



MINUTES

MassDOT BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

At the call of the Chair, a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation was held at the State Transportation Building, MassDOT Boardroom, Suite 3830, Boston, MA.

Those present were: Misses Bonsignore, Secretary Pollack - Chair, Taylor, Tibbits-Nutt, Calise and Messrs. Gittlen, Mazarrella, Sullivan and Poftak being a quorum of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Also present were Messrs. Director Brian Lang member of the Fiscal and Management Control Board, Frank DePaola, Interim General Manager, Tom Tinlin, Acting Highway Administrator, Erin Devaney, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Astrid Glynn, Rail and Transit Administrator, Jeffrey DeCarlo, Aeronautics Administrator, Rachel Bain, Assistant Secretary - Office of Performance Management & Innovation. John Englander, MassDOT/MBTA General Counsel, Owen Kane, Senior Counsel to the Board, Joe Pesaturo, Michael Verseckes and Christine Ciampa.

The Chair, Secretary Pollack, presided.

Chair Pollack called the Open Meeting to Order and presented the order of business.

Chair Pollack opened up public comment period.

The first speaker was Mayor Curtatone from Somerville. The Mayor gave a powerpoint presentation on the background of the Green Line Extension (GLX) and all the benefits the GLX will bring to Somerville and the surrounding communities.

The next group of speakers were Senator Patricia Jehlen, Representative Denise Provost, Representative Christine Barber, and Representative Timothy Toomey a part of the GLX Delegation. They spoke in favor of the Green Line Extension and hope the project will finished.

The next speaker was Marc Draisen from MAPC. Mr. Draisen is in favor of the GLX extension and would like a study done on the parcels of land to see what the other side could bring such as sales tax revenue, income revenue and property tax revenue. He ended noting that Value Capture is important to increase the revenue of the project.

The next speaker was Raphael Mares from the Conservation Law Foundation. Mr. Mares asked the administration to look at other possible options even it extends the length of the project.

The next speaker was Kristina Egan from T4MA. Ms. Egan supports the GLX project and hopes that they look at other options to move the project forward.

The next speaker was Lee Auspitz. Mr. Auspitz commented on the data blockage with the GLX project.

The next speaker was Ellen Reisner from STEP. Ms. Reisner supports re-bidding of the GLX project knowing that the project will be delayed.

The next speaker was Van Harvey from Community Jobs. He asked that MassDOT and the Board to recommit to the Jobs for Somerville MOU.

The next speaker was Brian Orellama. Mr. Orellama is in support of the GLX project going forward.

The next speaker was Stephen Mackey, President of Somerville Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mackey is in support of the GLX project going forward.

The next speaker was Laurel Ruma, citizen of Medford. Ms. Ruma was in support of the GLX project.

The next speaker was Ben Echevarria. Mr. Echevarria would like to make sure the hire and train locally for the GLX project.

The next speaker was Bob Van Meter. Mr. Van Meter is a supporter of the GLX project but also for affordable housing in the Somerville area.

The next speaker was Steven Kaiser. Mr. Kaiser is a supporter of the GLX project.

The next speaker was Victoria Maguire from LOCUS. Ms. Maguire is a supporter of the GLX Project.

The next speaker was Allen Moore from Friends of the Community Path. Mr. Moore stressed that the Community Path should not be eliminated from the design of the GLX project.

The next speaker was Marie Douge from SCC. Ms. Douge would like to see a greater commitment to the community to lower costs.

The next speaker was Justin Bakal Balik from ABC. Mr. Balik is in support of the re-bid and scaling back the GLX project.

The next speaker was Mark Chase from the Livable Streets Alliance. Mr. Chase is in support of the GLX project.

The next speaker was John Elliot from Medford. Mr. Elliot is in support of the GLX project.

The next speaker was Lauren DiLorenzo from the City of Medford, Director of the Office of Community Development. On behalf of Mayor McGlynn she expressed the support for the GLX project.

The final speaker was Andre Lerox from MA Smart Growth Alliance. Mr. Lerox was in support of the GLX project.

Chair Pollack closed public comment at 2:55 p.m.

Next was approval of the minutes of August 4, 2015 Board minutes.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meeting.

Next the Board discussed the by-laws. Director Mazzarella requested that the by-laws be reviewed periodically.

On motion duly made, and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the MassDOT by-laws as presented.

Next the Board discussed the creation of the subcommittees. The Secretary suggested the Audit and Finance, Compensation and Labor and Capital Programs committee. The Secretary noted that they will distribute information to the Board so they will be able to decide which Committee they would like to participate.

Next the Board voted on the members for the Performance and Asset Management Council. The Board nominated Director Bonsignore and Director Moylan.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: to appoint Ruth Bonsignore and Robert Moylan, Jr. to the Transportation Asset and Management Advisory Council.

Next the Chair gave her Secretary's Report. She updated the Board on Keolis' On Time Performance (OTP) and their substantial improvement in August 2015. She updated the Board on the Winter Recovery Assistance Program and ended with announcement of new changes to the leadership team. She announced Jeffrey DeCarlo as the new Aeronautics Administrator. The Board had no follow-up questions to her report.

Next Frank DePaola gave his presentation on the look back/lessons learned analysis on the Green Line Extension project. The Secretary asked for feedback from the MassDOT Board on how to proceed. Director Mazzarella asked how will they get construction costs down and where will they get the money. Mr. DePaola responded that 50% is covered by federal funds and the other 50% by special obligation money. The Secretary noted that one option that is not on the table is MBTA bond money. Director Sullivan noted that there is a need to do the project and the new cost is unacceptable. He wanted to know how will they reduce the number and accept the delay. The Board discussed the numbers and discussed the options that could get them to a lower number. The Secretary noted that there is still a risk of delay in rebidding the project. She noted that the reason for the presentation was to get the questions from the Board.

Next David Mohler gave his presentation on the Capital Investment Program. He went through their unstructured wish list. The Secretary asked for the Board's input on the process on city and town and/or public input. How many meetings should they have and how to involve community groups into the process. Director Mazzarella noted that people have an understanding of how much money is spent and where it is spent. The Board will be kept updated on the process.

Next Director Poftak reported on the Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) report. He went through the responsibilities of the FMCB and the

timeline layed out in the legislation. He also updated the Board on the work threads that the FMCB has been involved and the different projects. Director Gittlen asked about the Bus Request for Information. He noted that he believes that there could be better communication between the MBTA and the unions. Director Lang noted that his understanding is that there is not a foregone conclusion that there will be an RFP and that it will still have to be voted by the FMCB. Director Lang requested that a ridership plan has to be done since there hasn't one been done since 2008 and that it may be premature to be looking at an RFI. There was no further discussion from the Board.

The Secretary added that Tom Tinlin had agreed to become the Highway Administrator so he will no longer be acting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: To adjourn.

Documents used for this reports

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By Laws

GLX Powerpoint

CIP Overview Powerpoint