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MINUTES
Joint Meeting of the MassDOT Board of Directors
and the
Fiscal and Management Control Board
March 13, 2017

The MassDOT Board of Directors was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chair Stephanie Pollack.

Those present were Chair Stephanie Pollack, Directors Dominic Blue, Ruth Bonsignore, Lisa Calise (at 1:43 p.m.), Tim King, Dean Mazzarella, Robert Moylan, Joseph Sullivan, Betsy Taylor and Monica Tibbits-Nutt being a quorum of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Board).

Also present Fiscal and Management Control Board Director Brian Lang who joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Others present were Acting General Manager Brian Shortsleeve, Registrar of Motor Vehicles Erin Deveney, Aeronautics Administrator Jeff DeCarlo, Rail and Transit Administrator Astrid Glynn, MBTA Chief Operating Officer Jeff Gonneville and Green Line Extension Program Manager John Dalton.

First, the Board heard public comment on Joint MassDOT and Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) agenda Items.

The only speaker was David Dineen, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Airports Association who commented on capital funding for MassDOT Aeronautics.

Secretary Pollack noted that since the Highway Administrator was scheduled to be on a conference call at 12:30 regarding an upcoming storm his two items were taken out of order to be presented. She called upon Highway Administrator Tom Tinlin to give his report. Mr. Tinlin began with the presentation of awards to Mike Carroll and Edgar Rodriquez, members of the Highway Assistance Patrol for their extraordinary service in assisting motorists in distress. Mr. Tinlin concluded with an update on snow and ice.

Next, Administrator Tinlin updated the board on the Work Zone Safety Task Force. He said the task force was created in July 2016 in response to several serious motor vehicle crashes that occurred in MassDOT work zones during the constructions season, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled "Work Zone Safety Report, March 2017."

Next, was the approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017.

Secretary Pollack called upon Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt to give the standing report of the Fiscal and Management Control Board. Ms. Tibbits-Nutt provided an update of topics discussed at recent FMCB meetings including a proposed policy for evaluating new pilot service requests; a proposal related to

outsourcing some or all of bus maintenance to a private vendor; and a proposal focused on improving commuter rail revenue capture.

Next, Chair Pollack gave the Secretary/CEO Report and updated the Board on the status of the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy lease agreement; the five-year capital plan; the Chapter 90 Bond Bill and the search for the next MBTA General Manager.

The Chair called upon Tom Donald, Director of Bridge Project Management to discuss Agenda Item 8, the Hanover-Norwell Bridge replacement project. Mr. Donald discussed the details of the project scope of work, traffic management and project schedule. He said he was seeking authorization to execute a contract with D.W. White Construction Inc., in the amount of \$29,424,712.50 for the bridge replacement on Route 3, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Hanover & Norwell 2 Bridge Replacements on Route 3, Contract No. 97935, March 13, 2017." Director Bonsignore indicated the Capital Programs Committee heard this presentation on March 7, 2017 and the Committee recommended approval of this contract. Discussion ensued.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: That the Secretary/CEO and/or Administrator for the Highway Division, be and hereby is, authorized to award and execute, in the name and on behalf of the Department , and in a form approved by the General Counsel, a certain Highway Division Contract entitled, "Hanover-Norwell 2 Bridge Replacements on Route 3 (Pilgrims Highway) Br. No. H-06-010 (Steel) over Route 123 (Webster Street) and Br. No. N-24-003 (Steel) over High Street" with D. W. White Construction Inc. in the amount of \$29,424,712.50.

Next, Chair Pollack called upon Board Counsel Owen Kane to present Agenda Item 10, Administrators' Salaries. Mr. Kane discussed the statute that required a specific vote on a merit-based pay increase recommended by the MassDOT Board for the Administrators, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Approval of Administrators' Salaries." Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: That the Board of Directors hereby approves the salaries of the Division Administrators for Highway, Registry, Aeronautics and Rail & Transit as presented during the March 13, 2017 Board Meeting.

Next, Chair Pollack called upon Rail and Transit Administrator Astrid Glynn to present Agenda Item 11, an update of the Rail Division. At 12:55 p.m. Secretary Pollack stepped out of the meeting to deal with storm related questions and asked Director Bonsignore to chair the meeting. Ms. Glynn provided an overview of the history and benefits of both passenger and freight rail transportation in Massachusetts, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled "Rail Division Update." Discussion ensued. The Secretary returned to the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Chair Pollack discussed Agenda Item 12 and gave an overview of the Water Transportation Advisory Council. She called upon Deputy Chief of Staff Nathan Peyton to give the presentation, as set forth in the attached document labeled "Water Transportation Advisory Council, March 13, 2017." Discussion ensued.

Next, the Chair called upon Program Manager of the Green Line Extension (GLX) Project John Dalton to present Agenda Item 13, the monthly update of the GLX project. Mr. Dalton provided an update on the schedule, design build delivery overview, request for proposals, GLX affordability limit and FTA status, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled “Green Line Extension Project, March 13, 2017.” Discussion ensued.

The Chair called upon Manager of Long Range Planning Scott Hamway to present Agenda Item 14, the FOCUS 40 update. Mr. Hamway provided an overview of FOCUS 40, a 25-year strategic plan for how the MBTA could meet the needs of the region in 2040, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled “FOCUS 40, March 13, 2017.” Director Lisa Calise arrived to the meeting at 1:44 p.m. Discussion ensued.

Chair Pollack noted that Agenda Item 15, an update on Transportation Network Companies and Public Transportation would not be presented, but was available in their materials.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: to adjourn the MassDOT Board of Directors Meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Document relied upon for this meeting:

MassDOT minutes of February 13, 2017
Report from the Registrar of Motor Vehicles
Report from the Rail and Transit Administrator

Report from the Aeronautics Administrator
Report from the Highway Administrator
Work Zone Safety Report
Hanover & Norwell 2 Bridge Replacements on Route 3
Rail Division Update
Water Transportation Advisory Council
Green Line Extension Project
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