 informational tool and public outreach. MBTA Board Director Tom McGee asked about the north side approach to Logan Airport and Mr. Gulliver said that the Logan Express bus will have added capacity, but travelers should allow for additional time. The General Manager suggested getting dropped off at Wonderland Station and taking the Blue Line. MBTA Board Director Smart asked about the budget for diversion efforts and Mr. Gulliver said that the appropriate cost split was being developed.

The MBTA Board adjourned at 1:11 p.m. The MassDOT Board took a brief recess, then reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

MassDOT Board Meeting

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Minutes

Chair Fiandaca asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023, 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 May 17, 2023.

Chair Fiandaca	Yes
Director Aramayo	Yes
Director Beggan	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Mazzarella	Yes
Director Murtagh	Yes
Director Otero	Abstained

MassDOT Standing Reports

Secretary Fiandaca began by noting that the Aeronautics and Rail & Transit Administrators' reports were delivered to the Board in writing, and then presented her report for Item 9. The Secretary introduced the new MassDOT General Counsel, Douglas M. McGarrah. Mr. McGarrah said he was honored to join and strong team and staff and looked forward to bringing his experience to MassDOT issues. Secretary Fiandaca discussed the governor's capital plan and previewed the Registrar's presentation on the Work and Family Mobility Act ("WFMA"). The Secretary discussed the recent Mattapoisett trails event, recent visits to RTAs, and a discussion with the Black Empowerment Council.

Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver presented the Highway Division report

for Item 10, covering the I-495/I-90 interchange reconstruction, the Route 79/Davol Street project in Fall River, and a Touch-a-Truck event. He concluded by thanking staff working on the Sumner Tunnel project.

Registrar Colleen Ogilvie presented her report for Item 11, focusing mainly on preparation for the WFMA, including the application process, translation/interpreter services, and expanded hiring. Ms. Ogilvie also discussed the low plate lottery, regional awards to the RMV from AAMVA, and a good news story from a customer.

Presentations and Actions

For Item 14, Chief Financial Officer David Pottier presented the FY24 Budget, beginning with a review of key budget priorities and funding assumptions. He then discussed non-toll and toll operating revenue and expenditures. Mr. Pottier provided an update on staffing levels and said that the budget would be updated following the signing of a final state budget. Secretary Fiandaca discussed progress on hiring.

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

VOTED: To adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation as presented during the June 22nd 2023 meeting of the Board.

Chair Fiandaca	Yes
Director Aramayo	Yes
Director Beggan	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Murtagh	Yes

Director of Planning David Mohler presented on the draft 2024-2028 Capital Investment Plan (“CIP”) for Item 15. Mr. Mohler discussed public outreach, the equity analysis, and updates to projections. He reviewed the CIP structure and spending by priority. He concluded by noting changes to highway and aeronautics spending.

Rail and Transit Administrator Meredith Slesinger presented Agenda Item 16, a contract to provide operating fund assistance to the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (“PVTa”). She explained that the vote would provide 28 million dollars out of the RTA’s overall 100-million-dollar budget.

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

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth’s final fiscal year 2024 budget provides for certain transfers of operating assistance from the Commonwealth Transportation Fund to certain Regional Transit Authorities (“RTAs”); and for a transfer from the Education and Transportation Fund to Regional Transit Authorities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the final fiscal year 2024 budget, Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (“PVTa”) currently is budgeted to receive \$28,064,116 in such operating assistance, according to the schedule provided by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (“ANF”); and

WHEREAS, MassDOT seeks authorization from the Board of Directors to execute contract number 122323 to transfer \$28,064,116 to PVTa in accordance with the ANF transfer schedule.

It is hereby 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, contract number 122323 between MassDOT and PVTa in the amount of \$28,064,116, and any such amendments thereto as may be required by statute.

Chair Fiandaca	Yes
Director Aramayo	Yes
Director Beggan	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Mazzarella	Yes
Director Murtagh	Yes
Director Otero	Yes

For Item 17, a contract for Resurfacing and Related Work on a section of Interstate 90, Chief Engineer Carrie Lavallee reviewed the project location and provided an overview of the work, which will include resurfacing and bridge repair. She said the

pavement has degraded and the bridge superstructures have deteriorated. Ms. Lavallee discussed the construction scope and traffic impacts, then concluded with the procurement process and the budget.

VOTED: To authorize the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or her designee, to award and execute MassDOT Construction Contract 121541: Interstate 90 Resurfacing and Related Work with Palmer Paving Corp in the amount of \$38,691,846.25.

Chair Fiandaca	Yes
Director Aramayo	Yes
Director Beggan	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Mazzarella	Yes
Director Murtagh	Yes
Director Otero	Yes

For Agenda Item 18, the Massachusetts Vehicle Census, Director of Data and Policy Liz Williams in the Office of Transportation Planning (“OTP”) outlined the census and its uses for the public and planners. She noted that the data goes back to 2020. OTP Manager of Performance Data and Technology Joaquin Osio-Norgaard walked the Board through the dashboard, showing the various breakdowns of data available.

Note: Director Koch left the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Chair Fiandaca said that the census would be an incredibly useful planning tool.

Director Beggan agreed and said it was great to put the information out in a usable format.

Chair Fiandaca asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 2:35 p.m.

Chair Fiandaca	Yes
Director Aramayo	Yes
Director Beggan	Yes

Director King	Yes
Director Murtagh	Yes
Director Otero	Yes

Documents relied upon for this meeting:

- June 22, 2023 MassDOT/MBTA Agenda
- May 17, 2023 MassDOT Board Meeting Minutes
- Sumner Board Deck[mod]
- Administrators Report- 2023 BOD
- June 2023_RMV_MassDOT Board Report FINAL
- Aero Division Board Report_June_22_2023_V1
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- FY24 Budget – Board Presentation June 22 2023 FINAL
- CIP Presentation_6.21.23_Board_draft_for Bd prep
- SFY 2024-2028 Final CIP
- Appendix A_CIP Investment Details 2024-2028 CIP
- Appendix B_CIP Programs 2024-2028 CIP
- 20230605_BoardJun_PVTA v1
- 607693 – 121541 – Board of Directors Presentation_6-14-23REV1
- 607693 – 121541_MassDOT Staff Summary_REV03
- MVC Presentation Final