

Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler's Report to the Board

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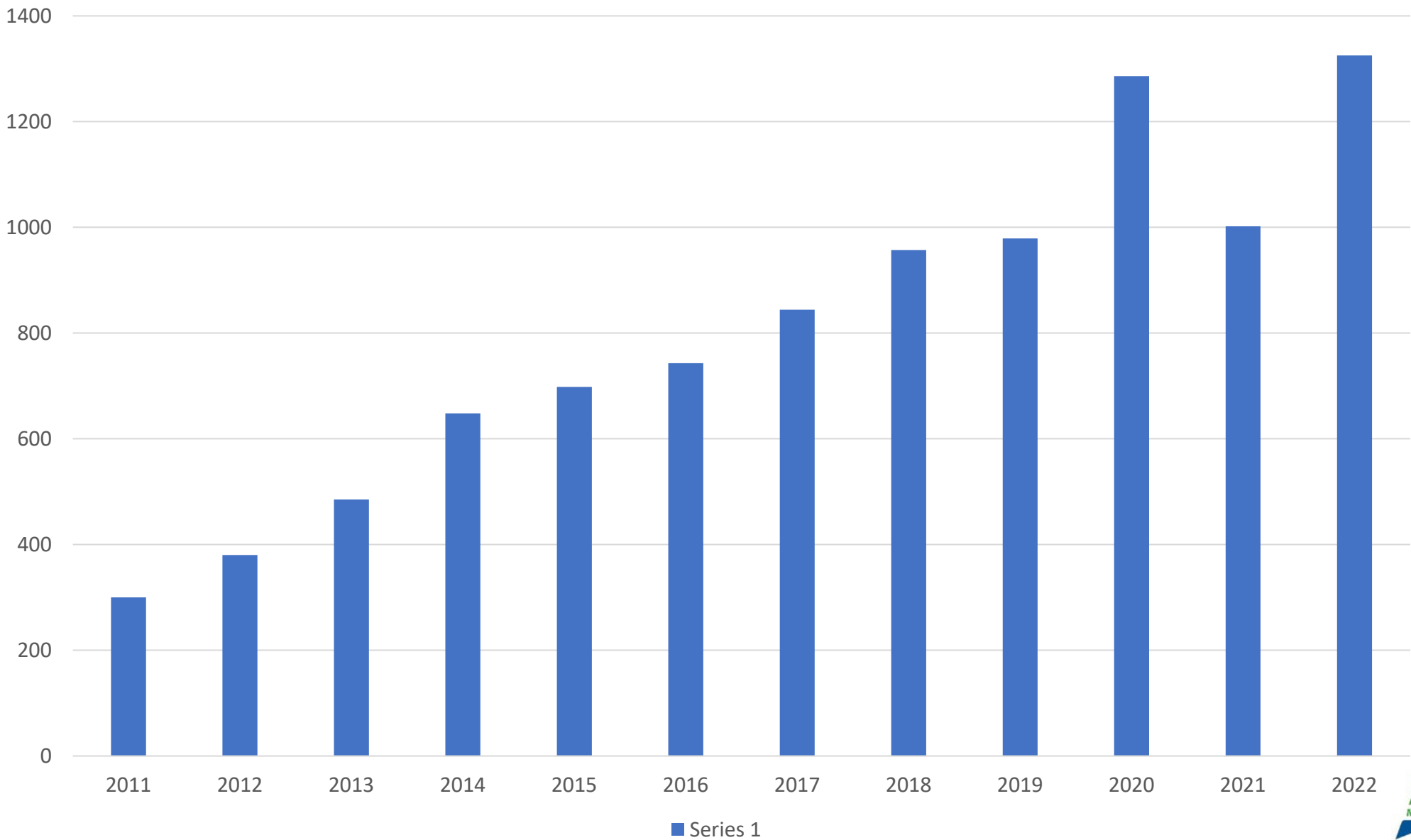


MassDOT 2022 Moving Together Conference

- The conference was held in-person in Boston and virtually and drew approximately 1,300 participants on November 1.
- Workshops included land use and transportation, improving biking, walking, and transit, community engagement, new safety initiatives, micro transit opportunities, MassTrails investments, the importance of long-range planning, supporting a multimodal network, and the Baker-Polito Administration's municipal grant programs.
- MassDOT colleagues (seen in these photos) joined with transportation advocates, municipal officials, non-profit leaders, regional planning organizations, private sector companies, students and others.



Conference growth through the years



Metro South of Boston Summit

- Joined members of the public and private sector at the Metro South of Boston 2022 Summit in Brockton on October 26.
- Moderator Fred Clark, President of Bridgewater State University, led discussion on land use, transportation infrastructure and improvements, sewer infrastructure and south coast real estate market and trends.



Governor Signs Economic Development Bill

- Governor Baker signed a \$3.76 billion spending plan November 10 that promotes economic development, strengthens health & human services, advances clean energy & resiliency, expands affordable housing production and invests in Massachusetts communities, businesses and workers.
- Spending plan addresses a wide range of needs, from investing in long-term housing affordability to enabling transformational projects in hundreds of cities and towns.
- Bill includes \$112 million to support key needs at the MBTA, including for implementation of Federal Transit Authority directives.
- Bill funded by a combination of state resources, including [FY22 surplus revenue](#), and federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-FRF).

Opportunities for MassDOT/MBTA Capital Collaboration

Potential Opportunities/Programs for MassDOT to assist the MBTA

- EV/Charging Stations
- Commuter Rail Electrification
- Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation
- ADA Improvements

Next steps:

- Establish a new unit in MassDOT to advance initial demonstration projects (EV Charging Stations).
- Look at other DOT models including High Performance Enterprise in Colorado.

2022 MHS Revenue Refunding Bonds (Subordinated)

- MassDOT closed its \$371,380,000 Metropolitan Highway System Revenue Refunding Bonds (Subordinated) Commonwealth Contract Assistance Secured Variable Rate Demand Obligations, 2022 Series A (“2022A Bonds”) on Thursday, 11/10/2022
 - Citigroup was the underwriter, hired through a competitive process, and the bonds were sold on 11/9/2022
 - The 2022A Bonds consist of three subseries
 - ❖ \$123,795,000 2022 Series A-1
 - ❖ \$123,795,000 2022 Series A-2
 - ❖ \$123,790,000 2022 Series A-3
- The 2022A Bonds refunded MassDOT’s \$371,380,000 Metropolitan Highway System Revenue Refunding Bonds (Subordinated) Commonwealth Contract Assistance Secured Variable Rate (Term Rate), 2019 Series A (“2019A Bonds”)
 - The 2019A Bonds paid a fixed rate of interest from issuance on 1/24/19 through 1/1/23 during which period interest payments on the associated swaps¹ were “turned off”
 - The swap payments turn back on starting 1/1/2023, when the 2019A Bonds have a mandatory tender date and must be refunded
- MassDOT proactively realigned the amortization on the 2022A Bonds to improve debt service coverage in future years on both the Senior and Subordinated liens
 - This frees up MHS revenues in several years giving MassDOT more funding flexibility
 - Improved debt service coverage is viewed favorably by credit rating agencies



¹ The swap counterparties are Barclays (\$123,793,000) and Citibank (\$247,587,000).

Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Milestone

- November 10: event held in Belchertown as SRTS marked a milestone: 1,000 partner schools involved in the program
- SRTS, in existence for 17 years, conducts outreach, activities, and safety sessions with the goal of reaching every K-12 student in every area
- SRTS is sponsored by MassDOT and with funds from the Federal Highway Administration, promotes safer routes for students to actively get to and from school by fostering partnerships between community-led organizations, local law enforcement, education leaders, and public health departments:
www.mass.gov/safe-routes-to-school

Rail and Transit Administrator Meredith Slesinger Honored

- As part of *Railway Age* magazine's sixth annual Women in Rail awards, Administrator Slesinger has received honorable mention as one of the Women of the Year.
- Administrator Slesinger joins 27 other women to be recognized as leaders for driving their businesses forward while making a difference in the industry and in their communities.