

SENATE No. 1885

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act Relative to Transportation..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 19 of Chapter 6A of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 86
2 of the acts of 2008, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place
3 thereof the following subsection:-

4 (b) The following state agencies shall be within the executive office of transportation
5 and public works: the government center commission established by section 1 of chapter 635 of
6 the acts of 1960, the registry of motor vehicles and all other state agencies within the department,
7 except the division of motorboats and the division of waterways; and the Massachusetts
8 aeronautics commission. The Massachusetts Surface Transportation Authority, the
9 Massachusetts Port Authority, and any regional transportation authorities established under
10 chapter 161 or 161B shall also be within the executive office of transportation and public works.

11 SECTION 2. There is hereby created a body politic and corporate to be known as the
12 Massachusetts Surface Transportation Authority which, while within the executive office of
13 transportation and public works, shall not be subject to the supervision and regulation of said
14 executive office or any other department, commission, board, bureau, or agency, except as

15 specifically provided in any general or special law to the contrary. The authority is hereby
16 authorized and empowered, subject to the provisions of this chapter, to own, construct, maintain,
17 repair, reconstruct, improve, rehabilitate, finance, refinance, use, police, administer, control and
18 operate (a) the metropolitan highway system as defined in chapter 81A of the General Laws; (b)
19 the western turnpike as defined in chapter 81A of the General Laws; (c) the state highway system
20 as defined chapter 81; (d) the various transit authorities in the commonwealth as defined in
21 chapters 161A and 161B.

22 SECTION 3. The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority shall transfer the Turnpike, as
23 defined in section 3 of chapter 81A of the General Laws, its right to collect toll revenues on the
24 Turnpike, and all related assets, liabilities, expenses and obligations to the division of roads and
25 bridges in the Massachusetts Surface Transportation Authority on July 1, 2009.

26 SECTION 4. The commonwealth shall transfer the parkways and bridges in the custody
27 and control of the department of conservation and recreation and the roads and bridges, and all
28 appurtenant facilities, in the custody and control of the department of highways to the division of
29 roads and bridges in the Massachusetts Surface Transportation Authority on July 1, 2009.

30 SECTION 5. The Massachusetts Port Authority shall transfer the Maurice J. Tobin
31 Memorial Bridge, located in Chelsea, Massachusetts, its right to collect toll revenues on that
32 bridge, and all related assets, liabilities, expenses and obligations to the division of roads and
33 bridges in the Massachusetts Surface Transportation Authority on July 1, 2010.

34 SECTION 6. The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority shall transfer the Metropolitan
35 Highway System, as defined in section 3 of chapter 81A of the General Laws, its right to collect
36 toll revenues on the Metropolitan Highway System, and all related assets, liabilities, expenses

37 and obligations to the division of roads and bridges in the Massachusetts Surface Transportation
38 Authority on July 1, 2010.

39 SECTION 7. The Massachusetts Surface Transportation Authority shall provide for the
40 share of revenues previously provided to regional transit authorities by the commonwealth, in
41 advance, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2010.

42 SECTION 8. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall become part of the
43 division of public transit of the Massachusetts Surface Transportation Authority on July 1, 2011.