

Transportation, Housing & Infrastructure Task Force

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STATEMENT

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, people are moving around in different ways. In order to maximize economic growth and increase talent retention, the Commonwealth must continue to develop transportation and housing policy that improves the state's transportation infrastructure and increases affordable housing stock that reflects the varying needs of communities across the state and accounts for the impact of remote work.

A safe, reliable transportation system is essential to enable communities across the state to thrive. Transportation policy decisions must be made to promote economic competitiveness.

PRINCIPLES

The following have emerged as the three guiding principles for this legislative session, all informed by MBR's overarching themes of opportunity, equity & competitiveness.

- **OPPORTUNITY:** Reimagine transportation and housing infrastructure that supports the shifting patterns for living and working in communities across the Commonwealth
- **EQUITY:** Advocate for statewide transit and housing policy with an emphasis on creating solutions for underserved populations
- **COMPETITIVENESS:** Prioritize investments in transportation and housing that are responsive to the changing needs of employers and employees

POLICY PRIORITIES

The following policy priorities will be a central component of the Roundtable's advocacy this legislative session. This section will continue to be updated as the additional priority areas arise.

- Advocate for statewide transportation and housing strategies that include support of the Transportation & Climate Initiative and other revenue sources for infrastructure investment
- Redefine competitiveness post-pandemic and balance necessary public investments to recruit and retain talent with sensitivity to costs of doing business and cost of living
- Track and advocate for the importance of favorable regulatory environmental and permitting structures at local, state and federal levels



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