# Office of Outdoor Advertising Public Meeting

August 10,2023 11:00 AM

State Transportation Building

10 Park Plaza

2nd Floor

Boston, MA 02116

(via Webinar)

Present:

Tim McCarthy, Executive Director

1	PROCEEDINGS
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3	TIM MCCARTHY: Good morning, everybody.
4	My name is Tim McCarthy. I am the Director of Outdoor
5	Advertising for MassDOT. We are here for our August
6	10, 2023 Office of Outdoor Advertising hearing.
7	This meeting is being held virtually by
8	the Governor's Act, extending the virtual public
9	meetings through March of '25.
10	We are running this hearing by Zoom
11	platform.
12	Please note that this meeting is being
13	recorded by our stenographer, who is in attendance.
14	He will provide a transcript of the meeting that will
15	be posted on our web page when it is available.
16	The OOA team is present. Thanks to
17	Lydia, Jerry, Jason, Marc, and Chris for your
18	continued great work and effort.
19	This meeting is accessible to people
20	with disabilities and individuals with limited English
21	proficiency. If you filed a request to be available
22	today and did not receive it, please contact MassDOT's
23	Office of Diversity and Civil Rights at 857-368-8580
24	or you can email <u>massdot.civilrights@dot.state.ma.us</u> .

1	Jerry Kelleher of our team will go
2	through the Zoom controls for this meeting.
3	GERARD KELLEHER: Okay. Thank you,
4	sir.
5	First of all, just check your
6	microphone icon. Make sure it's working at your
7	personal computer in case you want to make a comment.
8	The chat and interpretation functions
9	are not available for this webinar.
10	And, the only people on camera would be
11	panelists.
12	The Webinar ID for the August meeting
13	is 956 1959 4430.
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15	you have any tech problems as you go along, you can
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1	whatever subject we're discussing at the time. There
2	will be a period for general comments at the end.
3	Finally, if you're listening on the
4	phone and would like to make a comment, dial *9, and
5	I'll call out the last three digits of your phone
6	number and unmute your audio when it's your turn to
7	speak. Again, identify yourself for the record.
8	Those are the Zoom protocols for our
9	meeting. Thank you.
10	Back to the Director, Tim McCarthy.
11	TIM MCCARTHY: Thank you, Jerry.
12	Please note that accessible versions of
13	the meeting materials have been previously posted on
14	the OOA web page and will be referred to in this
15	meeting. And we'll post the links in the Q&A box as
16	well.
17	I'll go through the agenda.
18	The sign-in sheet physically obviously
19	cannot be signed. But by signing up for the webinar,
20	we have a list of those who are in attendance. Based
21	on that, we will have the attendance based on that.
22	On the screen is the agenda. And what
23	I will do is go through each item, and I will ask
24	questions of the proponents.

1	Just so you know, everybody in the
2	public is currently muted and your camera is off.
3	And, as Jerry said, if you would like
4	to speak at some point during the meeting when the
5	public comment is requested, you should just use the
6	raise your hand function, as Jerry described at the
7	beginning of the meeting, and you can put your
8	question in the Q&A box.
9	Also, please note that you can provide
10	comments in writing to us via email as always.
11	For anybody who may be new, including
12	myself, we do not make any decisions at this actual
13	hearing. Every item is taken under advisement, and we
14	will make a decision within the next couple of weeks,
15	sometimes as early as a week. But we will give time
16	for write-in comments to us via email. Our email is
17	OOAInformation@dot.state.ma.us. And you can send your
18	comments in writing there.
19	Also, we have public comments at the
20	end of each item and then a final chance for overall
21	comments at the end of the agenda.
22	With that, Jerry, we'll start the
23	meeting.
24	GERARD KELLEHER: There's the agenda.

1	TIM MCCARTHY: Beautiful.
2	Okay. The first on the agenda is
3	Permit Application Numbers 2023D015 and 2023D016.
4	Is the applicant present?
5	STEPHEN ROSS: Yes, sir.
6	TIM MCCARTHY: Steve, good morning.
7	How are you?
8	STEPHEN ROSS: I am well. How are you?
9	TIM MCCARTHY: Couldn't be better. A
10	little frazzled. A little frazzled. I'm not a big
11	computer guy, but a little frazzled. So, now we're
12	all settled down now. It's all good.
13	Is anyone here representing the
14	municipality where the sign is being proposed?
15	(No response.)
16	GERARD KELLEHER: No hands.
17	TIM MCCARTHY: Okay. That's a
18	negative.
19	Are there any abutters present today?
20	(No response.)
21	GERARD KELLEHER: No.
22	TIM MCCARTHY: Negative as well. Okay.
23	GERARD KELLEHER: There's one hand.
24	One hand was raised, Tim.

1	TIM MCCARTHY: Okay.
2	GERARD KELLEHER: Paige Duncan. I'm
3	not sure if she's an abutter.
4	I'll unmute you. Go ahead. Do you
5	have a are you an abutter?
6	PAIGE DUNCAN: No, actually, sorry, I
7	was late. I'm from the Town of Foxborough.
8	GERARD KELLEHER: Okay. Thanks. Okay.
9	That's good.
10	TIM MCCARTHY: Any comments?
11	PAIGE DUNCAN: The one comment that was
12	requested I don't know if my Board of Health
13	Director, he's on vacation this week, was going to
14	submit a written comment, but he was concerned about I
15	guess there's a new technology that will minimize
16	glare to adjacent property owners. And so I think
17	there was a concern to make sure that we don't end up
18	with complaints down the road related to glare. So, I
19	think that was our primary comment.
20	TIM MCCARTHY: Okay. Thanks so much,
21	Paige. Thanks for being here.
22	PAIGE DUNCAN: Thank you.
23	TIM MCCARTHY: Is there anyone from the
24	District Office?

1	(No response.)							
2	GERARD KELLEHER: No hands raised.							
3	TIM MCCARTHY: Okay. I do have a note							
4	from the District Office, from Bill Travers.							
5	"Tree trimming will likely be needed to							
6	provide visibility for this billboard. The applicant							
7	is requested to contact the District to review the							
8	need for a highway access permit for any tree trimming							
9	or removal proposed on the I-95 highway layout. The							
10	applicant should be made aware that MassDOT will be							
11	requesting compensation for any obstructing healthy							
12	trees requiring their removal in accordance to							
13	MassDOT's tree trimming and removal policy."							
14	Is there anyone here from Traffic							
15	Operations?							
16	GERARD KELLEHER: Yes, there is.							
17	TIM MCCARTHY: Oh, okay.							
18	GERARD KELLEHER: Thao? Thao Tran?							
19	(No response.)							
20	GERARD KELLEHER: He seems to be muted							
21	on his end.							
22	TIM MCCARTHY: Okay. I do have a note							
23	from James Danilla, Jim Danilla, and Thao is on this							
24	as well.							

1	"The Traffic Engineering Section has								
2	completed its review of the proposed board. The								
3	purpose of the review is to identify any locations								
4	where the board may distract a driver."								
5	Okay. He's still on.								
6	Hold on. "Based on the observations of								
7	the traffic study, it's their judgment that the								
8	detailed traffic study of this location will not be								
9	required."								
10	GERARD KELLEHER: Okay.								
11	TIM MCCARTHY: Okay. So, we have that								
12	on the record.								
13	So, Steve, was certified mail sent to								
14	all the abutters in the last 30 days prior to your								
15	submission?								
16	STEPHEN ROSS: Yes, sir.								
17	TIM MCCARTHY: Yeah, I have those. I								
18	have those here.								
19	Has the applicant received any comments								
20	in support of or opposition?								
21	STEPHEN ROSS: No comments at all.								
22	TIM MCCARTHY: Okay. Okay.								
23	Let's go to the inspector. The inspector on this								
24	project is Marc Plante.								

1	Marc?
2	GERARD KELLEHER: Unmute, please.
3	Marc, can you unmute?
4	MARC PLANTE: Hello?
5	GERARD KELLEHER: Yes, go ahead.
6	TIM MCCARTHY: There you go, Marc.
7	Thank you.
8	MARC PLANTE: Thank you, Tim. Sorry
9	about that.
10	This is a proposed 90-foot monopole
11	facing Route 95 in the Town of Foxborough, two-panel
12	digital, one facing north, one facing south. This
13	area is of business character and there are two
14	businesses within 500 feet of the location. There is
15	no spacing issues with any other signs. And there are
16	no parks, playgrounds, or conservation land within 300
17	feet. Therefore, this site is conforming to our
18	regulations.
19	Thank you.
20	TIM MCCARTHY: Thanks very much, Marc.
21	As you know, I was out there as well.
22	Steve, as you know, if we agree to the
23	if the digital permit is granted, you must abide by
24	the 15-hour public service announcement requirement in

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1	addition to any commitments to the municipality PSA
2	services as well as all provisions set forth in the
3	700 CMR 3.00 for curfew, sensor brightness limit, 10-
4	second static delay as well.
5	STEPHEN ROSS: Yes, that's correct.
6	TIM MCCARTHY: Okay.
7	Is there any other public comment
8	regarding this item?
9	(No response.)
10	GERARD KELLEHER: I'm not seeing any
11	hands.
12	TIM MCCARTHY: Okay. Not seeing any,
13	we'll move on to the next item on the agenda.
14	Thanks very much, Steve. Appreciate
15	it.
16	STEPHEN ROSS: Thank you, sir.
17	GERARD KELLEHER: Mr. Director?
18	TIM MCCARTHY: Yes, sir.
19	GERARD KELLEHER: Could we I'll put
20	the screen, the minutes from the last meeting up, and
21	maybe we could just approve those?
22	TIM MCCARTHY: Yeah. I just, as I
23	said, I'm a little disheveled as I picked all my
24	papers up and ran into my office.

1	GERARD KELLEHER: No, no.
2	TIM MCCARTHY: So I'm just looking for
3	the there we go. I have it.
4	GERARD KELLEHER: It's on the screen.
5	TIM MCCARTHY: Yeah. Thank you so
6	much. I appreciate that.
7	So, would anyone here like to comment
8	on any of the items under the Item Number 4? Anybody
9	in the Zoom meeting that would like to comment on
10	anything under heading number 4?
11	(No response.)
12	GERARD KELLEHER: I don't see any
13	comments here.
14	TIM MCCARTHY: Okay. Is there any
15	general public comment?
16	(No response.)
17	GERARD KELLEHER: No hands.
18	TIM MCCARTHY: All right. Hearing none
19	and seeing none, I'll call it the August 10, 2023
20	public hearing of OOA is now adjourned.
21	Have a great rest of the week.
22	(Whereupon, the proceedings were
23	concluded on August 10, 2023 at 11:14 a.m.)
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### CERTIFICATE

I, Judith Luciano, do hereby certify that the foregoing record is a true and accurate transcription of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter to the best of my skill and ability.

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# Office of Outdoor Advertising Hearing Agenda August 10, 2023 11:00 AM Public Hearing

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### 1. Call to Order:

A. Sign in

### 2. Minutes Approval:

1. July 13, 2023 OOA Public Hearing

### 3. Agenda Items:

- A. New Application for Electronic Permit(s)
- 1. American Outdoor Advertising III, LLC
  - a. 1 Spring Brook Road Foxborough
    New Application # 2023D015 (new structure, facing north)
  - . 1 Spring Brook Road Foxborough New Application # 2023D016 (new structure, facing south)

### 4. For the Record – Actions Taken Since Last Public Hearing:

# A. New Application for License

New Tradition Holdings, LLC
 588 Broadway, Suite 905
 New York, NY 10012

**Approved 7/20/2023** 

### **B.** New Application for Transfer of Permit(s)

1. RSA Media LLC – H & H Builders, Inc. (Transferor) (Transferee)

a.Permit 33252 149 Buttonwood Street Boston

b. Permit 33350 149 Buttonwood

**Street Boston** 

**Approved 7/20/2023** 

### C. New Application for Electronic Permit(s)

1. Carroll Advertising, LLC

a. 45 Washington Street Foxborough

New Application 2023D005 (new structure, facing north)

b. 45 Washington Street Foxborough

New Application 2023D006 (new structure, facing south)

**Taken Under Advisement** 

Bay Colony Associates LLC (May 13, 2021 Public Hearing)

a. 820 Morrissey Boulevard Boston New

Application 2021D010 (existing structure, permit # 2002042, facing north)

b. 820 Morrissey Boulevard Boston

New Application 2021D011 (existing structure, permit # 2002041, facing south)

**Taken Under Advisement** 

3. Cove Outdoor LLC (February 13, 2020 Public Hearing)

a. 0 Finnell Drive Weymouth

New Application 2020D004 (new structure, facing north)

b. 0 Finnell Drive Weymouth

New Application 2020D005 (new structure, facing south)

**Taken Under Advisement** 

### **D. New Application for Permit(s)**

- 1. Outfront Media, LLC (October 8, 2015 Public Hearing)
  - a. 39 Old Colony Avenue (Parcel Id: 0700276000) Boston Application 2015380 (new structure, facing north)
- b. 39 Old Colony Avenue (Parcel Id: 0700276000) Boston Application 2015381 (new structure, facing south)

**Taken Under Advisement** 

- 5. Public Comment:
- 6. Adjournment:

Matthew Brennan, R.S. Director of Public Health

#### **Board of Health**

Betsy Allo, MPH, Chair Robin Chapell, M.S., R.S., Vice-Chair Sophia C. Manos, Clerk



Town of Foxborough Health Department 40 South Street Foxborough, MA 02035

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Mass DOT Office of Outdoor Advertising,

I hope this letter finds you well. My goal for this letter can provide additional insight for the consideration of light pollution prevention measures when approving new installations of digital billboards. As our community continues to grow and change, its essential that we prioritize the preservation of our natural environment and the well-being of our residents.

While digital billboards serve as effective platforms for advertising, they can also contribute to light pollution, which has a range of negative effects on both the environment and human health. The excessive illumination from billboards can disrupt the nocturnal ecosystems, as well as effect residents within viewing distance of the billboard. Furthermore, the glare and excessive light can interfere with the sleep patterns of residents and lead to various health issues. Digital billboards often can lead to unforeseen light exposure for nearby residents.

The Health Department are aware of the billboard planned to be installed on Springbrook Road. We are requesting that the billboards be built with the following features to protect the residents of Foxborough where possible.

- **1. Brightness Control:** Set maximum brightness levels for billboards during nighttime hours to reduce glare and excessive brightness.
- **2. Timed Illumination:** Require billboards to automatically dim or turn off during late-night hours when traffic is minimal, helping to conserve energy and reduce light pollution.
- **3. Shielding:** Encourage the use of directional lighting and proper shielding to direct light only where it's needed and prevent unnecessary light spill.

I urge you to take these suggestions into consideration when evaluating new installations of billboards within our town. By doing so, we can demonstrate our commitment to environmental stewardship, public health; and responsible urban planning. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter and am confident that our collective efforts will lead to a more sustainable and vibrant community.

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Health Inspector, Town of Foxborough