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Legislative Update

May 1, 2025

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Legislative Update

MMA Priorities

Big 3 Fiscal Bills!

- Budget
- Supplemental
- Chapter 90
- FY26 Budget + Timeline

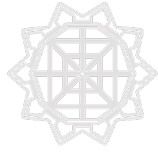
Upcoming

- Municipal Empowerment
- Environmental Bond Bill

Advanced Clean Trucks

Federal

Next Steps



MMA Legislative Priorities

2025-26 Legislative Package

25 priority bills addressing municipal needs

- Green Lights for Municipal DPW & Emergency Management Vehicles
- Municipal authority in public rights of way (Double Poles Enforcement)
- Labeling Non-Flushable Wipes
- **Chapter 90 Increase + Multi-year authorization**

Policy Resolutions

PFAs, Fiscal, Modernization, & Transportation

Additional Priorities:

- Water Resource needs/ infrastructure
- Emissions
- School funding + UGGA
- Clean Energy Transition



FY26 Budget & Supplemental

House FY26 Budget (H 4000)

\$61.4B state budget plan

- Level-funds
Unrestricted General Government Aid
- Chapter 70 aid (education) increase to \$150 per pupil minimum aid
- Fair Share Revenues to the Commonwealth
Transportation Fund, increasing bond capacity

Surplus Surtax Supplemental Budget (H4010)

\$1.3B supplemental using FY24 surtax revenues

- \$10m Unpaved Roads
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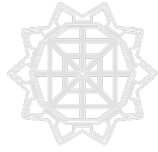


Chapter 90 & Culverts

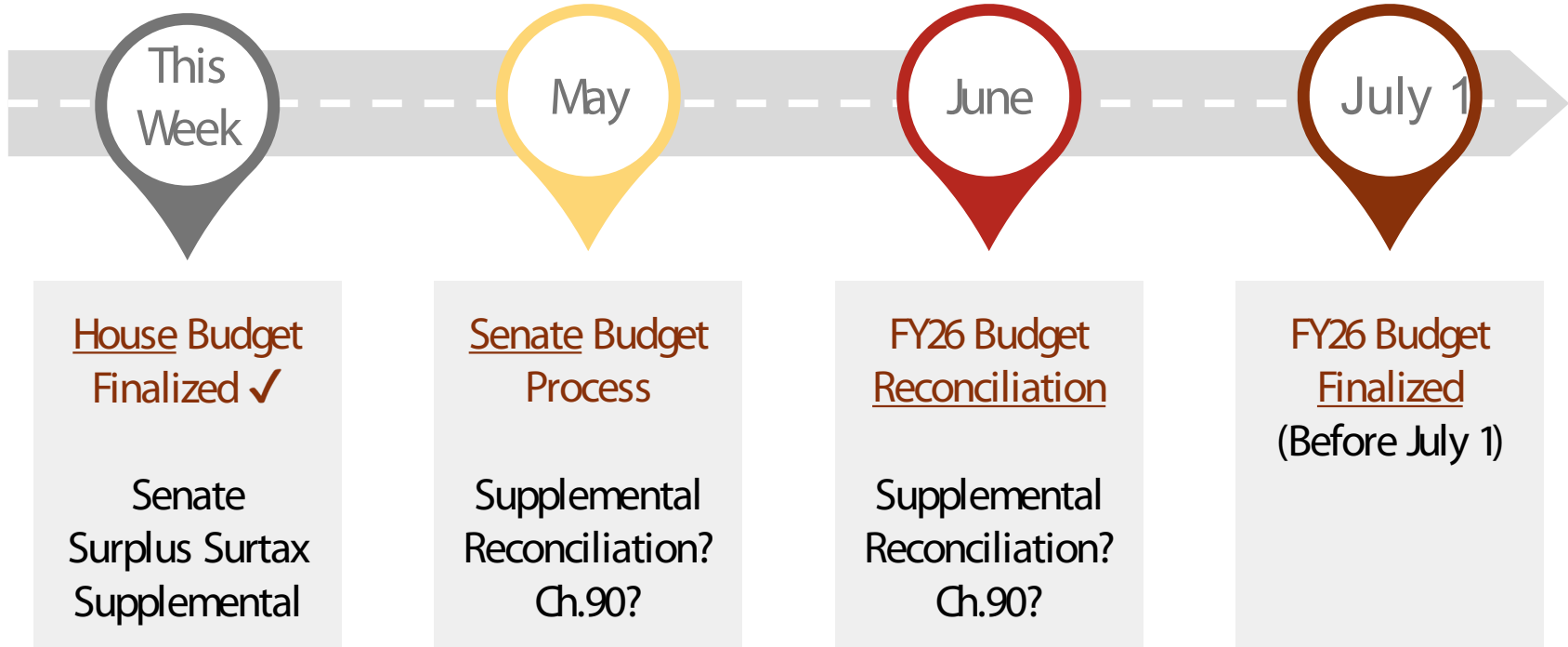
Transportation Bond Bill - Chapter 90

\$1.5B for 5-year Chapter 90 authorization

- **\$300m per year**
 - **\$200m by Chapter 90 formula**
 - **\$100m by road miles**
 - **\$200m for culverts and small bridges**
 - **\$500 million for MassDOT's road and bridge lifecycle asset management**
 - **\$185 million for MassDOT safety and congestion initiatives**
 - **Hearing held April 10**
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FY26 Budget Timeline





Watch! 👁️

Municipal Empowerment Act

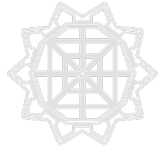
- Local-option revenues
- Procurement reforms
- Double poles enforcement
- More!

Environmental Bond Bill - Upcoming

Support for environmental-focused policies and programs

Possible Bond Authorizations and Policy:

- MVP, Water, Sewer, Stormwater Supports, Resilience
 - Trash/Recycling/Plastics, conservation programs, etc
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MORE to Know!

Advanced Clean Trucks

MassDEP Delays Enforcement of Discretion for ACT

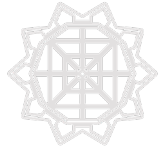
- MY25 & MY26 manufacturers held harmless
 - Must sell diesel engines!
- **HDO still delayed until MY26**

Federal Congressional Review of ACT Waivers

- Resolutions filed in Congress

MA Legislature Bills Filed to delay start of ACT/HDO by 2yrs

An Act relative to responsibly reducing emissions in the transportation sector (S2185 Moore & H3406 Puppolo)

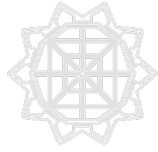


MORE to Know!

- [Clean Energy Siting and Permitting](#) / [Stakeholder Sessions](#)
- [Recycling+ Bills Hearing](#) — May 6 (EPR, Plastics, Wipes Labels, etc)

Federal Activities

- 142 Executive Orders; >220 Lawsuits
- Actions:
 - Funding disruption
 - USDOT letter to grant recipients and applicants
 - Review and reform of grants, possible modified scope or cancellation
 - FEMA Commission; FEMA reduction
- Budget Reconciliation process
 - Cuts desired to offset tax cut extensions
 - Threat to tax-exempt municipal bonds



Next Steps

Contact your legislators and thank them for all they do!

FY26 Budget

- Ask your them to support additional funding for Ch.90, UGGA, and Ch.70

Chapter 90

- Ask them to support the bill
- Highlight projects or a vision for how you would use the funding
(let them know how this will make a difference in your community!)

Advanced Clean Truck

- Let them know about H3406 & S2185
- Tell them how the Advanced Clean Truck rule is impacting your community
- Look out for the hearing! Prepare to testify!

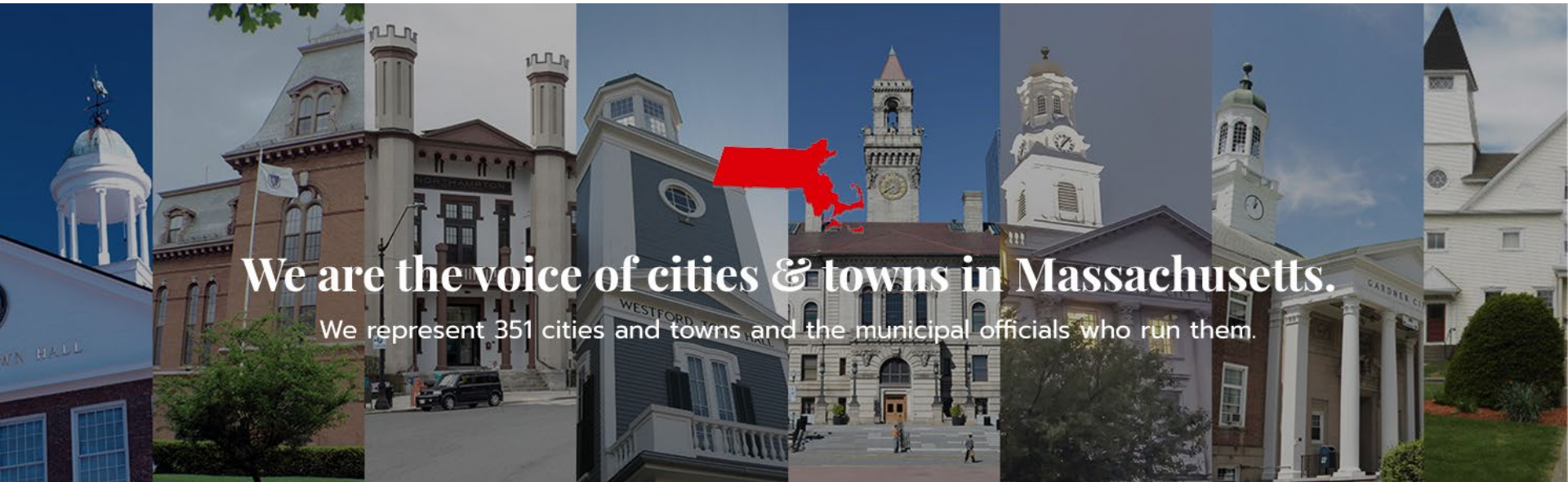


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