COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES WORKING GROUP

March 30, 2017
Meeting Minutes

1. MassDOT Assistant Secretary for Policy Coordination Kate Fichter opened the meeting and discussed the importance of public engagement with the AV Working Group. Fichter noted that since the last time the AV Working Group met (February 1, 2017), MassDOT received an Application to Test from a Cambridge-based company to test AVs in Boston.

2. Matt Wansley of nuTonomy gave an update on the company’s AV testing in the Seaport District, including total miles tested and miles tested at night/during rain. He stated the company is seeking permission for a larger testing area.

3. The Working Group reviewed current laws and regulations that need to be considered. Such laws and regulations include definitions, such as that of an “operator”, as well as operator licensure and vehicle inspection processes. Insurance and liability considerations were also raised.

4. A proposed regulation was shared that would clarify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles’ existing authority to revoke testing permission if any entity does not submit and agree to, or is in violation of the terms agreed upon in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Application to Test, or other applicable laws and regulations. The proposed regulation can be found on the AV Working Group website.

5. Daniel Sullivan, MassDOT Policy Analyst, outlined existing AV legislation and regulations, and proposed draft regulations, for the state of California.

6. A public comment period was offered, with one comment pertaining to the potential for a sunset clause or date on the proposed regulation.