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STATEMENT BY TRANSPORTATION FOR MASSACHUSETTS DIRECTOR KRISTINA EGAN ON GOVERNOR PATRICK'S BOND BILL AND HEARING

"Transportation for Massachusetts applauds Governor Patrick for introducing his \$19 billion, long-term bond bill to create much needed funding for important transit, road, rail, bike and pedestrian projects that will stimulate the economy and build better communities in all parts of the Commonwealth. We hope the Joint Committee on Transportation will consider the support that business leaders, advocates, and residents of Massachusetts alike are voicing today and every day for greater investment in transportation.

The potential investment through the governor's bond bill will meet the different transportation needs of people across the state while boosting our economy through creating new jobs, encouraging economic development, and making Massachusetts more competitive on the national and global stage. However, to make the needed improvements, repairs, and strategic regional investments listed in the bond bill, the Legislature must create a long-term funding package that builds on stable and sufficient sources of revenue.

We know that Massachusetts residents want more investment in transportation, and they are willing to support it through additional revenues. The cost of doing too little is too great right now. We encourage the legislature to take up the governor's bond bill as a first step in an ongoing, comprehensive approach to statewide investment in transportation, and then continue on to creating a long-term funding and investment solution that will move our entire transportation forward into the 21st century."

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