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MINUTES

Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Finance & Audit Committee

June 11, 2025 AT 9:00 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 Richard Dimino, Director Eric Batista,
Director Tim King

**OTHERS
PARTICIPATING:**

Chief Financial Officer Davis Pottier, Deputy
Administrator for Transit Tom Schiavone

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deputy General Counsel Owen Kane, Director of
Operations and Policy Faisa Sharif

Chair Dimino called to order the meeting of the Finance & Audit

Committee at 9:00 a.m. Owen Kane called the roll of the members

participating, being a quorum of the members of the committee:

Chair Dimino	Present
Director Batista	Present
Director King	Present

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

Chair Dimino asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025, Finance & Audit Committee Meeting.

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held on May 14, 2025.

Chair Dimino	Yes
Director Batista	Yes
Director King	Abstain

Discussion Items

Chief Financial Officer David Pottier presented **Item #2**, a request for a recommendation on the interim FY26 Budget proposal.

Mr. Pottier indicated that the fiscal year ends on June 30, and, since a

new Budget has not yet been passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, the Department will proceed with an interim budget until the final budget is approved.

To take a conservative approach, the Department's proposed Operating Budget is based on the House version of the Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) budget. The lowest among the H.I, House, and Senate proposals. CTF funding accounts for 72% of MassDOT's non-toll operating budget.

The proposed interim budget assumes a \$578 million transfer from the CTF for non-toll operations, including \$55 million from Fair Share revenues, representing a net increase of \$39 million.

It also funds Snow & Ice at \$40M, \$5M above FY25's level. While the 5-year average for non-toll snow and ice spending is \$83M, DOT will rely on \$50M in deficiency spending authority to address shortfalls. Mr. Pottier noted that the final number could be as low as \$35M (Senate version).

Chair Dimino led an extensive discussion on the proposed budget and noted that while Mr. Pottier's presentation focused on the current budget bills, there are several other legislative bills being considered, including a

Supplemental FY25 Budget and changes to Chapter 90 that may have a great impact on the Department and the work we do. He noted that cuts in the Ways and Means Budget and the impact such cuts might have on MassDOT's ability to deliver the much-needed Highway projects. The Chair noted that the Department was seeking an additional 300 positions in the FY26 Budget and such cuts within the current version make that much more difficult.

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

VOTED: To recommend to the full Board the approval of the interim FY26 Budget, as presented.

Chair Dimino	Yes
Director Batista	Yes
Director King	Yes

Deputy Rail & Transit Administrator Tom Schiavone presented **Item # 3**, a request for a recommendation to the full Board to authorize the Secretary to execute contract number 130461 to transfer \$26,821,970 to the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority.

The FY2026 budget provides the 15 Regional Transit Authorities with State

Operating Assistance funding for purposes of operating transit service.

Though all 15 RTAs receive State Operating funding in various amounts, the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (“PVRTA”) is the only one that exceeds the signature authority currently delegated to the Secretary/Chief Executive Officer.

Except for the MBTA, PVRTA is the largest RTA in Massachusetts. It provides 48 fixed routes and demand response service to the Pioneer Valley region of Western Massachusetts. The service area covers 627 square miles, 24 communities, and a population of over 580,000 people.

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

VOTED: To recommend to the full Board to authorize the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or their designee, to execute contract number 130461 to transfer \$26,821,970 to the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority and any such amendments as may be required by statute.

Chair Dimino	Yes
Director Batista	Yes
Director King	Yes

Chair Dimino asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:40 a.m.

Chair Dimino	Yes
Director Batista	Yes
Director King	Yes