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MINUTES

Meeting of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Capital Programs Committee

September 10, 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 Chief Engineer John Bechard

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deputy General Counsel Owen Kane

Chairman Beggan called to order the meeting of the Capital
Programs Committee at 10:31 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 July 9, 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 July 9, 2025.

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

Deputy Chief Engineer presented Item #2, 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. 130548 Entitled Boston – Tunnel Preservation within MHS Tunnels, with J. F. White Contracting Co, in a form approved by the General Counsel, in the

amount of \$52,182,001.00

The proposed Project The award of Contract No. 130548 titled Boston – Tunnel Preservation within MHS Tunnels serves as hybrid project to address deficiency across Tunnel Network and improvement to crumbling infrastructure for safety and reliability, as the Tunnel system is integral to destination connectivity within Boston region and Logan airport.

The work comprised repairs to Callahan Tunnel Ceiling System, cleaning and painting Callahan Tunnel ceiling stringers, adding sump pump to Vent Building 1 basement level, installation of waterproof coating over subsurface embankment within Parcel 22 adjacent to Air Intake Structure, demolition to expose the fire standpipe expansion joints within Ted William Tunnel and installation of Fire rated access doors for maintenance, CASB Standpipe trench repairs, Performing preservation activities in various Tunnels for Leak sealing, Fireproofing repairs, overhead concrete repairs, wall panel anchor repairs, surface joint repairs, cleaning and repairs to tanks and sluice gates in Pump Stations and drainage repairs.

Director Bhatti asked about the bid being \$11 million over the Engineer's Estimate. Mr. Bechard explained that some of the reasons for the higher-

than-expected bids are the fact that the tunnel area is confined, material costs have gone up over the past several months due, in part at least, to the increased tariffs, and that this is a three-year contract with many unknowns for prospective bidders over the next few years.

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 their designee, to award and execute MassDOT Contract No. 130548 Entitled Boston – Tunnel Preservation within MHS Tunnels, with J. F. White Contracting Co, in a form approved by the General Counsel, in the amount of \$52,182,001.00.

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

Deputy Chief Engineer Bechard then presented Item #3, a request for a recommendation that the Board of Directors authorize and approve the Secretary/CEO, or their designee, to execute MassDOT Contract No. 131468 titled Mendon Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 16 with LUDLOW CONSTRUCTION CO INC, for the amount of \$16,518,264.50 and for a total duration not to exceed 1325 calendar days from Notice to Proceed (NTP).

The award of Contract No. 131468 titled Mendon Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 16, from Uxbridge Road (Route 16) in Mendon just west of Taft Avenue and continues east for 1.9 miles on Route 16 to the Hopedale Town line just east of Harrington Street.

The roadway work is comprised of full depth construction; roadway widening; milling; paving; reconstructing driveways; sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps; a shared use path; repair of an existing concrete box culvert; landscaping; installing new granite curbing and berm; installing highway guardrail; new stormwater drainage pipes and structures; new fencing; providing and spreading loam borrow and seed; water main and gas relocation by others; tree trimming; traffic signal installation; traffic signing and pavement markings; traffic control management, secondary street improvements, relocation of utility poles and overhead wires; and shrubs within the project's right-of-way.

Director King commended Mr. Bechard on the community engagement efforts and asked about the response from the community on the multi-modal approach to this project.

Mr. Bechard said that the Mendon community provided a very positive response to the Complete Streets proposal.

Director Bhatti asked for confirmation that all required permits were already in place. Mr. Bechard indicated that all permits have been received and that the project is ready to go.

Chair Beggan then led the discussion on Item #4, a review of presented and supportive materials for Board Contract approval.

Mr. Bechard described the type and form of materials currently provided to the Board.

The Chair indicated that he would like more information provided on existing bridge conditions and crash data. In short, he would like the Department to tie the individual projects to the big picture.

Director Koch indicated that he is comfortable with the existing packets, as long as the Directors are provided with sufficient time to review the materials before the meetings.

Director King agreed with Director Koch and emphasized that the Board is not simply there to rubber stamp Department requests. It is essential that the Directors receive complete documentation as far in advance as possible.

Director Bhatti would like to see cost benefit analyses or value engineering data included in the materials. Mr. Bechard stated that the Department typically conducts value engineering when required by federal statute and will provide additional materials if they are available.

Further discussion ensued.

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 11:08 p.m.

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