

STAFF SUMMARY

☐ Secretary Approval ☒ MassDOT Board Approval Prepared by: Thomas Schiavone

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Contract No./Subject: MassDOT Board Approval to allow Secretary to sign PVTA FY26 State Operating Funding Contract #130461 that currently exceeds Secretary's Signing Authority	Date Prepared: 5/30/25
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Implications

☐ Capital Budget ☐ Operating Budget ☐ Legal ☒ Other RTA Operating Funding

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Staff Summary is to seek authorization from the Board of Directors to execute contract number 130461 to transfer \$26,821,970 to PVTA in accordance with the ANF transfer schedule. See language for formal board vote below:

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's final fiscal year 2026 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 and Transportation Fund to Regional Transit Authorities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the final fiscal year 2026 budget, Pioneer Valley Transit Authority ("PVTA") currently is budgeted to receive \$26,821,970, based on a consistent baseline number in the FY 26 budget of \$94M, 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 130461 to transfer \$26,821,970 to PVTA 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 130461 between MassDOT and PVTA in the amount of \$26,821,970, and any such amendments thereto as may be required by statute.

TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET: \$94M RTA State Operating funding which constitutes the consistent baseline funding level that appears in all three versions of the FY25 stat Budget recommendations.

DISCUSSION:

PVTA is currently budgeted to receive \$26,821,970 in FY26 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.

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. 130461 to transfer \$26,821,970 to PVTA 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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