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MINUTES

Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Capital Programs Committee

May 13, 2026 AT 10:30 A.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:**

Chair Joseph Beggan, Director Ilyas Bhatti
(arrived at 10:43), Director Tim King, Director
Tom Koch

**OTHERS
PARTICIPATING:**

Manager of Capital Planning Michelle Scott,
Director of Major Projects Mike O'Dowd

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deputy General Counsel Owen Kane, Director of
Operations and Policy Faisa Sharif

Chair Beggan called to order the meeting of the Capital Programs

Committee at 10:32 a.m. Owen Kane called the roll of the members

participating, being a quorum of the members of the committee:

Chair Beggan	Present
Director King	Present
Director Koch	Present

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

Chair Beggan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026, Capital Programs Committee Meeting.

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Capital Programs Committee Meeting held on April 8, 2026.

Chair Beggan	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes

Discussion Items

Director of Major Projects Mike O'Dowd presented **Item #2**, a request for a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize and approve the Secretary/CEO, or his designee, to execute MassDOT Contract No. 133236 titled

SPRINGFIELD - Bridge Replacement, S-24-016, Armory Street over CSX Mainline & S-24-026, Armory Street over Abandoned CSX, for Bridge Replacement, with J F White Contracting Co., for the amount of, \$37,180,424.00, and for a total duration, not to exceed, two thousand two hundred, sixty-six (2,266) days from Notice to Proceed (NTP)].

This roadway serves as a vital corridor which includes significant commercial traffic volumes. The purpose of this project is to replace two structurally deficient bridges, improve intersection geometry and address the current lack of accessibility by providing a complete street cross section for all users.

Bridge Nos. S-24-016 (over active CSX) and S-24-026, are functionally obsolete and have a bridge ratings of 4 (poor). Accordingly, there are safety and functional deficiencies. The project will address the deficiencies and eliminate the need for bridge shielding currently in place to protect the active CSX Railroad line below.

The project will replace the bridge deck and roadway which requires constant maintenance and provides poor level of service for all users

including Public Transportation, School Busses, commercial vehicles, commuters, pedestrians and cyclists. The project will also widen the roadway, improving truck turning radii, provide a compliant sidewalk on the east side and a shared use path on the west side, and accommodate accessibility for all modes of transportation.

Director Koch remarked that the project looks straightforward, the need is obvious and moved for a recommendation to the full Board.

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

VOTED: To recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the Secretary, or his designee, to award and execute MassDOT Contract No. 133236 entitled SPRINGFIELD – Bridge Replacement, S-24-016, Armory Street over CSX Mainline & S-24-026, Armory Street over Abandoned CSX, with J F WHITE CONTRACTING CO, in a form approved by the General Counsel, in the amount of thirty-seven million one hundred eighty thousand four hundred twenty-four dollars and zero cents (\$37,180,424.00).

Chair Beggan	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes

Manager of Capital Planning Michelle Scott presented **Item #3**, an update on the FY27-31 Capital Investment Plan and a request that the draft CIP be released for public comment.

She began with an update on the CIP development progress.

As it develops the CIP, the Department is following advancement of the Healey-Driscoll administration funding proposals in Legislature, integrating Fair Share-supported CTF Expansion dollars into the CIP, monitoring federal policy and funding, reinforcing links between Beyond Mobility priorities and CIP investments and preparing for public engagement.

Ms. Scott discussed the preliminary funding sources for the CIP. The total budget for the FY27-31 CIP is currently set at \$20.2 billion, with expected primary funding from the federal government (through annual apportionments and the continuation of the BIL/ILJA programs), the use of the Commonwealth Bond Cap and CTF Expansion Bonds.

She also discussed the preliminary spending details. At this point, it is recommended that the Department expend more than \$7.1 billion on bridges over the next 5 years, as well as \$1.2 65 billion for MBTA investments, \$2,6

billion for Chapter 90 and \$2.2 billion for Roadway Reconstruction projects, among several initiatives.

Ms. Scott also identified the major investment highlights described in the CIP. These include the Allston Multimodal Transportation Project, the Hall-Whitaker Drawbridge and Kernwood Ave Bridge Replacements, the Cape Cod Bridges Program, Compass Rail, including West-East Rail, a project in Chicopee described as Bridge Replacement, I-391 over Chicopee Street, Bridge Replacements Haverhill/Methuen – I-495 over Merrimack River and Industrial Avenue over I-495, and I-90/I-495 Interchange Improvements in Hopkinton.

Director Bhatti asked for clarification on the schedule. Ms. Scott confirmed that the Department would be asking the Board for permission to release the draft CIP for public comment at the next Board meeting and plans to request approval of the final CIP in June.

Director King asked about how the public can comment. Ms. Scott stated that we will be using the same method for gathering public comment that we have used in the past. We will produce a digest that summarizes the

comments.

The Chair asked that the Board be provided the digest in advance of the June meeting so each Director has ample opportunity to review the comments prior to any vote.

Chair Beggan asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:56 a.m.

Chair Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes