



#### **MINUTES**

## Special Commission on Micromobility: Innovation & Expansion Meeting

# Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 10am-12pm

10 Park Plaza, 2nd Floor Board Room, Suite 2890 Boston, MA 02116

This meeting was streamed live online

# Commission Members Meeting in person:

Chair, Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Leonardi Aray, Gerald Autler, Naroa Coretti Sanchez, Sen. Brendan Crighton, Dorothy Fennell, Nick Gove, John G. LeLacheur, Galen Mook, Scott Mullen, and Kara Oberg

Commission Members Meeting on line:

Nathaniel Malloy

Commission Member delegates serving for a portion of the meeting:

Kris Carter (MassDOT), Brendan Kearney (WalkMassachusetts), Alex Chilton (Senator Crighton)

### Others Participating:

Jaclyn Youngblood, Deputy Chief Innovation Officer, MassDOT Elijah Sinclair, Senior Program Manager, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC)

Miller Nuttle, Micromobility Policy Director, *Lyft Urban Solutions* Tejus Shankar, Senior Policy Development, *Lyft Urban Solutions* 

#### 1. Review of Summer Homework

Kris Carter presented the results of the summer homework survey, in which committee members reviewed different electric mobility devices and judged what requirements each device should have for safe operation in shared public spaces. Carter noted that several members considered the helmet law, age minimums, device identification, and barriers to entry when assigning requirements.

Commission members shared their observations on micromobility use from local bike shop owners and their own experiences in the community and with local bike culture based upon the location of their observation. During the comment section, Kara Oberg, who also owns a local bicycle shop, stressed the high need for more eBike maintenance infrastructure.

## 2. Massachusetts E-Bike Subsidy Programs Presentation

Elijah Sinclair, Senior Program Manager from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), presented the results of the 2024 statewide eBike voucher program, which provided 2,500–3,000 point-of-sale e-bike vouchers for low-and moderate- income residents. Sinclair reported that participants said in the preliminary mid-program survey that the most common use of the eBikes was recreation, and users reported feeling more independent and socially connected. Sinclair reviewed the accompanying eBike education programs and community partnerships to facilitate the programs. The commission members asked questions related to use, trip-replacement for car trips, and marketing of the program. Sinclair noted that more data from program participants will be collected at the end of the program.

### 3. Bike Share Funding and Operation Presentation

Miller Nuttle, Lyft Urban Solutions Micromobility Policy Director, and Tejus Shankar, Lyft Urban Solutions Senior Policy Development, presented an industry overview and examples of bikeshare funding models. Nuttle presented on Blue Bike ridership growth attributed to a dense core, increasing infill stations, and overall expansion to new municipalities in the region. Nuttle discussed next steps in station electrification and providing eBike charging services to decrease vehicle downtime. Shankar presented on several funding models and revenue sources in Boston and across the United States. The

commission members asked questions and discussed the difficulties of speed geofencing, introducing helmet requirements, and licensing mandates.

### 4. Small Group Exercise: 4x Growth

Commission members were asked to share their thoughts about what could potentially change if micromobility use expanded to be four times more popular than it is today, and what social, financial, legislative, and logistical changes would support and sustain that growth.

### 5. **Next Steps and Assignments**

Kris Carter presented the remaining timeline and asked the commission members to submit recommendations to potentially include in the report by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next meeting is set for October 14<sup>th</sup> and will review these recommendations. The meeting was adjourned by Carter at 11:58am.