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MINUTES

Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Capital Programs Committee

July 9, 2025 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:**

Chairman Joseph Beggan, Director Timothy
King, Director Ilyas Bhatti, Director Thomas
Koch

**OTHERS
PARTICIPATING:**

Deputy Director of Major Projects Frank Welch,
Deputy Chief Engineer John Moran

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deputy General Counsel Owen Kane

Chairman Beggan called to order the meeting of the Capital
Programs Committee at 10:30 a.m. Owen Kane called the roll of the
members participating, being a quorum of the Committee:

Chair Beggan	Present
Director King	Present
Director Koch	Present
Director Bhatti	Present

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2025, 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 June 11, 2025.

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

Deputy Director of Major Projects Frank Welch presented Item #2, a request for a recommendation from the Committee for the full Board to authorize the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or their designee, to award and execute MassDOT Construction Contract 129076: Bridge Replacement, H-12-007, Bridge Street (SR 125) over the

Merrimack River and the Bradford Rail Trail with The Middlesex Corporation in the amount of \$214,980,800.00.

The proposed Project will replace the existing Basiliere Bridge that carries Bridge Street (Route 125) over the Merrimack River and the existing bridge over the Bradford Rail Trail with a new structure designed and constructed for a 75-year service-life. The Project also improves safety, accessibility and mobility for all users including motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

The Project will include complete removal of the existing bridge structures, roadway reconstruction, highway drainage/storm water management facilities, traffic management, sidewalk reconstruction, addition of bike lanes, traffic signal modifications, highway lighting, landscaping, pavement markings and signage, utility relocation/protection and all other related bridge and highway work.

Director Koch inquired about the granite structure within the existing bridge and was assured that the original granite would be reused wherever possible.

Director Bhatti asked about the process followed in the procurement of this contract. Mr. Welch explained the Design-Build procurement methodology and discussed the specific reasons for the scores of the bidders for this project.

Further discussion ensued.

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

VOTED: To recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the Secretary, or her designee, to award and execute MassDOT Contract No. 129076, Bridge Replacement, H-12-007, Bridge Street (SR 125) over the Merrimack River and the Bradford Rail Trail Design-Build Project, with The Middlesex Corporation and Transystems, in a form approved by the General Counsel, in the amount of \$214,980,800.00.

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

Deputy Chief Engineer John Moran then presented Item #3, an update on the Department's efforts on monitoring the Highway Capital Plan.

Mr. Moran led a discussion on the Department's Capital Plan Delivery Measures, including the completeness, timeliness and accuracy of each

procurement. The measures help MassDOT evaluate the internal processes and highlight the needs for Capital Planning.

Mr. Moran told the Committee that 189 projects were planned for advertisement in SFY 2025, and as of today, 91% were on time, or within 30 days of the scheduled advertisement date. In addition, the Department was pleased to announce that it had greatly surpassed its performance target of 120 days from ad to notice to proceed every month during the past fiscal year.

Director Bhatti agreed with Mr. Moran that the differences between the state and federal fiscal years cause some difficulty but based on this presentation, it appears that the Department can reach its goals.

Director Beggan asked if the 120 day performance target should be lowered. He also stated that he would like to see a breakdown on contracts as to how we are reducing the number of structurally deficient bridges.

Director Koch commended Mr. Moran on the presentation and noted that the presentation clearly indicates that there is a lot of work going on within the Department.

That was the final item on the agenda. Prior to concluding the meeting, Chair Beggan asked his fellow Directors to think about what supplemental

materials may be helpful to the Committee as part of future contract presentations. He noted that the Committee would discuss the matter at a future meeting.

The Chair then asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 11:04 p.m.

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