



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



**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Board**  
**of Directors**  
**May 20, 2026 AT 12:00 P.M.**

**10 Park Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Eric Batista, Director Joseph Beggan, Director Ilyas Bhatti, Director Richard Dimino, Director Lisa Iezzoni, Director Tim King, Director Tom Koch (left meeting at 1:28 p.m.), Director Dean Mazzarella, 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, Robert Mahoney (KPMG), Manager of Capital Planning Michelle Scott, Deputy Highway Administrator Brian Kelleher, Susan Flint, Matt Boger*

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

*Undersecretary Samantha Silverberg, General Counsel Carrie Wicker, Deputy General Counsel*

*Owen Kane*

Chair Eng called to order the meeting of the MassDOT Board at 12:02 p.m. Owen Kane called the roll of the members participating, being a quorum of the MassDOT Board of Directors:

<b>Director Batista</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Director Beggan</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Director Bhatti</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Director Dimino</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Director Iezzoni</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Director King</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Director Koch</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Director Mazarella</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Director McGee</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Chair Eng</b>	<b>Present</b>

The Chair then asked for a moment of silence to commemorate the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing and to remember the victims and first responders.

### **Safety Briefing**

The Safety Briefing was presented via video.

### **Moment of Silence**

The Chair asked for a moment of silence for State Trooper Kevin

Trainor, who lost his life in the service of the Commonwealth on May 6.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Chair then asked for a Motion to Approve the Minutes from the April 15, 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 April 15, 2026.**

<b>Director Batista</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Beggan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Bhatti</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Dimino</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Iezzoni</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Director King</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Koch</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Mazzarella</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director McGee</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Chair Eng</b>	<b>Yes</b>

## **Employee Recognition**

The Chair stated that five employees would be recognized by the Board for exemplary service. He introduced Colleen Ogilvie, who presented the first honoree.

Denise Blakely, Program Coordinator with the Driver Licensing Team was recognized for the tremendous work she has done in supporting communities and disaster survivors.

Chair Eng then invited Brian Kelleher to present the next honorees, Ed Naras, Jonathan Smith and Cody Holemo, who were recognized for receiving the 2025 James Sorenson Award for Excellence in Pavement Preservation.

Mr. Kelleher then presented District 6 Area Engineer AJ Nunes, who was honored on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Nunes has proudly served the Department with distinction since 1992.

## **STANDING REPORTS**

The Secretary presented his report to the Board.

Secretary Eng began by speaking about the Maffa Way Project and Mystic Ave Bridge Replacement. The projects, which were illustrative of the tremendous working relationship between MassDOT, the MBTA and the cities of Boston and Somerville, were able to be completed nine months ahead of schedule.

The Chair then discussed the recent grand opening of the newest section of the Neponset River Greenway. Department staff joined state and local officials at the new path which will connect Readville, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Dorchester and Milton.

The Secretary also provided an update on the Sagamore Bridge Project. Megaprojects Director Luisa Paiwonsky is working with local officials and Department staff. He reported that things are going well and that we will have monthly updates as we get closer to the procurement.

Chair Eng invited Meredith Slesinger to join him to discuss the Community Transit Grant awards recently made in Montachusett. Administrator Slesinger stated that the grant awards, totaling more than \$21 million will allow 27 organizations to purchase 131 accessible vans, as well as

provide support for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

The Secretary then announced over \$85 million in funding over six competitive grant programs.

He also provided updates on the geographic distribution of grant funding across the Commonwealth. Recent visits with the Mass Municipal Association, and the cities of Concord and Worcester.

He invited Colleen Ogilvie to join him to discuss the RMV's partnership with New England Donor Services. The Registrar introduced Braintree resident Susan Flint to share her story about her son Lucas and his legacy.

Lucas Flint was unfortunately killed by a hit and run driver in December 2018. As he registered as a Donor on his Driver's Permit, within 3 days of his unfortunate passing, he was able to save 5 lives. In the years since, his mother has rented a billboard on Washington Street in Braintree to promote Lucas' legacy and encourage everyone to be a hero and become an organ donor.

The Registrar also introduced Matt Boger, Executive Director of New England Donor Services. Mr. Boger expressed his appreciation to the RMV.

More than 98% of all people who donate have registered through the RMV.

The Organization has also done several events throughout the Commonwealth with several MassDOT Board members. The program has saved thousands of lives, due in large part to people like Lucas and Susan Flint.

The Secretary pointed out that we are not just about concrete and steel. He expressed his pride in this organization, and noted that more can be done and more needs to be done. 44.9% of Massachusetts credential holders have signed up to be donors, but more than 3000 residents of the Commonwealth are on the transplant waiting list, and 1511 have been waiting for more than 3 years. He thanked Mr. Boger, Ms. Flint and the employees of the RMV for their efforts.

The Registrar reported that the Massachusetts 250 Low Plate Lottery was a great success. Lieutenant Governor Driscoll participated in the drawing. One thousand low number plates were awarded from 48,457 entries.

The Secretary provided a brief update on planning for the World Cup.

The first match is 24 days from today. Staff is still participating in tabletop exercises. We are very excited and confident that we will be ready.

Director Mazzearella has several questions about the World Cup and our preparations. He asked what fans will do between the stadium closing and the expected 3 hour wait for a return train trip. The Secretary noted that tickets have been sold for 3 waves. Director Mazzearella also asked if ticket buyers would receive instructions when they buy their tickets. The Secretary responded that we are in constant communication with FIFA and the various consulates as well as ticket sellers.

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

## **Presentations and Actions**

Director of Major Projects Mike O'Dowd presented a request 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 Bhatti noted that there were 8 bids for this project, all well under the Engineer's Estimate and asked if that was of concern. Mr. O'Dowd indicated that this project requires working around active railroads. As such, we priced it conservatively, perhaps too conservatively.

Director Beggan stated that this project was discussed at last week's Capital Programs Committee meeting and that, after a full discussion, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend this to the full Board.

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

**VOTED: To 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).**

<b>Director Batista</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Beggan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Bhatti</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Dimino</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Iezzi</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director King</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Koch</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Mazarella</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director McGee</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Chair Eng</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Manager of Capital Planning Michelle Scott presented 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 Beggan stated that this was discussed at the CPC meeting and

the Committee voted to recommend that the Draft CIP should be released for public comment.

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

**VOTED: To approve the draft Fiscal Year 2027–2031 Capital Investment Plan (“CIP”) as presented at the May 2026 meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Board of Directors for public review and comment and to 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.**

<b>Director Batista</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Beggan</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Bhatti</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Dimino</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Iezsoni</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director King</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Koch</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Mazarella</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director McGee</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Chair Eng</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Chief Financial Officer David Pottier introduced the FY25 independent

audit of MassDOT, performed by KPMG.

Mr. Pottier introduced Bob Mahoney, VP at KPMG. Mr. Mahoney led a discussion on the results of the audit. KPMG offered an unmodified opinion on governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and aggregate discretely presented component units, including the RTAs.

Mr. Mahoney stated that this was a positive audit, with only minor weaknesses noted. KPMG noted that the Other Governmental Fund's (OGF) receivables balance included transactions in which MassDOT incurred expenditures under federal awards and subsequently received reimbursement from the federal government. During testing, KPMG identified certain receivables that were reimbursed in FY25, but were reflected as outstanding at June 30, 2025.

MassDOT acknowledged the weakness and has implemented corrective action.

Director Dimino stated that this was discussed at the Finance & Audit Committee and noted that this was the first unmodified opinion offered by

KPMG in the many years that they have served as the Department's independent auditor and congratulated the Department and his fellow Directors. He noted that such unmodified opinion reflects positively on the staff and expressed appreciation to the RTAs for their unprecedented cooperation.

Mr. Pottier then presented an update on the FY27 Budget proposal.

Mr. Pottier stated that The Transportation system is supported by three primary funding vehicles: FY27 House 2 Budget, FY26 Fair Share Supplemental, and the Chapter 90 Supplemental Bill.

The FY27 House 2 Budget was filed by Governor Healey on January 28; House Ways & Means has released its version and we are expecting the House floor debate and amendments within the next few weeks.

The FY26 Fair Share Supplemental Budget was passed by both the House and Senate and will go to a Conference Committee.

The Chapter 90 Supplemental Bill was passed by the House and sent to the Senate. The Senate Ways & Means Committee will consider the bill over the next several weeks.

Director Dimino stated that it is important that the budget include further authorization for existing programs in order to ensure the continuity of those programs.

There was extensive discussion.

Due to time constraints, the World Cup 2026 Update was provided in writing.

Director Iezzoni stated that signage would be of utmost importance for the World Cup and that there hasn't been enough discussion about the use of the word "disability." There is no universal symbol for "wheel chair."

The Chair promised that he would verify with our team about signage. The intent was to use international symbols whenever possible. Volunteers are being trained in international communications.

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 1:54 p.m.**

**Director Batista**  
**Director Beggan**

**Yes**  
**Yes**

<b>Director Bhatti</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Dimino</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Iezzi</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director King</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director Mazarella</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Director McGee</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Chair Eng</b>	<b>Yes</b>