

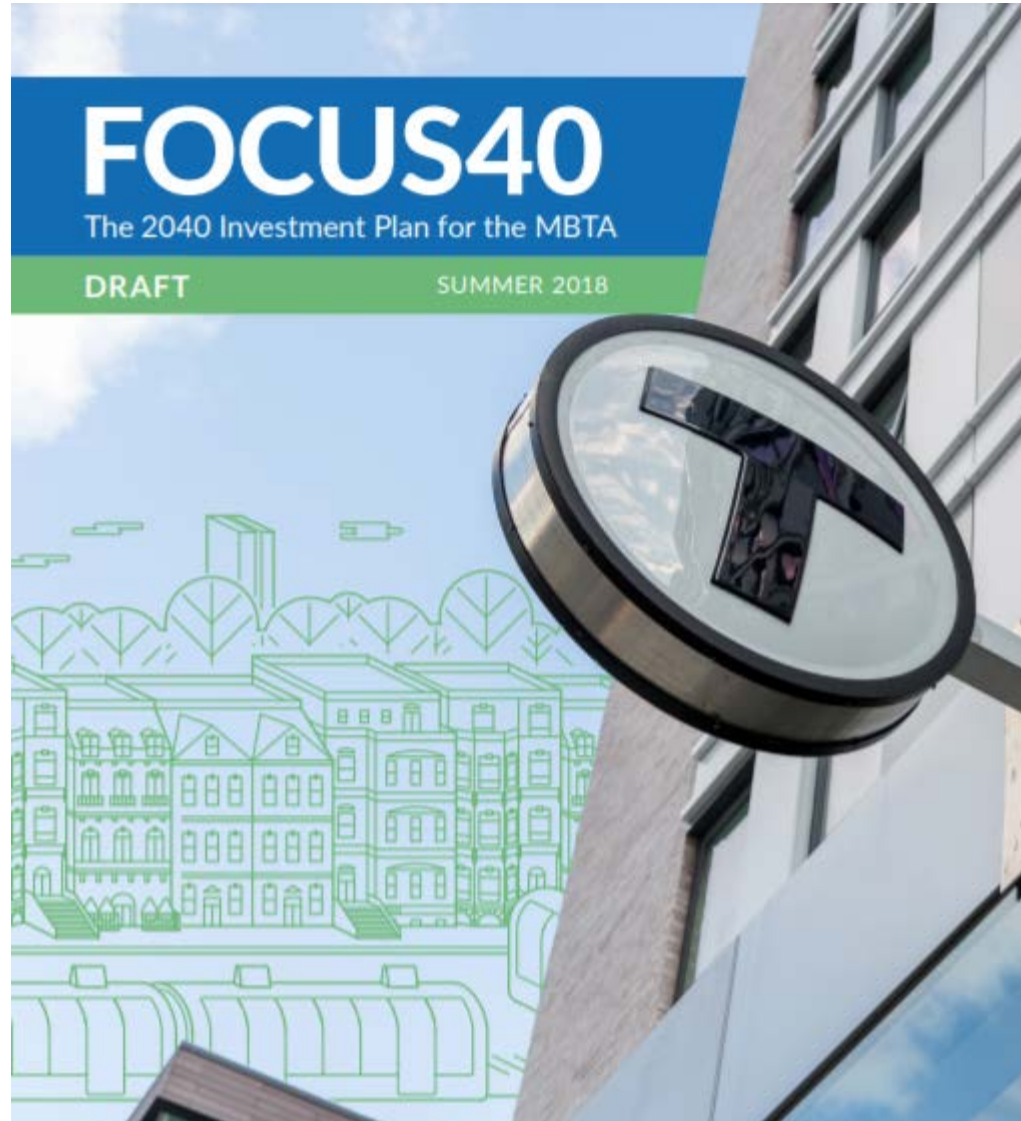


# **Secretary Stephanie Pollack's Report to the Board**

**July 16, 2018**

# Focus40: Next Steps

- The Draft Plan is expected to go live at [www.mbtafocus40.com](http://www.mbtafocus40.com) next week
- An online survey will be available when the Draft Plan goes live to provide feedback on the Draft.
- The public comment period will be open through **Friday, September 14.**
- Anyone can sign up to receive updates at:  
**[www.mbtafocus40.com](http://www.mbtafocus40.com).**



# Rail Plan Implementation Announcements



Governor Baker joined MassDOT and elected officials to announce:

- a Request for Proposals for a consultant team to study the feasibility of east-west passenger rail service,
- the launch of a pilot for passenger rail service between Greenfield and Springfield, and,
- New Springfield-Hartford-New Haven one-seat service

*Photo: June event at Springfield Union Station for Springfield-New Haven enhanced service.*

# IRAP Grants

Industrial Rail Access Program (IRAP) grants total more than \$1.8 million. 5 grants awarded:

- Western Recycling Rail Spur Project, Wilbraham, \$500,000.
- Middlesex Corporation Concrete Plant Siding Restoration, Littleton, \$500,000
- Patriot Beverage/Injection Molding Enterprise Siding Extension Project, Littleton, \$500,000.
- Rousselot Gelatin Rail Extension Project, Peabody, \$221,640.
- Grafton and Upton Railroad Bulk Liquid Transloading Railyard Expansion Project, Upton, \$133,045.

# Complete Streets Funding Program

- On July 13, MassDOT announced \$6.4 million in Complete Streets Funding Program awards.
- Funding enables pedestrian, bicycle, public transit and vehicle infrastructure improvements in 22 communities.
- Since February 2016, the Administration has awarded total of approximately \$30 million in construction funding under this program.

Total Registered Municipalities	Total Policies Approved	Total Prioritization Plans Approved	Total Letters Of Intent	Total Approved Tier 3 Project Applications	Percent Registered Compact Member	Percent Registered Complete Streets Best Practice
206	162	111	15	71	75%	28%

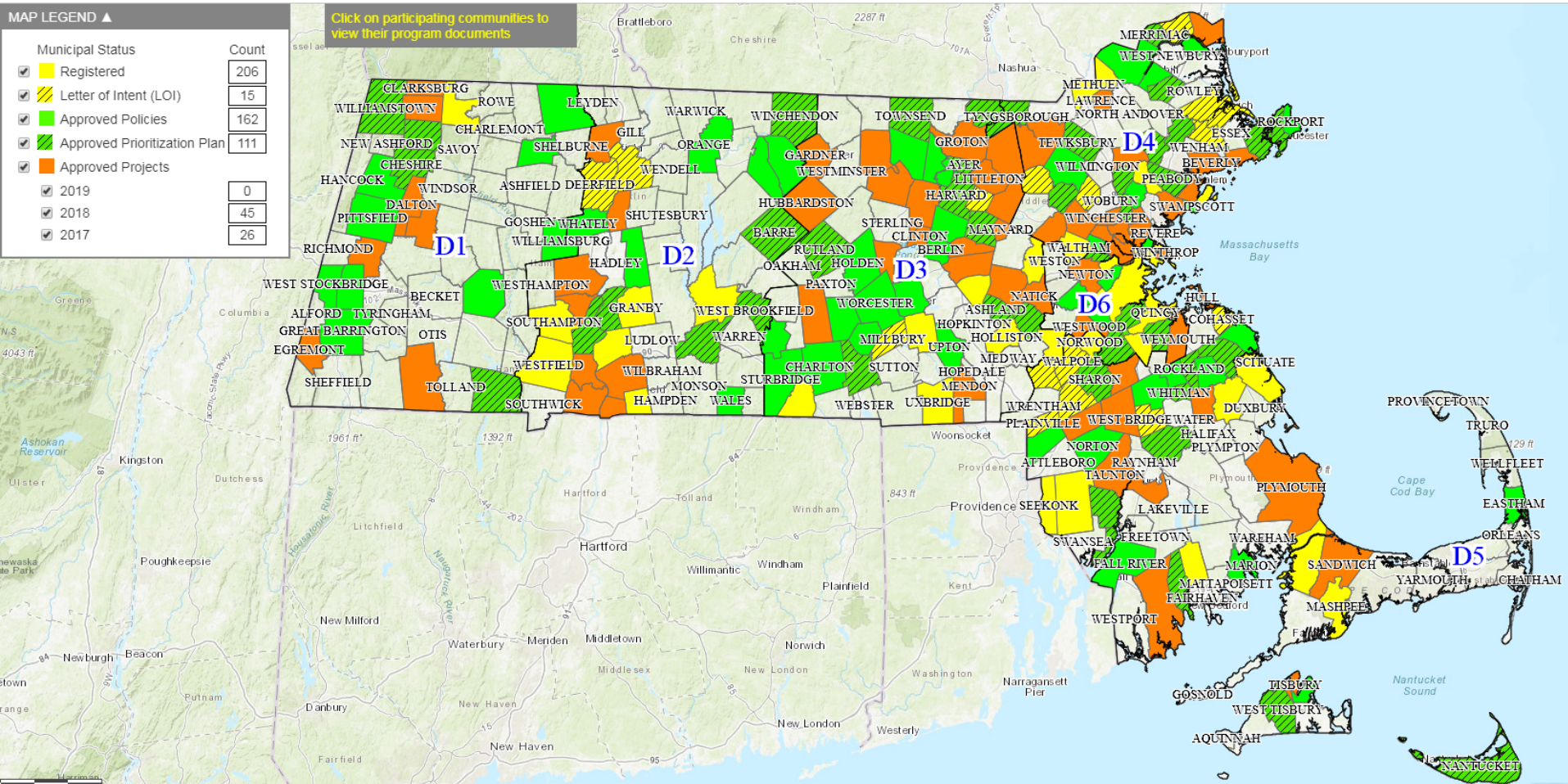
## Tier 3 Construction Projects by Fiscal Year (FY) and Round

	FY17 Round 1	FY17 Round 2	FY18 Round 1	FY18 Round 2	FY19 Round 1
Total Approved	11	15	22	23	-
Total Disapproved	-	-	26	18	19
Total Applications Submitted	11	15	48	41	41

Complete Streets Participation Report available online at  
<https://masscompletestreets.com/Home/participationreport>



# Complete Streets are popular across the Commonwealth

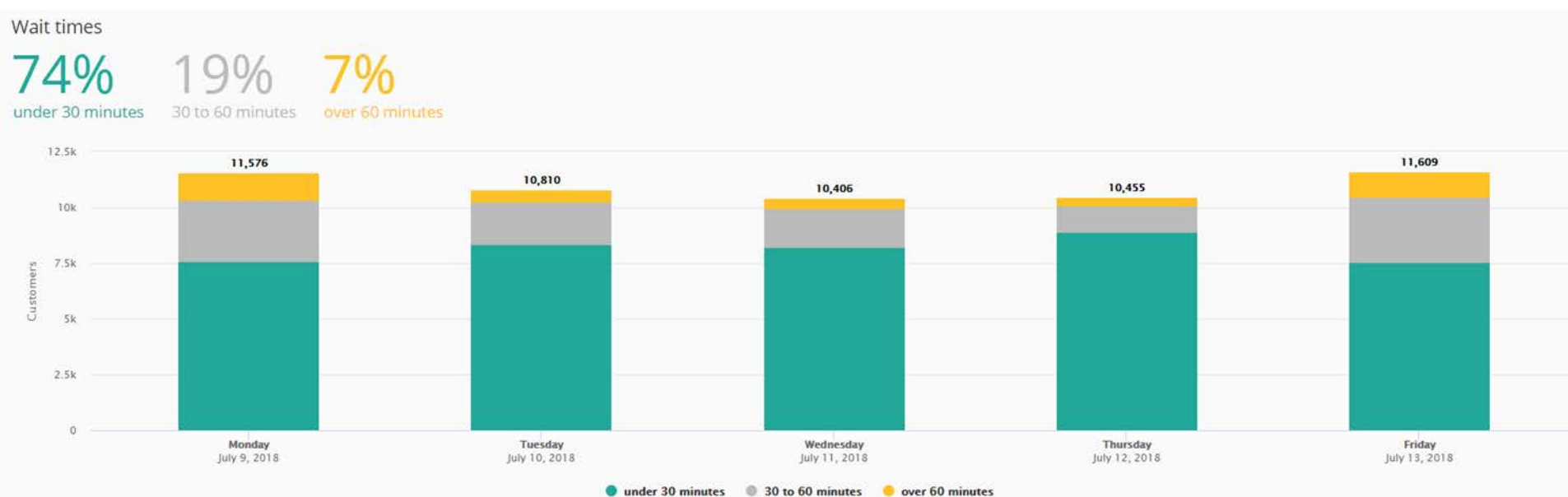


# Supplemental Budget

- On July 13, Governor Baker announced the filing of a supplemental budget for FY 2018 which contains \$50 million for transportation infrastructure grants:
  - \$40 million funded through the Chapter 90 formula
  - \$10 million funded through competitive grants, (such as those for the Complete Streets and Municipal Small Bridge programs).
- The supplemental includes an additional \$35.4 million for snow and ice removal costs incurred in FY 18.
- The supplemental includes \$3.2 million for MassDOT to subsidize wheelchair accessible vehicles for use by Transportation Network Companies, funded through assessments on TNCs that are allocated to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund

# Registry of Motor Vehicles

- On March 26, RMV customers began to be required to present more documents than ever before in order to comply with new federal and state rules.
- Customer wait times since March 26 have been decreasing. In April, the RMV served 44% of customers in 30 minutes or less and for the month of June, the RMV served 63% of its customers in 30 minutes or less.







- Commonwealth provided \$108 million for FY19 in state's CIP
  - \$108M represents a substantial increase in Commonwealth funding, sufficient to cover all necessary FY19 activities
  - All FY19 funding is from Rail Enhancement Program bonds and state bond cap
- All actions requested for approval today are consistent with FY19 MassDOT/MBTA CIP allocation for South Coast Rail approved by both boards
- As requested by both boards, a full finance plan for South Coast Rail Phase One will be developed prior to development of the FY20-24 MassDOT/MBTA Capital Investment Plan
  - Administration and Finance is taking the lead (in coordination with MassDOT and MBTA) on developing financing options and a Phase One Finance Plan; this Plan will be completed over the next six months, in time to incorporate into next Commonwealth (and MassDOT/MBTA) Capital Investment Plan
  - A joint board/staff Finance Plan working group will also be working on finance plan requirements and specific finance plans for next CIP (eg Allston Multimodal)

# Allston Multimodal Project



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## Getting the Allston multimodal plan right



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The Mass/ Turnpike and former train yards in Allston.

By Stephanie Pollack

JUNE 29, 2018



# The Commission on the Future of Transportation in the Commonwealth



Five public listening sessions have been held.

*Photo: Public Listening Session in Lowell, Friday, June 15*

# MOU with municipalities: AV testing

June 21: Governor Baker announced that MassDOT was entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with several cities and towns to further facilitate and expand the testing of autonomous vehicles on roadways in the state. The new MOU streamlines and standardizes the process for companies seeking to test AV. Now there will be a universal application for companies to use.





- \* Whittier in Newburyport: now open to 4 lanes travel in each direction.
- \* Commonwealth Avenue Bridge in Boston: westbound deck demo and replacement starts July 26. Photos taken June 26 during media tour of pre-fabricated items at staging location.



# MassDOT Underwater Operations Inspection Team



On average, the team conducts 375 underwater inspections per year

*Photo: June 27 - team inspected Moody Street Bridge, Waltham*



# Falcon banding: Gillis Bridge

- Peregrine Falcons were observed on the Gillis Memorial Bridge in Newburyport over the Merrimack River
- MassWildlife and MassDOT installed nesting box
- On July 13, one adult falcon and 3 chicks tagged.
- Nesting box supports the breeding of birds.
- Peregrine Falcons help limit number of pigeons on bridge infrastructure which help with preventative maintenance.



# Quality in Construction Award for I-495 road resurfacing project Franklin to Mansfield



- Award presented by the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA)
- P. J. Keating is the prime contractor

*Photo: PJK Construction Manager Jeff McCorkle, D5 Area Engineer Lloyd Simpson and D5 Resident Engineer Eric Borman*

# GLX Groundbreaking Event



On June 25, MBTA and MassDOT officials were joined by US DOT Secretary Elaine Chao, Governor Baker, Lieutenant Governor Polito, and municipal leaders at a groundbreaking event in Somerville.