



HEALEY-DRISCOLL ADMINISTRATION
YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Promises Made. Results Delivered.

On Inauguration Day, Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll laid out a vision for making Massachusetts more affordable, competitive and equitable.

One year in, they delivered on those promises.

✓ Housing



HOUSING SECRETARY

Governor Healey pledged to file legislation within 100 days to create the state's first Secretary of Housing in 30 years. She filed the bill on March 1 and appointed Ed Augustus as Housing Secretary.

AFFORDABILITY

The Healey-Driscoll Administration pledged to expand support for first-time homebuyers and renters. The Affordable Homes Act will bolster homeownership programs and the tax cuts package increased the rental deduction.

PRODUCTION

Governor Healey pledged to lay the groundwork to spur more housing production by prioritizing building near transit hubs, evaluating zoning reform and preserving the existing supply. The \$4 billion Affordable Homes Act will create or save nearly 70,000 homes. The administration also updated the MBTA Communities Guidelines to allow flexibility to require mixed-use zoning and expand the number of state grant programs that take compliance with the law into consideration when making award recommendations.

STATE-OWNED LAND

Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll pledged to direct the Secretary of Administration and Finance to identify unused state-owned land and facilities that can be used for housing. Earlier this year, the administration launched a Housing Inventory Working Group that includes multiple state agencies (ANF, DCAMM, MBTA, MassDOT, and MassDevelopment) and developed that inventory.

✓ Children & Families

CHILD AND FAMILY TAX CREDIT

Governor Healey pledged to pass an expanded Child and Family Tax Credit to deliver relief to families struggling with high inflation. The tax cuts package that she signed into law created the most generous child and dependent tax credit in the country.

EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE

The Healey-Driscoll Administration pledged to make child care more affordable for families and to support providers. We secured an historic level of funding for the state's early education and care system, including \$475 million in C3 grants that support providers, and streamlined the financial assistance process.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY ACT

Governor Healey pledged to fully fund the Student Opportunity Act to make sure every student and every school gets the resources they deserve. Her first budget accomplished this.



WRAPAROUND SUPPORTS

Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll pledged to expand mental health services and food security programs for students so they can reach their full potential. The administration made universal school meals permanent so that families don't have to pay for breakfast and lunch and awarded millions of dollars to organizations that support children's social-emotional development and behavioral health.

✓ Higher Education & Workforce

MASSRECONNECT

Governor Healey pledged to make community college free for Massachusetts residents aged 25 years and older. The program went into effect this fall and there has been an 8% increase in enrollment in community colleges.

STATE UNIVERSITY FUNDING

The Healey-Driscoll administration pledged to increase funding for state colleges and universities to make higher education more affordable for families. Our first budget included a record level of funding for higher education, including a \$62 million financial aid expansion.

✓ HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE *(continued)*

EARLY COLLEGE

Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll pledged to expand early college so that high school students can explore career paths and gain college credit. This year, the administration created nine new early college programs, including the first partnership with UMass to expand access to high schools.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Governor Healey pledged to community colleges and vocational programs to help workers can get the skills that are in demand in today’s economy. In addition to creating MassReconnect, the Healey-Driscoll administration expanded financial aid options at community colleges and expanded apprenticeship, innovation career pathways, and early college options.

✓ Climate, Energy, & Environment

CLIMATE CHIEF

Governor Healey pledged to create the nation’s first cabinet-level Climate Chief to lead a whole-of-government approach to confront climate change, build our clean energy economy and meet our climate goals. On her first day, she signed an Executive Order creating the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience and appointing Melissa Hoffer as Climate Chief. Since then, Chief Hoffer has led the creation of the Massachusetts Community Climate Bank, issued the first ever comprehensive administration-wide climate report and Climate Report Card, and created the Youth Climate Council.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT FUNDING

The Healey-Driscoll Administration pledged to dedicate at least one percent of the state budget to environmental and energy agencies and triple the budget of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center. Our first budget allocates one percent to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and dramatically increased funding for the Clean Energy Center. With this new infusion of funding, EEA has been able to hire an Undersecretary of Environmental Justice & Equity, install environmental justice staff in every agency, create the Office of Climate Science, and support the ResilientCoasts initiative.



✓ CLIMATE, ENERGY, & ENVIRONMENT *(continued)*

CLIMATE BANK

Governor Healey pledged to create a Green Bank to support resilient infrastructure. She launched the Massachusetts Community Climate Bank, which is the nation's first green bank dedicated to affordable housing.

CLIMATE CORRIDOR

Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll pledged investments in clean tech and blue tech, coastal resiliency, and environmental justice to drive our clean energy economy. The administration launched a statewide coastal resiliency strategy, won a designation as a Ocean Tech Hub for the South Coast, awarded \$2 million to MITRE to boost BlueTech Innovation, and created the Office of Environmental Justice and Equity.

✓ Transportation & Infrastructure



TRANSPORTATION LEADERSHIP

Governor Healey pledged to hire an MBTA General Manager and MassDOT Safety Chief who would prioritize safety and reliability across the system. She appointed public transportation expert Phil Eng as GM and Patrick Lavin as Safety Chief, and they are already making important progress.

MBTA HIRING

Governor Healey pledged to hire 1,000 MBTA workers in her first year. The agency has hired more than 1,400 so far. Governor Healey also secured a historic labor agreement with the Carmen's Union to support recruitment and retention.

FEDERAL FUNDS

Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll pledged to compete for federal funding to support infrastructure projects across the state. They created the Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office led by Director of Federal Funds & Infrastructure Quentin Palfrey, filed legislation that would make \$800 million in additional state funding available over the next three years to pursue federal grants, and submitted \$3 billion in applications for funding infrastructure projects, including the Cape Cod Bridges. This year, more than \$2.2 billion is on its way to Massachusetts.

Freedom & Equity

EQUITY

The Healey-Driscoll Administration pledged to center equity each step of the way, starting with conducting an equity assessment across the administration. That assessment is underway. Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll have also appointed an historically diverse cabinet, improved language access across state government, implemented the Work and Family Mobility Act, and created the Black and Latino Empowerment Councils.

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll pledged that Massachusetts will never relinquish the right to reproductive freedom. When access to medication abortion was under threat, they took swift action to ensure an adequate supply in Massachusetts and protect providers and patients.

