



## CAPITAL BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

### Minutes

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

- A. **Call to Order:** The Chair, Mayor Patrick Keefe (Revere), called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.
- B. **CIP Presentation:** MBTA Deputy Chief of Capital Strategy Mike Malia presented the MBTA's FY26-30 Capital Investment Plan to the committee. Following the briefing, M. Malia opened for comment.
- a. Brian Kane (Executive Director) thanked the team for their hard work. He asked what rolled off from last year's CIP to free up space on the current one. Secondly, he asked what is the visioning document or guidance that the Authority used to develop the CIP. M. Malia answered that the major items that rolled off the CIP were the Track Improvement Program, and Green Line Extension and South Coast Rail have both seen a slowdown in spending. Secondly, M. Malia answered that regarding the authority's guidance, they are taking direction from the General Manager's "Full T Ahead" vision for the next ten years, remaining cognizant of the constraints. B. Kane applauded the authority's proactive approach. Following up, B. Kane asked where elected officials should go to voice support for strategic

and regionally significant projects like double-tracking on the Old Colony tunnel or Wonderland Station expansion. M. Malia answered that the upcoming Program for Mass Transit process is a valuable outlet for advocating for new and large-scale project priorities.

- b. Tom Skwierawski (Revere) asked, following the success of the South Coast Rail, what the T is doing to ensure that upcoming expansion projects have the sense of urgency for completion and efficient operation that communities are looking for. M. Malia answered that the investment required for electrification of regional rail requires a significant investment of new funding, so the conversations must revolve around new sources of revenue. The first step, prior to expansion, is stabilizing current assets and network. The T's approach to the CIP is changing from a focus on funding projects in installments to focusing on the full delivery of the project. An example of this would be the traction power substation work being done on the Newbury/Rockport Line, a project that is critical for the broader goal of electrifying the corridor.
- c. Yem Lip (Malden) asked if M. Malia could highlight some maintenance projects on the Orange line. M. Malia answered that the biggest project is the Red and Orange line signal overhaul. Josh Klingenstein (MBTA) added that the MBTA is continuing to receive deliveries of Red and Orange line vehicles. Additionally, the CIP includes funding for early action work on the Southwest corridor to support track maintenance improvement as well as work on accessibility, state of good repair, and station improvements at Ruggles. M. Malia added that the CIP's investment in power systems will bring more reliability across the system. Y. Lip asked what the T

expects for outages. B. Kane answered that he could get that information from the Operations department.

C. **Update by Exec. Director:** B. Kane thanked the MBTA staff and outlined the CIP process for the Committee members. MBTA Advisory Board staff will provide drafts of the CIP report at each upcoming meeting. B. Kane asked for the committee to share any comments and considerations with him at this time.

D. **Adjourn:** Chair P. Keefe called for the meeting to adjourn at 10:44.

*Note: The committee approved by vote of the committee at its 4/15/25 meeting.*

### **Attendees**

#### **Committee**

Yem Lip	Malden
Chester Osborne	Maynard
Frank Tramontozzi	Quincy
Hon. Patrick Keefe	Revere
Tom Skwierawski	Revere
Dan Carty	Sudbury

#### **Other**

Mike Malia

MBTA

Josh Ostroff

MBTA

Josh Klingenstein

MBTA

David Brooks

**MBTA Advisory Board Staff**

Brian Kane

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