

Interim Secretary & CEO Phillip Eng's Report to the Board

July 22, 2026



Governor Healey Signs FY27 Budget

Transportation investments will support statewide affordability and competitiveness

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Welcoming Fans from Around the World

Connecting visitors with local businesses, communities, and Massachusetts experiences

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Boston **led every U.S. host city** in local business lift, with increases in spending at restaurants, hotels, and short-term rentals

Successful World Cup Operations

Transportation network served 447,283 fans for 7 sold-out matches at Boston Stadium

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World Cup fans have found their happy place. And it's right here in Boston

The city has been transformed into a global celebration over fans filling the streets with songs, chants and cultural tradi

Was the World Cup worth it? Early numbers are encouraging for key Mass. industries

Public safety and the World Cup in Boston

People working to keep the public safe since June also called the tournament a win

"It has been department handled a lot of the traffic coming through the southside of town in partnership with other agencies.

Kelleher said that traffic wasn't as bad as they'd feared, and that folks were nice to his officers, who made no World Cup-related arrests.

A switch to school buses prompted Scottish soccer fans to donate to Mass. charity

A note to the future leaders of the Commonwealth: Host the World Cup again in 2058

'There's not a lot of reasons to believe that the World Cup made us rich,' an economist told the Globe. 'But there's every reason to believe it made us happier.'

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WORLD CUP

I feared the World Cup in Boston would let me down. It wasn't at all what I expected.

FUTURE PERFECT

The most surprising winner of the World Cup was American public transit

America is having a soccer awakening. Can it have a transit one too?

Massachusetts Kicked The Drive



Share

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Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Celebrations in Local Communities

Supporting local World Cup celebrations in over 30 communities across Massachusetts

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Quincy



Worcester



Brockton

FIFA Fan Festival on Boston City Hall Plaza had **160,000 attendees** from **108 countries**.
And there were dozens of others in communities across the state, including 20,000 people attending in Lexington.

Thanking Our Employees, Volunteers and Partners

All hands effort to ensure a safe and joyful travel experience

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District 5 Staff
Taunton



MassDOT Volunteers
South Station



FanFest Volunteers
Boston



UMASS Transit Volunteers
GATRA/Foxboro



Massachusetts 250

Cross-agency collaboration to ensure safe celebrations on July 4

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Massachusetts 250

Celebrating 250 years of Massachusetts history; nearly 100,000 specialty plates sold

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Sail Boston

50+ ships brought nearly four million visitors to Boston Harbor

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Transportation Tour of District 4

Visiting major regional projects and front-line workforce

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New Rourke Bridge
Lowell



Michelle Licciardello
Customer Service Rep III

Registry Service Center
Haverhill



I-495 Bridge Replacement
Haverhill/Methuen

Transportation Tour of District 2

Investing in regional transportation in Western Massachusetts

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Golden Gears Program

Expanding access to affordable transportation options

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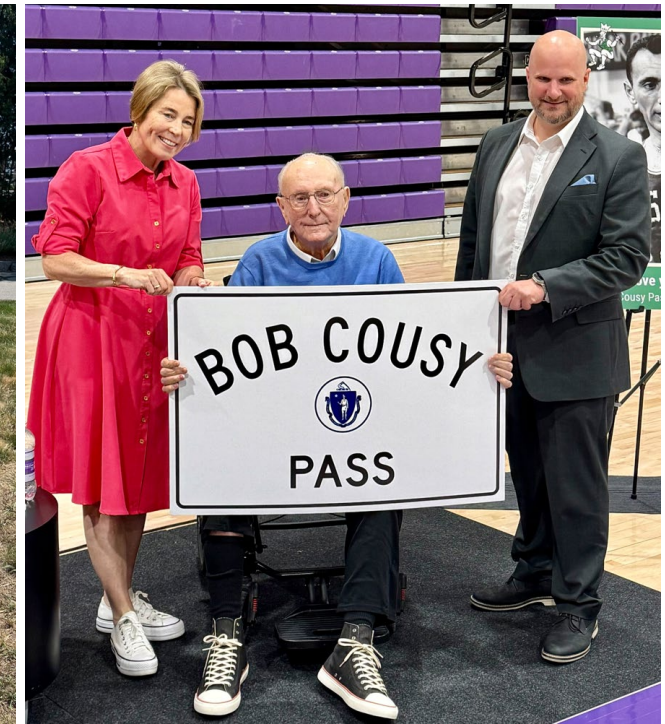
Celebrating the 2026 AARP Community Challenge Flagship Award and launch of Golden Gears in Everett with Undersecretary Silverberg, Everett Mayor Robert J. Van Campen, AARP and MassBike.

- Free bikeshare education program for adults aged 50+
- Confidence-building clinics (classroom & trail)
- Guided group rides and peer support
- Free cycling equipment and bikeshares passes

Cousy Pass Celebration

I-290 bridge in Worcester will honor Boston Celtics and Holy Cross legend

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Braga Bridge Permanent Safety Lighting

Illuminating one of the South Coast's most recognizable landmarks

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BUILD Federal Grants

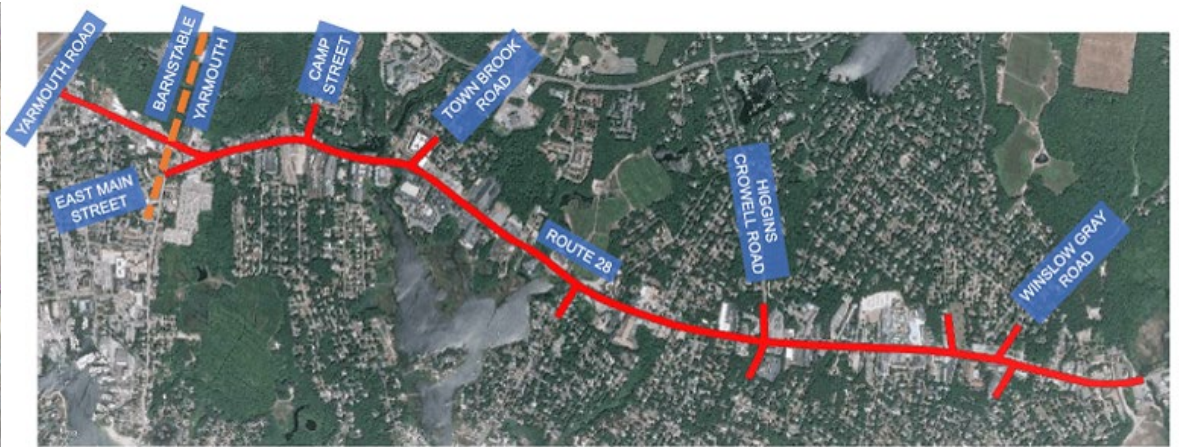
Investments in Malden and Cape Cod will provide operational and safety upgrades

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Malden

\$1.98M for final design of Broadway Reconstruction Project



Yarmouth and Barnstable

\$25M for Route 28 Improvements

Historic Milestone for Cape Bridges Program

Federal Highway Administration approves Final Environmental Impact Statement

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Federal environmental review completed on schedule

- FHWA issued a Record of Decision approving the Final Environmental Impact Statement.
- Clears the way for final permitting, procurement, and construction activities.
- First FHWA Record of Decision for a Massachusetts highway project since 1991.

Thank You

