

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kelly A. Dooner

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 expediting the Massachusetts Department of Transportation project delivery.

PETITION OF:

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Third Bristol and Plymouth

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act expediting the Massachusetts Department of Transportation project delivery.

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. Chapter 6C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 80. Project delivery timelines; expedited construction requirements

4 (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law, regulation, or policy to the contrary, the
5 department shall commence construction on transportation infrastructure projects within 7 days
6 of the completion of the traffic study or evaluation and subsequent bid process. Such projects
7 shall not be deferred to future phases of the Capital Investment Plan or delayed for inclusion in
8 the department's master plan unless a delay is deemed necessary due to safety concerns or the
9 unavailability of funding.

10 (b) The department shall establish and implement clear project delivery timelines to
11 ensure that projects progress from planning to construction without undue delay. The department
12 shall provide annual progress reports to the Joint Committee on Transportation, with immediate
13 updates if a project experiences delays exceeding 90 days.

14 (c) Exceptions to the immediate commencement of construction may only be granted
15 upon written justification submitted to and approved by the Secretary, detailing the specific
16 circumstances necessitating a delay and the measures being taken to mitigate such delay.

17 SECTION 2. The department shall adopt any necessary regulations to implement this act
18 within 90 days of its passage.