

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1885**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Steven A. Baddour**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act Relative to Transportation.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Steven A. Baddour

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and 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 of the  
2 acts of 2008, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 subsection:-

4           (b) The following state agencies shall be within the executive office of transportation and public works:  
5 the government center commission established by section 1 of chapter 635 of the acts of 1960, the registry  
6 of motor vehicles and all other state agencies within the department, except the division of motorboats  
7 and the division of waterways; and the Massachusetts aeronautics commission. The Massachusetts  
8 Surface Transportation Authority, the Massachusetts Port Authority, and any regional transportation  
9 authorities established under chapter 161 or 161B shall also be within the executive office of  
10 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 executive  
14 office or any other department, commission, board, bureau, or agency, except as specifically provided in  
15 any general or special law to the contrary. The authority is hereby authorized and empowered, subject to  
16 the provisions of this chapter, to own, construct, maintain, repair, reconstruct, improve, rehabilitate,  
17 finance, refinance, use, police, administer, control and operate (a) the metropolitan highway system as  
18 defined in chapter 81A of the General Laws; (b) the western turnpike as defined in chapter 81A of the  
19 General Laws; (c) the state highway system as defined chapter 81; (d) the various transit authorities in the  
20 commonwealth as defined in chapters 161A and 161B.

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

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

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

33 SECTION 6. The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority shall transfer the Metropolitan Highway  
34 System, as defined in section 3 of chapter 81A of the General Laws, its right to collect toll revenues on  
35 the Metropolitan Highway System, and all related assets, liabilities, expenses and obligations to the  
36 division of roads and bridges in the Massachusetts Surface Transportation Authority on July 1, 2010.

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

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