



# TRANSPORTATION REFORM

## Cost, Process and Performance

The Senate proposes comprehensive transportation reform measures to contain costs and improve management and construction processes that will help close the funding gap.

### **Improve Performance Measurement and Accountability**

- Revise the use of police details and cost reporting requirements to help save \$100 million during the next 20 years.
- Adopt “Shine the Light” and Gray Notebook standards to measure performance and establish accountability.
- Require MassHighway to report payments, processing times and other cash flow activities.

### **Enhance Construction Process**

- Require MassHighway to report on best practices used by other states.
- Develop practices and incentives to promote efficiency and quality.
- Establish uniform prequalification requirements for contractors.
- Require the Turnpike Authority to evaluate the use of manual toll collectors and the adoption of electronic tolling systems.
- Determine expedited projects for Fiscal Year 2008 to clear MassHighway’s backlog.

### **Establish Maintenance and Fiscal Impact Measures Going Forward**

- Require MassHighway to build in long-term maintenance costs for proposed projects.
- Include the maintenance requirement as a condition of state bond covenants and establish a separate fund to support maintenance costs going forward.
- Restructure MBTA & MTA retiree health insurance contributions.
- Require MBTA to reform employee retirement options.
- Support funding for structurally deficient bridges in the Commonwealth.

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