



Engineers and Land Surveyors Day at the State House

Massachusetts Transportation Infrastructure: *INVESTING TODAY FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCY, CONGESTION REDUCTION AND OUR FUTURE*

ACTIONS REQUESTED:

- Support new revenue for transportation, including increased use of tolling, in conjunction with the other New England states or a pilot project for collecting fees on VMTs (Vehicle Miles Traveled.)
- Continue to support the Financial Management Control Board as it works to improve business processes and develops a long-term plan for the T that efficiently uses its resources.
- Support a multiyear commitment of \$300 M/year for Chapter 90 funding, enabling municipalities to do longer term planning for capital needs.
- Give municipalities tools for raising revenue for local transportation projects through such options as a fee on TNCs, Regional Ballot Initiatives, Value Capture, and Local Infrastructure Development Programs.

Water Infrastructure Investment Creates Jobs: Support increased funding of water infrastructure, including increased contract assistance funding for the State Revolving Fund

ACTIONS REQUESTED:

- ◆ Support increased funding for water infrastructure, including *HB 769, An Act relative to municipal assistance for clean water and economic development infrastructure.*
- ◆ Chapter 259 of the Acts of 2014 raised the state capitalization of the SRF program from \$88 million to \$138 million, but the legislature needs to appropriate the funding. The Act also provides access to less than 2% loans, 0% or even principal forgiveness if a project meets certain criteria. Fully fund capitalization at \$138 million.

Dig Safe: For Public Safety and Efficiency: Early Location of Underground Utilities

Professional Land Surveyors need to be able to gather accurate information on the location of underground utilities early in the design of a project. Including accurate utility location information in the planning phase of a road, bridge, water or sewer or other project minimizes the hazards, cost, and work to produce the final project and helps to protect public safety. HB2815/SB1392 provide updates to the Dig Safe law [MGL c. 82, §§ 40, 40A-40E] that are endorsed by the Common Ground Alliance, a national organization committed to saving lives and preventing damage to underground infrastructure by promoting effective damage prevention practices.

ACTION REQUESTED:

- *Support HB 2815, An Act relative to public safety in excavation*, Sponsored by Representative Antonio Cabral (D- New Bedford) plus others [in Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy] and
- *Support: SB 1392, An Act relative to public safety in excavation*, Sponsored by Senator Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn) plus others [in Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security]

Maximizing Private Sector Innovation: Delivering for Massachusetts: The critical role the engineering industry plays in addressing state and municipal infrastructure needs.

Oppose: HB 2996, SB 1884 An Act to promote safety, efficiency and accountability in transportation projects through public inspections

[SB1884:in Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight;

HB2996: in Joint Committee on Transportation]

ACTION REQUESTED: The House and Senate should oppose any bills or amendments that would prevent state agencies and municipalities from contracting out for design services and construction phase engineering or testing services. Public agencies need the flexibility to determine how they will get this work done.