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.