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MINUTES

Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Capital Programs Committee

October 8, 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

**MASSDOT BOARD
MEMBER ABSENT:**

Director Tim King

**OTHERS
PARTICIPATING:**

Deputy Chief Engineer John Bechard, Executive
Director of the Office of Transportation Planning
David Mohler, Capital Budget Director Jack
Caljouw

OTHERS PRESENT:

Counsel, Corporate Governance Noah Potash

Chairman Beggan called to order the meeting of the Capital

Programs Committee at 10:30 a.m. Noah Potash called the roll of the

members participating, being a quorum of the Committee:

Chair Beggan	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 September 10, 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 September 10, 2025.

Chair Beggan	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes

Chair Beggan announced that Item #2, the Billerica – Yankee Doodle Bike Path Construction, had been withdrawn from the agenda at the request of the department.

Deputy Chief Engineer John Bechard presented Item #3, a request for a recommendation from the Committee for the Board of Directors to authorize

the Secretary, or their designee, to award and execute MassDOT Contract No. 132185 Entitled Reconstruction and Related Work on Rhode Island Road (Route 79) from the Taunton City Line to Clean Pond Road in Lakeville, MA, with P A Landers Inc, in a form approved by the General Counsel, in the amount of \$17,385,000.00.

The proposed project consisted of reconstructing a section of Route 79, promoting safety through improving intersections and the addition of new bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The work will include pavement reconstruction, new signage, and stormwater improvements.

Mr. Bechard explained that the project used a design-bid-build approach and stated that P A Landers was the low bidder following a competitive procurement. He noted that the project was funded through a combination of state and regional MPO funds.

Director Bhatti and Mr. Bechard discussed the construction management approach. Director Bhatti asked about federal funding and Mr. Bechard said that the federal funds for the project were obligated. Chairman Beggan asked about the bicycle accommodations and speed limit and Mr. Bechard explained that the bike lanes would be unbuffered striped shoulders

and said he would check on the speed limit and other details. Director Koch asked if the work was within the Right-of-Way and Mr. Bechard said that the community had completed all necessary takings.

Further discussion ensued.

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

VOTED: To recommend to the MassDOT Board of Directors to authorize the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or their designee, to award and execute MassDOT Construction Contract 132185–Lakeville – Reconstruction and Related Work on Rhode Island Road (Route 79) from the Taunton City Line to Clean Pond Road, with P A Landers Inc, for the amount of \$17,385,000.00.

Chair Beggan	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes

Executive Director of the Office of Transportation Planning David Mohler then presented Item #4, the FY26 Fair Share CTF Expansion. Mr. Mohler outlined the expansion of the MassDOT Capital Program, with the FY26 Budget including \$550 million in Fair Share Funding to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, which will be bonded into \$2.5 billion for MassDOT, \$1.5 billion for Chapter 90, and \$850 million for the MBTA. Breaking down the MassDOT funding, Mr. Mohler reviewed the Bridge and Pavement Asset

Management Program, the Rapid Repair and Replacement Program for municipal bridges, the Community Culvert Grant Program, and \$615 million in funding for the Allston Multimodal Project, currently held in reserve pending independent review of the project.

He then addressed the \$850 million for the MBTA, which could be allocated to the Widett Circle Phase 1 project, the Arborway Maintenance Facility, Green Line Infrastructure Improvements, and locomotive procurements.

Director Bhatti and Mr. Mohler discussed the process for selecting bridges to be replaced under the two bridge programs.

Chairman Beggan asked about the Widett Project and Mr. Mohler explained the work planned for Phase 1 of the project. Chairman Beggan said that the plan should be discussed further at the board meeting.

Further discussion ensued.

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

VOTED:

Staff request that the Capital Programs Committee recommend the MassDOT Board of Directors to authorize the Secretary of Transportation or her designee, to execute an Agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) transferring

\$850,000,000.00 in Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) bonding capacity to the MBTA to fund certain transit and transit related investments as determined by the General Manager of the MBTA.

FURTHER VOTED:

To recommend the MassDOT Board of Directors to authorize the Secretary, to execute any necessary or ancillary documents to effectuate the transfer of \$850,000,000.00 to the MBTA pursuant to this Agreement.

Chair Beggan	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes

Capital Budget Director Jack Caljouw presented Item #5, the FY25 Capital Budget Year End Update. Mr. Caljouw explained that significant spending on rail enhancement was due to faster-than-projected MBTA procurement and was fully funded. He said that federal spending was below the aggressive target but above the total for previous years. Mr. Caljouw stated that the bond cap target had been exceeded for the first time since FY22 and highlighted strong results for the Highway Division and Chapter 90. He announced that spending for cities and towns hit 99% of target and that the budget would be increased 50% for FY26. Turning to Capital Deliverables highlights, Mr. Caljouw reviewed the Newton-Weston Bridge Bundle, the Hopkinton-Westborough I-90/I-495 Interchange, and Rt. 20 Reconstruction in

Charlton/Oxford and discussed major projects that were issued NTPs. He also reviewed highlights for Transit, Rail, and Aeronautics.

Director Bhatti thanked Mr. Caljouw for a positive report and noted progress in every category and asked about federal funding. Mr. Caljouw said that the good news was that much of the Department's federal money was already obligated.

Chairman Beggan said that the report was comprehensive and thanked the team for their hard work.

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 11:07 p.m.

Chair Beggan	Yes
Director Koch	Yes
Director Bhatti	Yes