



Secretary Stephanie Pollack's Report to the MassDOT Board and FMCB

Monday, March 18, 2019

MassDOT Welcomes New Director

- Vanessa Otero currently holds the position of Chief Operating Officer at Partners for Community in Springfield, MA
- She has led strategic planning, grant writing, program evaluation, and risk management efforts



Human Resources Modernization

On February 25, MassDOT launched a new Human Resources Portal open to employees and managers

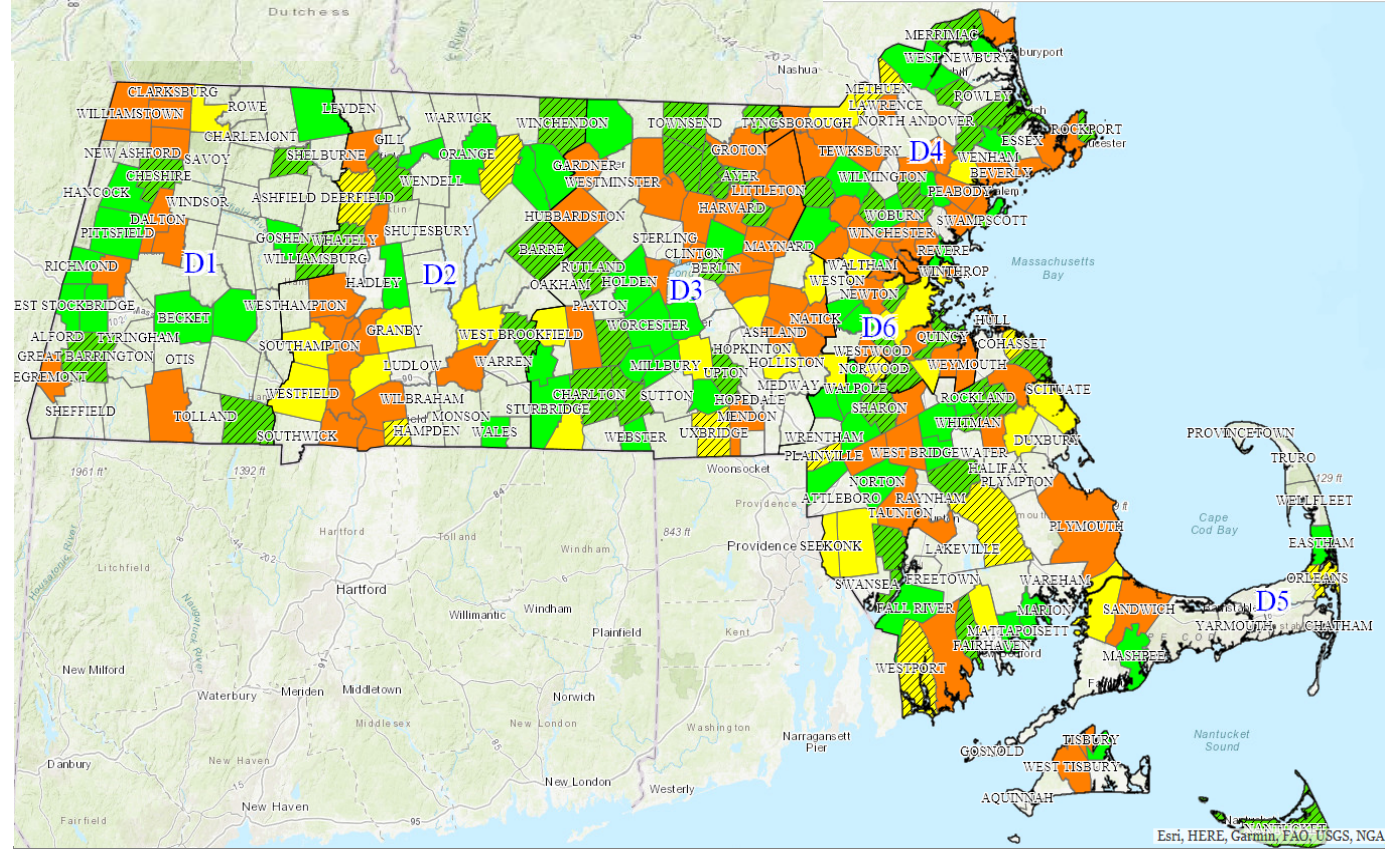
- Create New HR Requests
- Check on the Status of your Existing HR Requests
- Easily Find HR Knowledge Documentation/Forms

Improvements include:

- One Stop Shop for requesting HR Services
- Electronic Approval Process
- Full Transparency to HR Requests and Cases
- Easy access to HR Forms...and more



A Complete Street is simply a street that is safe and feels safe for everyone, no matter their age or physical ability and regardless of whether they are in a car, getting on or off of a bus or train, using a wheelchair or walking or bicycling.



Municipal Status		Count
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registered	225
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Intent (LOI)	11
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved Policies	190
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved Prioritization Plan	136
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved Projects	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2019	25
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Complete Streets Program Update

Baker-Polito Administration Complete Streets Funding Program

- February 26, Quincy: 11 communities received grants
- Since February 2016, \$33 million total awarded municipalities



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Transportation
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April 9-10, 2019
DCU Center in Worcester

Details at:
umasstransportationcenter.org





Session topics include

- connected and autonomous vehicles,
- environmental aspects of transportation,
- mobility,
- materials,
- multi-modal transportation,
- bridges and pavements,
- safety,
- technology,
- interactive design,
- asset management,
- wayfinding,
- construction

Governor Baker's Proposed Road Safety Legislation: event March 7th



Chapter 90 - Joint Committee Hearing



Lower Mystic Working Group Report

Thursday, March 14,
Working Group report
released



- Not the end of collaborative work - 11 agencies will continue to advance solutions to regional transportation challenges resulting from economic development in Everett, Somerville, Cambridge and Boston
- Report findings are consistent with Focus40 and Commission on the Future of Transportation in the Commonwealth findings – the transportation system needs to move more people in fewer vehicles

Berkshire Flyer Subcommittee Report: Pilot Seasonal Rail Service between NYC and Pittsfield

- Subcommittee report filed w/ MA Legislature on March 1st
- Recommendation to begin pilot service in 2020.
- Next steps: identify financing, find a local sponsor, then have MassDOT finalize a contract with Amtrak.



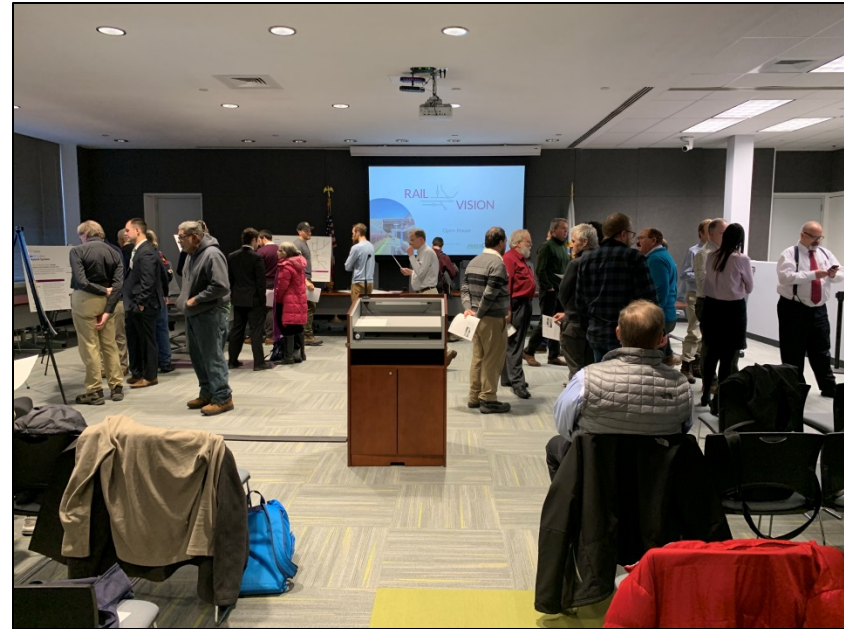
U.S. Army Corps: Bourne Bridge Maintenance Begins Late March

- Bourne Bridge is owned & maintained by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Weather permitting, 24/7 deck repairs begin in late March
- Only one lane of travel open in each direction until Memorial Day



Rail Vision Open House

- On March 5, MassDOT hosted an open house to present and discuss Rail Vision Study
- MassDOT staff answered questions about the 7 Commuter Rail Alternatives
- The 7 alternatives will be subject to further analysis regarding ridership, cost, parking, etc. throughout the spring



East-West Passenger Rail Study

- First public meeting was held March 12 in Springfield
- Study highlights the challenge of combining faster travel time and multiple stops in smaller communities

