

MassDOT + Developers – Relationship Principles

Please note: Any use of the Data on the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Developers Page acknowledges acceptance of MassDOT's Developer's License Agreement, as well as these principles:

- Respect Resources
 - MassDOT has limited resources (servers, admin/dev time, etc.) and money.
 - Respect the resources of MassDOT's partners and vendors who make data available to the developer community.
 - The community is participating voluntarily and also has limited resources.
 - Developers should not represent themselves as MassDOT or another state entity, and should respect trademarks (MBTA logo, state seal, etc.).
 - Please cite data sources.
- Succeed together
 - This project will showcase what is possible with limited resources.
 - Some projects might have broader appeal to other communities, so let's share.
 - Some projects could be profitable to the developer and that is fine.
- Expect change
 - Things can change. In fact, you should expect that they will.
 - MassDOT will make all efforts to keep data open once it's been released.
 - This is an experiment; success in building useful applications could help make it easier to open more MassDOT data in the future.
- Communication is key
 - Open, direct, and honest communication at all times.
 - Think about how the community can grow and evolve.
- Open, open, open
 - When possible, use open standards, formats, and software.
 - Be willing to share your successes.
 - Interact with community members in a productive manner.
- Legal
 - Building applications does not increase the likelihood you will be awarded a contract by MassDOT now or in the future.