



CAPITAL BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes

Wednesday, April 15, 2025

A. **Call to Order:** The Chair, Mayor Patrick Keefe (Revere), called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. B.

Review of draft Capital Investment Plan Report: Brian Kane (Executive Director) shared the draft report with committee members and requested that they take a few minutes to review the document, and provide him with any immediate feedback.

- a. Chester Osborne (Maynard) commented that the overall tone of the document was good. He said he wanted to see an emphasis on “backwards planning” of expenditures, connecting individual expenditures to the overall strategic goals that they support: reliability, sustainability, performance, expansion, maintenance, operations etc.
- b. Tracy Lawrence (Marblehead) agreed that the tone of the document is accurate. She commented that, from a policy perspective, it is unclear how the T, and the Commonwealth, will be able to afford climate and decarbonization goals. The dire situation of the T’s

funding circumstances will impact the Commonwealths' broader goals.

- c. B. Kane thanked members for their comments and emphasized that the committee is able to take the report in any direction it sees fit, comment on any relevant projects, and include any agreed upon language. He added that committee members should reach out anytime with comments and suggestions.
- d. P. Keefe commented that with the overall theme of funding sources, the recommendations might include specific suggestions to put greater pressure on the recipients of the report to consider alternative methods: such as dispossession of MBTA properties that might generate revenue through other uses. B. Kane agreed that the importance of collaboration with municipalities should be highlighted.
- e. T. Lawrence commented that certain expenditures must be prioritized given the constraints. She emphasized that safety should be the system's number one priority, given the current state of maintenance. C. Osborne agreed and added that a safe, reliable system is importance also to achieve broader sustainability goals for the service district as it reduces the number of single occupancy vehicle rides. T. Lawrence said that she is more worried about safety than decarbonization. B. Kane commented that this discussion further highlights the point that the T needs an outlet for community engagement with long term planning and communicating priorities to the T. Chair P. Keefe agreed with the broad idea of prioritizing safety. Yem Lip (Malden) commented that there should be a baseline

for safety. He asked if there are any systems that have models for what a CIP structure looks like.

- f. B. Kane thanked members for their comments and requested that they send any language they would like to see included. Frank Tramontozzi asked if a draft would be sent out ahead of the meeting, B. Kane said yes.
- C. Minutes: The Chair requested a motion to approve the April 2nd, 2025 minutes. F. Tramontozzi moved to approve and the motion was approved unanimously.
- D. **Adjourn:** Chair P. Keefe called for the meeting to adjourn at 10:24.

Note: The committee approved these minutes by vote on 4/30/25.

Attendees

Committee

Yem Lip	Malden
Tracy Lawrence	Marblehead
Chester Osborne	Maynard
Frank Tramontozzi	Quincy
Hon. Patrick Keefe	Revere

MBTA Advisory Board Staff

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