



Maura Healey, Governor
Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor
Phillip Eng, Interim Secretary of Transportation



MINUTES

Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Board of Directors

June 17, 2026 AT 12:00 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:**

*Chair Phil Eng, Director Joseph Beggan, Director
Ilyas Bhatti, Director Richard Dimino, Director
Lisa Iezzoni, Director Tim King, Director Tom
Koch (left meeting at 2:00 p.m.), Director Dean
Mazzarella (arrived at 12:19 p.m.), Director Tom
McGee*

**OTHERS
PARTICIPATING:**

*Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver,
Aeronautics Administrator Denise Garcia,
Registrar Colleen Ogilvie, Rail & Transit
Administrator Meredith Slesinger, Chief Financial
Officer David Pottier, Manager of Capital
Planning Michelle Scott, Deputy Rail & Transit
Administrator Tom Schiavone, Director of Mega
Projects Luisa Paiewonsky, Michael McCabe, Amy
Getchel, Amelia Aubourg, Carrie Lavallee,
Undersecretary Samantha Silverberg*

OTHERS PRESENT: *General Counsel Carrie Wicker, Deputy General Counsel Owen Kane*

Chair Eng called to order the meeting of the MassDOT Board at 12:04 p.m. Owen Kane called the roll of the members participating, being a quorum of the MassDOT Board of Directors:

Director Beggan	Present
Director Bhatti	Present
Director Dimino	Present
Director Iezzoni	Present
Director King	Present
Director Koch	Present
Director McGee	Present
Chair Eng	Present

Safety Briefing

The Safety Briefing was presented via video.

Public Comment

Seth Gadbois from the Conservation Law Foundation expressed concern about the Capital Investment Plan. His comments are attached hereto.

Arden Lu, a student at the Northfield Mount Hermon School, spoke about a recent travel experience of his and how it highlights the need for better coordination within the transit system across the Commonwealth. His comments are attached hereto.

Tom Ryan, from A Better City spoke about the CIP.

Two voicemail messages were played.

A voicemail message from Amy Cody raised questions about an Inspector General's Report related to monetary awards from the Department to the Steamship Authority.

A second voicemail from Andrew Vernon expressed concern about the policies and procedures of the RMV as they relate to individuals who voluntarily surrender their licenses due to medical reasons. Mr. Vernon expressed concern that his privacy rights were violated.

Both Mr. Vernon and Ms. Cody also sent emails to the Board. The email messages were provided to the Board members prior to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Chair then asked for a Motion to Approve the Minutes from the May 20, 2026 Meeting of the MassDOT Board.

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

VOTED:

To approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on May 20, 2026.

Director Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director Dimino	Yes
Director Iezzoni	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Mazarella	Yes
Director McGee	Yes
Chair Eng	Yes

Employee Recognition

The Chair stated that three employees would be recognized by the Board for exemplary service upon their retirement. He introduced Amelia Aubourg, who presented the first honoree.

Jacquelyn Goddard, Assistant Secretary of Media Relations Communications was recognized for her many years of service, beginning with the City of Boston and ultimately joining MassDOT in 2016.

Chair Eng then invited Colleen Ogilvie to present the next honoree, Eddie Palladino, who has capably served as Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs since 2011.

Finally, the Chair called upon Undersecretary Gulliver and Chef Engineer Carrie Lavallee to present Assistant Chief Engineer Tom DiPaolo. Mr. DiPaolo is the longest serving Assistant Chief Engineer in the history of MassDOT and its predecessors, having served since 1986.

STANDING REPORTS

The Secretary presented his report to the Board.

Secretary Eng began with a brief update on the World Cup. He

expressed his appreciation for the amazing work done by the staff and volunteers thus far. Their hard work has resulted in safe and enjoyable travel experiences for thousands of fans.

The Secretary also spoke about two major transportation investments made by the Healey-Driscoll Administration. The Administration has committed to investing more than \$4.6 billion to Chapter 90, providing assistance to municipalities improving infrastructure, local economies, housing, and quality of life through housing and transportation investments. Mr. Eng also spoke about the Fair Share Supplemental Funding which will provide nearly \$780 million for long overdue highway projects, as well as much needed assistance for RTAs and the MBTA.

The Chair then introduced Undersecretary Silverberg to provide a federal legislative update. The Undersecretary discussed the status of the “Build America 250 Act” which is making its way through various House Committees. One provision that prompted extensive discussion among the Board is the proposed \$130 registration fee for electric vehicles. Director Koch asked if there was any discussion about the state imposing its own EV

reregistration fee. The Undersecretary promised to get back to the Board on that matter.

Ms. Silverberg also announced a new initiative with Massport, Travelers will now be able to check in to their flights remotely, in Framingham, including a TSA check. The travelers would simply go through the screening then board a bus directly to Logan.

The Secretary invited Jonathan Gulliver to speak about a new initiative aimed at reducing the number of wrong way drivers in Massachusetts. Mr. Gulliver described the pilot program we are instituting immediately. We are installing the new systems in over 400 locations. The systems will provide light and audio warnings as it detects a driver entering the highway the wrong way. The system will also automatically inform the state or local police of the action. Director King suggested that we should consider installing wrong way signs on the back of existing signs. The Undersecretary agreed that was a good idea and will speak to staff about adding that suggestion to the Pilot Program.

Undersecretary and Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver then provided the Highway Division Report. He began with an update on the Service Plaza Procurement. The Department has taken several positive steps and is confident that the procurement is on schedule.

Some of the technical improvements that have already been accomplished include: Facilities assessments of all 18 plazas completed in February; base technical concept for each plaza completed in May; the tenants have been in direct communication with Highway Operations; expedited issue identification and response times. In addition, we have been conducting monthly and weekly site visits, inspections and reporting from Highway District Offices.

The Department hosted an Industry Day on March 25th, 2026; conducted over 30 one-on-one meetings with industry members in March; held 16 tabling sessions at plazas across the Commonwealth and received over 21,000 responses to the public survey.

Director Iezzoni asked about site visits to the existing service plazas. The Administrator indicated that there were more than 20,000 responses to

the survey and that the cleanliness of the bathrooms was the overwhelming first priority among our customers. We have upped our inspections as a result. Director Bhatti asked about deadlines. When will the process be complete? Mr. Gulliver explained that the leases on the current facilities expire in June 2027. This process must be completed before then.

Due to time constraints, the reports of the RMV, Rail & Transit and Aeronautics were presented in writing.

Presentations and Actions

Chief Financial Officer David Pottier presented the FY27 Budget, beginning by discussing various developing state funding sources.

Mr. Pottier reviewed increases to the Snow & Ice and cost of doing business totals and discussed \$217 million in funding for the RTAs. He reviewed funding for the Merit Rating Board and toll collection revenues. Mr. Pottier discussed the ongoing development of the Fair Share Supplemental Budget and noted a decrease in non-toll operating revenues tied to real estate changes. He discussed the importance of FTE support and explained that a decrease in toll revenues is projected due to fuel prices. Mr. Pottier reviewed

the successful Chapter 90 bill, which would provide \$300 million in the first year and discussed associated infrastructure investments and reauthorization of popular programs.

Director Dimino noted that this item was discussed at the Finance & Audit Committee meeting and that the committee unanimously recommends its approval by this Board.

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

VOTED: To approve the FY27 Budget as presented and authorize the Secretary of Transportation, or their designee, to forward it to the Executive Office for Administration and Finance in compliance with MassDOT's enabling legislation.

Director Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director Dimino	Yes
Director Iezzoni	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Mazzearella	Yes
Director McGee	Yes
Chair Eng	Yes

Deputy Transit Administrator Tom Schiavone presented a request for approval of two separate contracts with Regional Transit Authorities ("RTAs")

for Operating Assistance. He provided an overview of the RTAs, noting that they provided 32.8 million passenger trips in FY25, surpassing pre-pandemic levels. Mr. Schiavone reviewed \$168.5 million in state contract assistance and \$49 million in Fair Share funding. He provided a profile of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, the largest RTA, and the Worcester Regional Transit Authority, the second largest.

Director Dimino noted the unprecedented investment in the RTAs under the Healey-Driscoll Administration which is borne out by the performance of the RTAs across the board. These were reviewed by the Finance & Audit committee and recommended for approval.

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

VOTED: To authorize the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or their designee, to execute contract number 134462 between MassDOT and the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority in the amount of \$34,440,070, and any such documents as may be required.

Director Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director Dimino	Yes
Director Iezzoni	Yes
Director King	Yes

Director Koch	Yes
Director Mazzarella	Yes
Director McGee	Yes
Chair Eng	Yes

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

VOTED: To authorize the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or their designee, to execute contract number 134463 between MassDOT and the Worcester Regional Transit Authority in the amount of \$21,721,844, and any such documents as may be required.

Director Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director Dimino	Yes
Director Iezzoni	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Mazzarella	Yes
Director McGee	Yes
Chair Eng	Yes

Manager of Capital Planning Michelle Scott then presented a request to approve the FY27-31 Capital Investment Plan ("CIP"). She discussed the ongoing development of the CIP and reviewed the public feedback process. Ms. Scott said that key themes of comments included support for bridge

investment, expanded rail service, and bicycle/pedestrian accommodations. She reviewed \$20.7 billion in spending and discussed top programs and spending by category. Turning to equity analyses, which cover geographic distribution and social equity, Ms. Scott noted 1% less per capita spending in non-Regional Environmental Justice Plus areas. She also noted significant spending on zero-vehicle household tracts. Ms. Scott discussed opportunities to improve equity outcomes and integration with activities to align the CIP with Beyond Mobility priorities.

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

VOTED: To approve the Fiscal Year 2027–2031 Capital Investment Plan (“CIP”) and authorize the Secretary/CEO, in the name of and on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, to take any steps deemed necessary and appropriate to provide notice to the Legislature and public of the CIP.

Director Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director Dimino	Yes
Director Iezzoni	Yes
Director King	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Mazzarella	Yes
Director McGee	Yes
Chair Eng	Yes

Director of Mega Projects Luisa Paiewonsky then provided an update on the Allston Multimodal Transportation Project and the Cape Cod Bridges Project.

Ms. Paiewonsky stated that Phase I of the Cape Cod Project, the replacement of the Sagamore Bridge, is well under way. NEPA permitting is expected to be completed by the end of this month; 12 of 13 Residential Properties have been acquired; various Borings, Utility relocation plans, and Surveys are either complete or well on their way to completion.

Director Bhatti asked about the relocation of the utility lines beneath the Sagamore and was informed that the plans are ahead of schedule.

Executive Director Paiewonsky also provided an update on the Allston Project.

She reiterated the goals for the project: Connections for Allston ; Connecting West-East Mass. ; Facilitate future development of Beacon Park Yard Layover; Joint effort with City of Boston and a Focus on Frontage Road area. Luisa provided an update on several projects within the Allston

Umbrella, including the Lincoln St. Noise Barrie which we are accomplishing in coordination with City Bike Path. The Site Prep. Is expected to be done during Fall 2026 with a Groundbreaking expected in Spring 2027.

Director Dimino expressed his gratitude to Ms. Paiewonsky and her staff and encouraged her to not lose sight of the goals and to keep moving forward with the project.

Mike McCabe, Colleen Ogilvie and Amy Getchel provided an update on the World Cup activities to date.

Mr. McCabe began the presentation with an update on Investments that have been made in security measures and operations. Real-time intelligence tools have been utilized to monitor incidents and inform the EOC structure for full response. The team is gathering FIFA intelligence from all host cities and stadiums. The Security Operations Center has been monitoring systems and security cameras with upgraded equipment at 11 key facilities Transit.

Registrar Ogilvie provided an update on the initiative taken by the RMV and its service centers to assist World Cup visitors. The Boston Haymarket

Service Center will close one hour earlier than usual at 5:00pm, Monday-Friday between June 15-26. Regular business hours will resume on June 29. Also, Fan Watch Parties will be held at Campanelli baseball field adjacent to the Brockton service center on June 24 and June 26.

Amy Getchel discussed the real-time updates we have been providing to the traveling public. We have used message boards, the Mass511 system and the MBTA app to communicate with our customers.

There was extensive discussion. Director McGee congratulated the team on the success thus far. It is obvious that a lot of planning has gone into this and the results are quite positive.

That was the final item on the agenda. The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

VOTED: to adjourn at 2:36 p.m.

Director Batista	Yes
Director Beggan	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes
Director Dimino	Yes
Director Iezzoni	Yes
Director King	Yes

Director Mazzarella	Yes
Director McGee	Yes
Chair Eng	Yes