Report of the Acting Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler

February 22, 2021



COVID-19 Updates

- Employees who have been working successfully from home continue to do so.
- Employees who must report to a job location to do their jobs continue to abide by health and safety protocols
- General services department continues to assist with providing all appropriate PPE and helping with other logistics in office areas

A special thank you to three long serving team members

- Patricia Ruffin 40 years
- Joan Valley 35 years
- Glen Smith 20 years





DON'T CROWD THE PLOW!

massDOT



Never pass a snowplow on the right.



All vehicles should stay at least 200 feet behind snow plows.



Drive with extra care!

A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you.

Thank you to all involved in Snow and Ice Operations



MassDOT Women's ERG Luncheon

- On January 12, MassDOT's Women Employee Resource Group held a luncheon to address the role of women in the workplace and how it has changed over the course of the pandemic.
- Danielle Fulmer, HR Business Intelligence Manager, presented findings related to the experience of women working in transportation governance.
- The ERG's leadership invited Andrea D'Amato to lead a discussion on networking opportunities during the pandemic.

Baker-Polito Administration's Proposed FY 2022 Budget

- Governor Baker announced the Administration's proposed budget on Wednesday, January 27, totaling \$45.6 billion.
- FY22 budget proposal, known as House 1, includes substantial investments and maintains financial discipline as Commonwealth begins to transition away from one-time revenue and spending needed to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Transportation:
 - \$1.36 billion in total budget transfers for the MBTA
 - \$401.6 million for MassDOT
 - \$90.5 million for Regional Transit Authorities
 - \$11.3 million for the Merit Rating Board
- Information online: <u>www.mass.gov/budget/governor</u>



New Transportation Bond Bill





CEREMONIAL BILL SIGNING



CIP/STIP Development Approach

- CIP/STIP will not be a complete reset this year
 - Anticipate full reset for 2023-2027
- The Divisions' CIP programs will incorporate 2-year and 4-year performance targets established by the Office of Performance Management and Innovation's (OPMI) update for the 2020 Tracker



Allston I-90 Project

- Mitigation Group (more information in March)
- Allston Multimodal Task Force:
 - Task Force virtual public meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 6 p.m.
 - Meeting will address ongoing federal and state environmental processes with a focus on the Notice of Project Change (NPC) which is the next environmental filing to be issued by the project.



Shared Winter Streets and Spaces

- Shared Winter Streets and Spaces launched November 10, 2020. The program has awarded \$8 million dollars to date, supporting a total of 50 projects in 47 municipalities, of which 51 percent are designated Environmental Justice Communities and 55 percent are considered high risk for COVID-19 infections.
- On February 3 MassDOT announced the most recent round of funding. Included \$3.2 million to 21 projects in 21 municipalities, of which 43% are designated Environmental Justice communities and 76% are considered high-risk for COVID-19 infections
- Shared Streets & Spaces program has been selected by WalkBoston for their annual Golden Shoe Awards



RMV News



Acting Registrar Colleen Ogilvie

"Check Ya Stickah" – Expired Inspection

Sticker Update Campaign

Vehicles with an expired Massachusetts' inspection sticker on their front windshield need to get the annual inspection.



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- The RMV appointment system is enabling the team to adjust quickly during weather related closures.
 - Better and direct customer communications about closures
 - Better customer service!