

STAFF SUMMARY

Secretary Approval X MassDOT Board Approval Prepared by: Thomas Schiavone

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Contract No./Subject: MassDOT Board Approval to allow Secretary to sign PVTA and WRTA's FY27 State Operating Funding Contract #134462 and 134463 that currently exceeds Secretary's Signing Authority.	Date Prepared: 5/13/2026
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Implications

Capital Budget Operating Budget Legal X Other RTA Operating Funding

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Staff Summary is to seek authorization from the Board of Directors to execute contract number 134462 to transfer \$34,440,070 to PVTA and contract number 134463 to transfer \$21,721,844 to WRTA in accordance with the ANF transfer schedule. See language for formal board vote below:

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's final fiscal year 2027 budget provides for certain transfers of operating assistance from the Commonwealth Transportation Fund to certain Regional Transit Authorities ("RTAs"); and for a transfer from the Education Transportation Fund (ETF) to Regional Transit Authorities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the final fiscal year 2027 budget, Pioneer Valley Transit Authority ("PVTA") currently is budgeted to receive \$34,440,070, Worcester Regional Transit Authority ("WRTA") currently is budgeted to receive \$21,721,844, based on a consistent baseline number in the FY 27 budget of \$94M, and \$66M from the Education Transportation Fund (ETF) in such operating assistance, according to the schedule provided by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance ("ANF"); and

WHEREAS, MassDOT seeks authorization from the Board of Directors to execute contract number 134462 to transfer \$34,440,070 to PVTA in accordance with the ANF transfer schedule. MassDOT seeks authorization from the Board of Directors to execute contract number 134463 to transfer \$21,721,844 to WRTA in accordance with the ANF transfer schedule.

It is hereby VOTED:

That the Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, be and hereby is authorized to execute in the name of and on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation ("MassDOT"), and in a form approved by the General Counsel, contract number 134462 between MassDOT and PVTA in the amount of \$34,440,070, contract number 134463 between MassDOT and WRTA in the amount of \$21,721,844, and any such amendments thereto as may be required by statute.

TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET: \$94M RTA State Operating funding which constitutes consistent baseline funding and \$66M Education Transportation Funds level that appears in all three versions of the FY27 state Budget recommendations.

DISCUSSION:

PVTA is currently budgeted to receive \$34,440,070 in FY27 State Operating Assistance, which exceeds the Secretary's \$15M signing authority on all contracts. This requested vote by the MassDOT Board would provide the authorization needed by the Secretary to execute this contract for PVTA. WRTA is currently budgeted to receive \$21,721,844 in FY27 State Operating Assistance, which exceeds the Secretary's \$15M signing authority on all contracts. This requested vote by the MassDOT Board would provide the authorization needed by the Secretary to execute this contract for WRTA.

PROCUREMENT: n/a

FINANCIAL IMPACT/BUDGET SOURCE: n/a

FUTURE ANTICIPATED AUTHORIZATIONS: n/a

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the Secretary, or her designee, to award and execute MassDOT Contract No. 134462 to transfer \$34,440,070 to PVTA, and Contract No. 134463 to transfer \$21,721,844 to WRTA, in accordance with the ANF transfer schedule and to execute any necessary or ancillary documents in the name and on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to effectuate this Agreement.

COORDINATION WITH:

Legal Department

SIGNATURE PAGE:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Power Point Slide and Word Document of requested Board Vote

RESOURCE/REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:

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