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Special Commission on Micromobility: Safety & Classification Meeting

Tuesday, June 10th, 2025

11am-1pm

Zoom Webinar & Microsoft Teams

This meeting was streamed live online

Commission Members

Present:

Chair Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Rep James Arciero, Leonardi Aray, Naroa Coretti Sanchez, Dorothy Fennell, Nick Gove, John G. LeLacheur, Nathaniel Malloy, Galen Mook, Kara Oberg, Stefanie Seskin, Susan Terrey, Scott Mullen

Commission Member delegates serving for a portion of the meeting:

Kris Carter (MassDOT), Alex Chilton (Sen. Crighton's Office), Stella Lensing (DCR)

Others Participating:

Kevin Galligan, Deputy Chief, *Department of Fire Services*
Jaclyn Youngblood, Deputy Chief Innovation Officer, *MassDOT*

1. **Call to order by Chair**

Secretary Tibbits-Nutt called the meeting to order and reiterated the commission's purpose and scope, emphasizing building safe and inclusive spaces for all modes of travel.

2. **Public Comment**

The Zoom webinar is opened to public comment. There are no comments from the public, but Secretary Tibbits-Nutt encouraged the public to reach out otherwise.

3. **Swearing in of Committee Members**

Owen Kane swore in three new members of the commission, and their oath was completed. Those sworn in:

Susan Terry, Deputy Secretary, *Executive Office of Public Safety and Security*
Stefanie Seskin, Board Member, *WalkMassachusetts*
Rep James Arciero, State Representative, *2nd Middlesex*

4. **Micromobility Battery Safety Presentation**

Laura Kavanaugh, former FDNY Fire Commissioner, gave a presentation that covered the dangers of lithium-ion batteries, the unique fire risks it creates, and specific incidents and regulations pertaining to New York City. Kavanaugh discussed policies that would increase safety, which included standardizing public education on safe practices for handling batteries, requiring UL-certified batteries in micromobility, and creating infrastructure for charging/storing batteries and micromobility devices. During member questions, Kevin Galligan added on, stating the Department of Fire Services' struggles battling these fires, and the 640% increase in lithium-ion battery fires, largely due to better reporting.

5. **Beyond Mobility 2050 Presentation**

Derek Krevat, Manager of Municipal Grants Engagement at MassDOT, gave a presentation, connecting Beyond Mobility 2050's (the Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan) vision and values to the micromobility commission's goals. Krevat reviewed public engagement findings which pointed towards car-free connectivity, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, wayfinding near transit stations, and more. Commission members asked questions.

6. **Quick Guided Stretch Break from WalkMassachusetts**

Stefanie Seskin from WalkMassachusetts guided commission members in a stretch break.

7. **Breakout Rooms: Micromobility Alternative Reality Scenarios**

Kris Carter gave an overview of the breakout room activities.

The three groups convened over separate meetings via Microsoft Teams to discuss topics related to vehicle classification and roadway infrastructure to support micromobility.

8. **Discussion**

After rejoining the Zoom webinar, a spokesperson from each of the three breakout rooms brought a recommendation and question on the topic discussed, which consisted of codification and classification, the construction and funding of infrastructure, enforcement, and safety.

9. **Closing**

Kris Carter presented the timeline for the remaining commission meetings, and then the three “homework” assignments for members. The meeting was adjourned by Carter at 1pm.