



Maura Healey, Governor
Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor
Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Secretary & CEO



MINUTES

Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Board of Directors

April 15 AT 10:00 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 Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Director Joseph
Beggan, Director Richard Dimino, Director Lisa
Iezzoni (left meeting at 10:58), Director Tim
King, Director Dean Mazzaella, Director
Thomas McGee (arrived at 10:26)*

**OTHERS
PARTICIPATING:**

*Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver,
Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie,
Acting Aeronautics Administrator Denise Garcia,
Undersecretary Hayes Morrison, Chief Financial
Officer David Pottier, Outside Auditor Robert
Mahoney, Deputy Chief Safety Officer Michael
Cairo, Manager of Capital Planning Michelle
Scott, Highway Safety GIS Specialist Kirsten
Johnson, Civil Engineer Bonnie Polin, Chief
Innovation Officer Kris Carter, Senior Project
Manager Kara Brothers (Office of Strategy
Implementation and Efficiency)*

OTHERS PRESENT:

General Counsel Carrie Wicker, Deputy General

Counsel Owen Kane

Chair Tibbits-Nutt called to order the meeting of the MassDOT Board at 10:10 a.m. Owen Kane called the roll of the members participating, being a quorum of the MassDOT Board of Directors:

Chair Tibbits-Nutt	Present
Director Beggan	Present
Director Dimino	Present
Director Iezzoni	Present
Director King	Present
Director Mazzeella	Present

Safety Briefing

Deputy Chief Safety Officer Michael Cairo presented the Safety Briefing. Mr. Cairo warned of the dangers of distracted driving and reminded the Board that Massachusetts law prohibits using electronic devices while driving unless the device is in hands-free mode.

Employee Recognition

At the direction of the Chair, Owen Kane continued the meeting by recognizing four MassDOT employees. Deputy Director of the Office of Transportation Planning (OTP) presented OTP employee Makaela Niles with a

commendation from the Board; Chief Operating Officer Meghan Haggerty commended Ibrahima Barry for “going above and beyond” at the Office of Strategy Implementation and Efficiency; Registrar Colleen Ogilvie introduced AnnMarie Donaruma and congratulated her, on behalf of the RMV, on her retirement; and finally, Highway Administrator presented David Spicer with a commendation on behalf of the Highway Division upon his retirement.

Public Comment

Robert Sullivan, of JBS Corporation, spoke about the proposed Truck Safety Regulations that will be discussed later in today’s meeting.

Minutes

On behalf of Chair Tibbits-Nutt, Owen Kane asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025 MassDOT Board Meeting.

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the MassDOT Board Meeting held on March 19, 2025.

Chair Tibbits-Nutt	yes
Director Beggan	yes
Director Dimino	yes
Director Iezzoni	yes
Director King	yes
Director Mazarella	yes
Director McGee	yes

STANDING REPORTS

Undersecretary Hayes Morrison then presented the Secretary's Report on behalf of the Chair.

Ms. Morrison introduced Carrie Wicker, the newly appointed General Counsel of MassDOT and the MBTA.

The Undersecretary discussed recent visits to the Lenox (with Governor Healey), the opening of South Coast Rail (with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the GM, along with local officials) and Westford.

The Undersecretary also announced that April is Earth Month.

Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver provided his report to the Board. Administrator Gulliver discussed the statewide construction coordination related to the 482 active highway construction projects currently underway across the Commonwealth.

Mr. Gulliver also provided an update on the construction schedule for the I-90/I-95 project in Newton. There will be two weekend closures for the project in May and June.

The reports from the RMV, Rail and Transit and Aeronautics were

presented in writing.

Presentations and Actions

Chief Financial Officer David Pottier presented Item #9, an update on the KPMG FY 24 Financial Audit by introducing his staff and Robert Mahoney, the representative of KPMG.

Mr. Mahoney then discussed the audit findings. He indicated that the overall audit went well and expressed appreciation to Mr. Pottier and his staff for their cooperation with KPMG staff.

KPMG was able to provide an unmodified opinion on governmental activities and a qualified opinion on certain component units (related to Regional Transit Authorities) due to the timing of the individual audits for the component units.

Director Dimino indicated that the Finance & Audit Committee received the presentation from KPMG at last week's meeting. He was pleased that the audit found no management concerns specific to the audit. There was extensive discussion.

Manager of Capital Planning, Michelle Scott then presented Item #10, an update on the FY 2026-2030 Capital Investment Plan ("CIP").

The CIP is a rolling five-year plan that funds the planning, construction, and capital maintenance of the transportation system.

The CIP is fiscally constrained and reflects planned spending/cash flows and includes investments in roads and bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, state-funded transit items, state rail network, public use airports, MassDOT-wide enterprise services and the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Ms. Scott discussed the various CIP funding sources, including Federal Funding, State Funding, MassDOT Sources (i.e. tolls), and other sources such as municipal and local funding.

Director Mazzarella expressed disappointment in the conditions of the state rest areas and asked if they would be addressed in the CIP.

Administrator Gulliver led a discussion regarding the difficulty the Department has faced with both state and federal law in its various attempts to enhance or repair the rest areas. Discussion ensued.

Highway Safety GIS Specialist Kirsten Johnson presented Item #11, an overview of the Roadway Safety Program.

Ms. Johnson, along with Safety Engineer Bonnie Polin, led a lengthy discussion about the Department's strategic safe system approach.

Director Beggan applauded the Department's use of data to evaluate road safety and to make necessary changes and asked how and when the data is distributed to municipalities and the federal government.

Ms. Polin explained that the Department normally submits crash data to the federal government upon the use of federal funds, often three years after the fact.

Administrator Gulliver noted that we typically notify municipalities as soon as we determine there may be a risk of crashes at a particular location.

Directors McGee and Mazzarella offered the perspective of local elected officials and noted that while design changes are helping communities, more work needs to be done to get the word out to drivers – slower speeds don't mean longer trips.

Chief Innovation Officer Kris Carter and Kara Brothers from the Office of Strategy Implementation and Efficiency presented Item #12, an update on the Department's efforts related to Large Vehicle Safety.

The Massachusetts Truck Safety Device Law applies to a motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or semi-trailer unit classified as class 3 or above by the Federal Highway Administration, with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of

10,001 pounds or more, that is leased or purchased by the Commonwealth on or after January 1, 2023, or that is operated under a contract with the Commonwealth executed on or after January 1, 2025.

This law applies to Snow & Ice and Towing contracts executed on or after July 1, 2025.

Enforcement by state agencies will begin December 31, 2025.

Extensive discussion ensued.

Due to time constraints, Item #13 the Vulnerable Road Users Update was tabled. It will be presented at a future meeting.

On behalf of Chair Tibbits-Nutt, Owen Kane asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 12:14 p.m.

Chair Tibbits-Nutt	yes
Director Beggan	yes
Director Dimino	yes
Director King	yes
Director Mazarella	yes
Director McGee	yes