

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1727**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the composition of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                    | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:            |                  |
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| <i>Michael F. Rush</i>   | <i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>   |                  |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i>     | <i>11th Norfolk</i>          | <i>2/8/2023</i>  |
| <i>Lydia Edwards</i>     | <i>Third Suffolk</i>         | <i>2/13/2023</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i> | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> | <i>2/13/2023</i> |

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1727) of Michael F. Rush, Paul  
McMurtry, Lydia Edwards and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation relative to the composition of  
the board of directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1772 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to the composition of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Department of  
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 2 of Chapter 6C of the General Laws, as amended by section 10 of  
2 chapter 46 of the acts of 2015, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following subsection:

4           (b) The department shall be governed and its corporate powers shall be exercised by a  
5 board of directors. The board shall consist of 12 members, including the secretary of  
6 transportation, who shall serve ex officio as chair. The governor shall appoint 10 members: 1 of  
7 whom shall be a rider, as defined in section 1 of chapter 161A; 1 of whom shall have experience  
8 in the field of public or private finance; 1 of whom shall have experience in transportation  
9 planning and policy; 1 of whom shall have experience in civil engineering; 1 of whom shall have

10 experience in the field of public or private finance or transportation planning and policy; 1 of  
11 whom shall have municipal government experience in 1 of the fourteen cities and towns, as  
12 defined in said section 1 of said chapter 161A; 1 of whom shall have municipal government  
13 experience in 1 of the 51 cities and towns, as defined in said section 1 of said chapter 161A; 1 of  
14 whom shall have municipal government experience in 1 of the other served communities, as  
15 defined in said section 1 of said chapter 161A; 1 of whom shall have municipal government  
16 experience in a city or town not part of the area constituting the authority, as defined in said  
17 section 1 of said chapter 161A; and 1 of whom shall be a representative of a labor organization  
18 selected from a list of 3 nominees provided by the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-  
19 CIO. The mayor of the city of Boston shall appoint 1 member who shall have experience in  
20 transportation planning and policy. Four of the members, other than the chair, shall serve for  
21 terms that are coterminous with the governor; provided, however, that at least 3 of the  
22 coterminous members shall have experience in transportation policy, public finance or civil  
23 engineering and at least 1 of the coterminous members shall be a rider. The 6 remaining  
24 members appointed by the governor and the 1 remaining member appointed by the mayor of the  
25 city of Boston shall serve for terms of 4 years.

26 Not more than 7 of the directors, not including the chair, shall be members of the same  
27 political party. The directors, with the exception of the chair, shall serve without compensation  
28 but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses reasonably incurred in the performance  
29 of their duties, including reimbursement for reasonable travel; provided, however, that  
30 reimbursement shall not exceed \$3,000 annually per director. A person appointed to fill a  
31 vacancy in the board of directors shall serve only for the unexpired term of the former member.  
32 A director shall be eligible for reappointment. Any director appointed by the governor may be

33 removed from his appointment by the governor for cause. Any director appointed by the mayor  
34 of the city of Boston may be removed from his appointment by the mayor of the city of Boston  
35 for cause. The board shall annually elect 1 of the directors to serve as vice-chair.

36 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.