**MOSES Board of Directors, December Meeting: Legislative Update**

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

*Provided by Steven Smalley, Legislative Director*

**Tax Revenue Update**

Massachusetts collected $2.416 billion for the month of November, which is $289 million or 13.6% more than actual collections in November of 2020 and $192 million or 8.7% more than benchmark. FY2022 year to date collections are approximately $13.612 billion, which is $2.145 billion or 18.7% more than the same period in FY2021 and $914 million more than benchmark.

November collections included increases in all major tax types including regular sales and meals tax primarily due to strength in retail sales and easing of some covid restrictions. November is typically a smaller month for collections bringing in about 6.5 percent of the state’s annual revenue. FY2022’s tax revenue projection is $34.40 billion.

**Collective Bargaining Amendment**

Unfortunately, our Senate amendment to get the Commonwealth contract agreement included in the ARPA legislation was withdrawn. With the legislature now on recess until the new year, MOSES will continue to press to have this as well as the MassDOT contract agreement included in the next supplemental budget. There is no firm timetable for a supplemental budget to come out, but it is anticipated to be sometime in mid-January.

**MOSES Legislation**

On November 17th, **S2097**- An Act relative to protecting the taxpayers of the Commonwealth was reported favorably by the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. This legislation subjects all contracts for design, engineering and inspection services to provisions regulating the hiring of private contractors by public and governmental entities. The bill now moves on to Senate Ways and Means.