



Secretary Stephanie Pollack's Report to the MassDOT Board

October 28, 2019

Baker-Polito Administration's Transportation Bond Bill

- July 25: Baker-Polito Administration files , *An Act Authorizing and Accelerating Transportation Investment* – more than just a “bond bill”
- On October 8, Governor Charlie Baker, Secretary Stephanie Pollack and MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak testify before the Massachusetts Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation
- We are briefing members of the Joint Committee on Transportation and interested business, transportation and environmental stakeholders



Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)

- October 1: 12 states and the District of Columbia, participating in the TCI Initiative, released a draft regional policy proposal to reduce greenhouse gas pollution from the transportation sector. Public comments are being sought now.
- December: TCI scheduled to release a regional policy proposal in the form of a draft Memorandum of Understanding, accompanied by modeling results that estimate the energy and emissions implications of different cap levels and investment scenarios, as well as potential costs and benefits of different program design options.
- Spring 2020: final Memorandum of Understanding released.

Allston I-90 Multimodal Public Meeting

Massachusetts Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration will hold a Public Information Meeting to Introduce The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Scoping Document for the Allston I-90 Multimodal Project:



Thursday, November 7, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Brighton High School

Introduce Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and outline the process for members of the public to comment on the report. The meeting will kick off a 30-day comment period.

Registry Systems Upgrade

Veterans Day Weekend

- Registry upgrading to new technology pertaining to vehicle services such as title & registration. **No transactions can be conducted starting at 6 p.m., November 8 and until 7 a.m., November 12.**
 - No motor vehicle inspections in MA on November 9, 10, or 11
 - No RMV services, including registration or licensing services available at the RMV, AAA, auto dealerships or at insurance companies
 - No RMV internet transactions or phone services will be available
 - Law enforcement will be able to access RMV database this weekend

2019 Moving Together Conference

- 900+ registered participants from the private, public, and advocacy sectors
- Sessions included:
 - Advancing Safe Walking and Biking options
 - Greenhouse Gas reduction and infrastructure resiliency
 - Mobility Technology
 - Improving Access/Equity
 - **New Highway Design Manual**



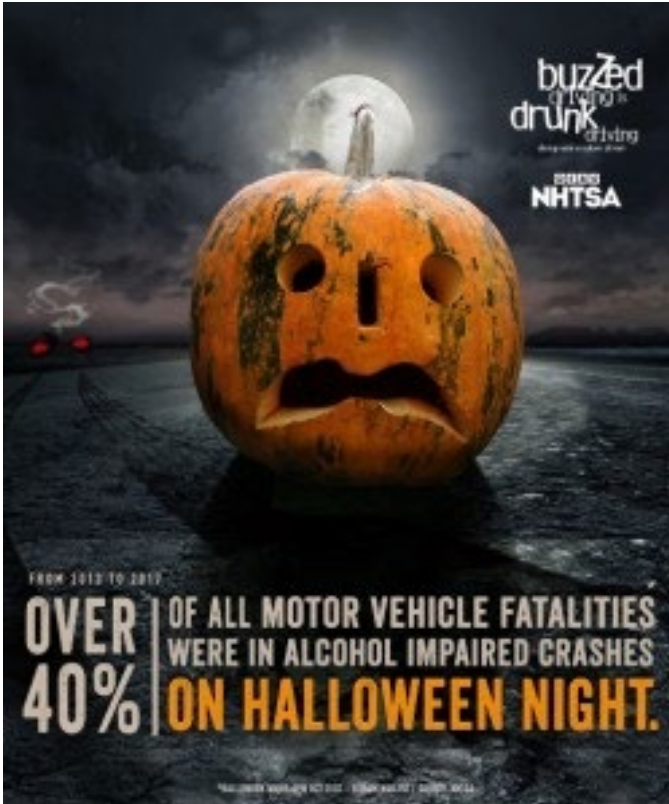
Congratulations to Safe Streets High School Video Contest winners:

- Newton North, Northbridge Dartmouth, Boston Latin Academy, Newton North, and Andover High School

MassDOT 10th Anniversary

- 10th anniversary of creation of MassDOT is November 5
 - We will host “town halls” at some employee workplaces including Registry offices and Highway District administrative buildings.
- Will use the occasion both to look back and thank those who have worked so hard in the past ten years and to “peek ahead” at transportation in the next 10 years with speakers and learning sessions
- Board members should SAVE THE DATE

National Teen Driver Safety Week and Halloween Safety



MassDOT and MAPFRE Insurance highlighted driver safety during National Teen Driver Safety Week and the upcoming Halloween events.

Halloween historically sees a significant number of alcohol-related crashes combined with many people celebrating.

Halloween is an important time to highlight safe driving habits. Set rules for young drivers. Talk about safe cell phone use: pull over before responding to calls or texts.