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

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

*Provided by Steven Smalley, Legislative Director*

**Tax Revenue Update**

Massachusetts collected $3.858 billion for the month of March, which is $802 million more than actual collections in March of 2021 and $427 million more than benchmark. After adjusting for PTE excise payments, DOR had March 2022 collections at $423 million or 13.8% above actual collections in March 2021, and $455 million or 15.1% more than the benchmark.

FY2022 year to date collections are approximately $27.545 billion, which is $4.961 billion or 22.0 % more than the same period in FY2021 and $2.18 billion more than benchmark.

March collections included increases in all major tax types including withholding, non-withholding, sales and corporate/business tax. March is typically a mid-sized month in terms of revenue collection. FY2022’s tax revenue projection was updated in December to $35.90 billion.

**Collective Bargaining Supplemental Budget**

MOSES was happy to see that Governor Baker signed the Legislature’s supplemental budget bill last Friday 4/1 that included both the Commonwealth and MassDOT collective bargaining agreements.

**FY 2023 Budget**

MOSES has been meeting with House Ways and Means members as well as Senate Ways and Means members as part of the Green Budget Coalition to advocate for increases at our environmental agencies. It is anticipated that the FY2023 House Budget will be released tomorrow, 4/13.

**MOSES Legislation**

Several of our bills have been given extension orders while further discussion is needed including the Crime Lab (**H2797**) and DCR Aerial Foresters (**H2701**) regarding movement into group 2 of the retirement system and **H2010/S1212** regarding leave for the birth, adoption or placement of a foster child as it relates to credible service.