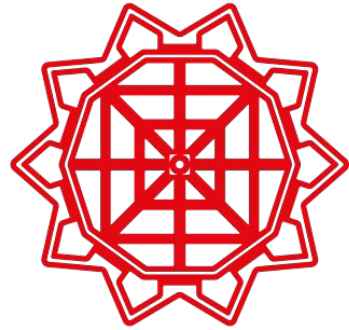




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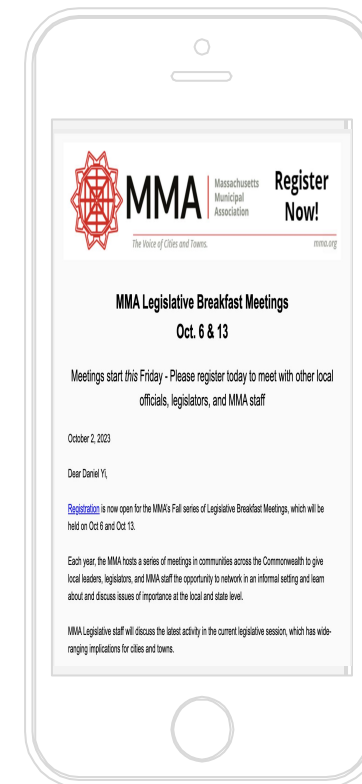
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Dear Daniel Yi,

[Registration](#) is now open for the MMA's Fall series of Legislative Breakfast Meetings, which will be held on Oct 6 and Oct 13.

Each year, the MMA hosts a series of meetings in communities across the Commonwealth to give local leaders, legislators, and MMA staff the opportunity to network in an informal setting and learn about and discuss issues of importance at the local and state level.

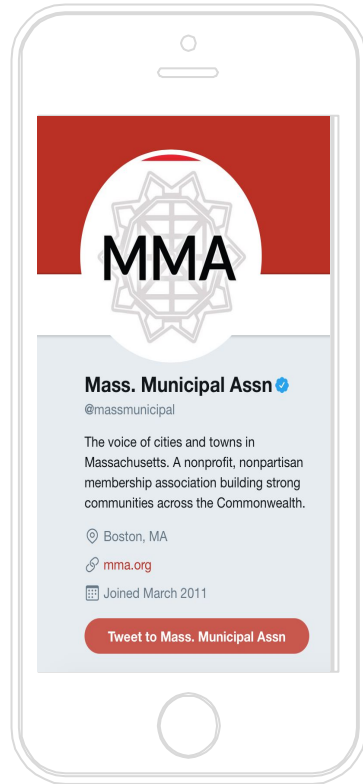
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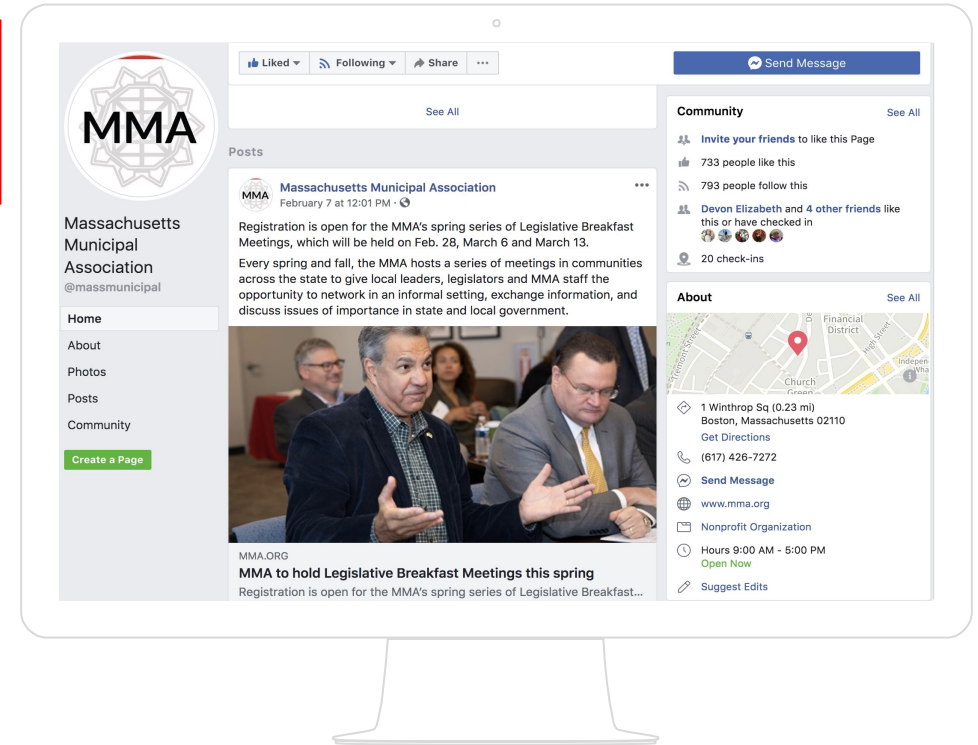


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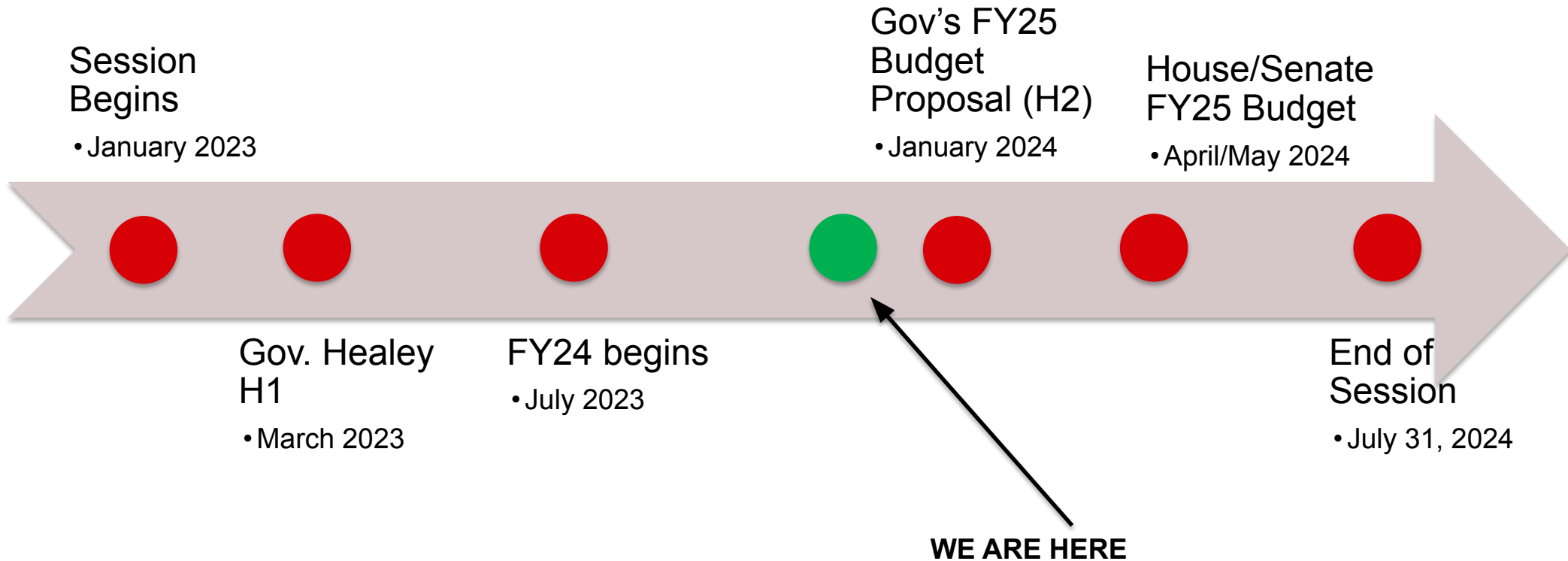
Legislative Update

- Strong FY24 Budget & Busy Year
- Key Updates
- Ongoing Work & Coming Attractions



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Where are We?

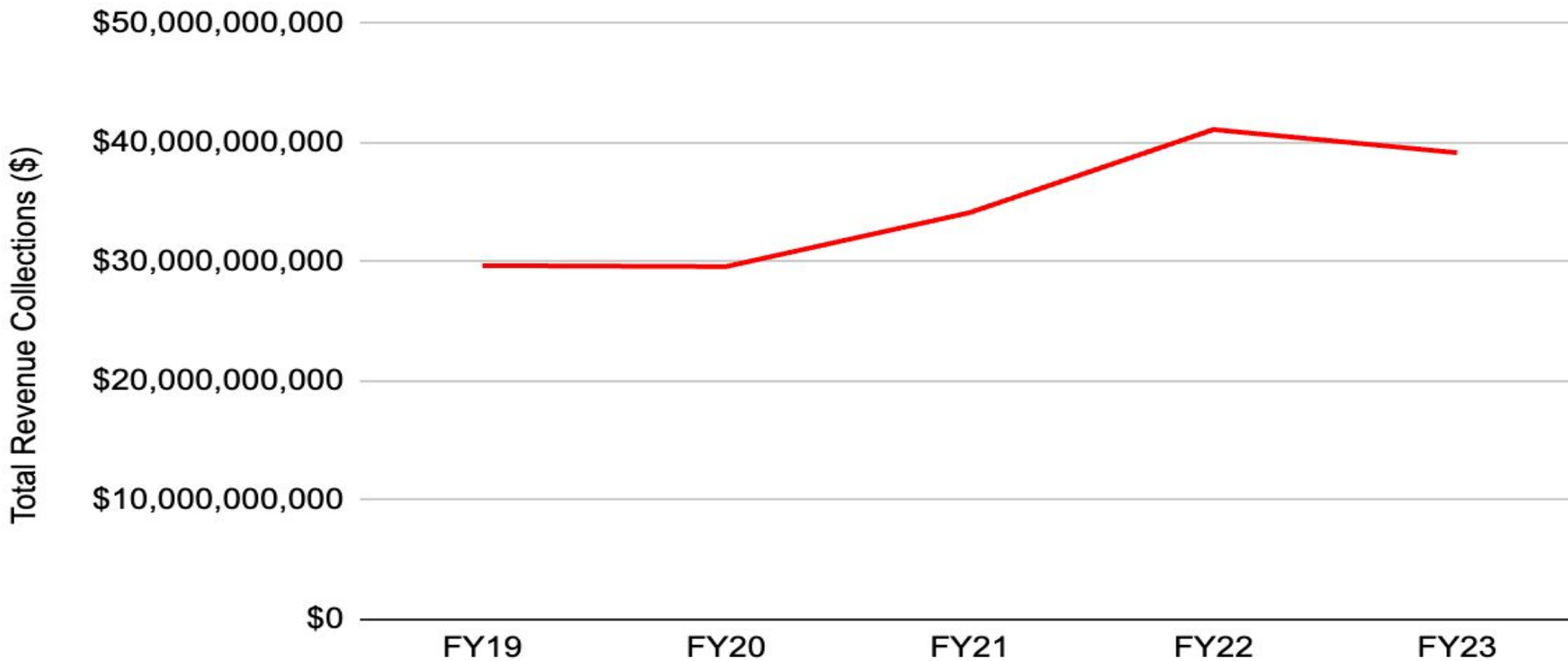




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Revenue Update

MA Revenue Growth





FY2024 Budget

\$56 billion bill, Signed into Law

- **UGGA** – won a 3.2% increase, \$39.3M above last year
- **Chapter 70** – doubling per pupil funding for “minimum aid” districts
- **Special Education Circuit Breaker** - \$504M
- **Charter School Reimbursements** – \$232M, to meet state’s obligation
- **PILOT** for State-owned land - \$51.5M
- **Rural School Aid** - \$15M
- **Regional School Transportation (90%)** - \$97M
- **McKinney-Vento Transportation (100%)** - \$82.5M
- **Out-of-District Vocational Transportation (17%, up from 6%)** - \$1M



Surtax Revenue in FY24 Budget

Anticipated surtax revenue ~\$1B for FY24 (Transportation/Education)

- \$100M in supplemental funding for **local roads and bridges**
- \$100M in **MSBA extraordinary relief costs**
- \$50M **Green School Works** grants for green infrastructure
- Codifies **universal school meals**

Tax Relief Package

- **HDIP** – Increases the cap on Housing Development Incentive Program tax credits: \$10m → \$30m annually (up to \$57M one-time);
 - allows for redistribution if underutilized in future years
- **Low Income Housing Tax Credit** – raises authorization \$40m → \$60m
- Creates a **local-option property tax exemption** for residential properties that are rented to affordable households - set by community
- **Title V, Septic System Tax Credit** – triples maximum credit \$6k → \$18k for high costs of septic tank replacement/repair



Tax Relief Package

- **Senior Tax work-off property tax deduction:** \$1,500 → \$2,000
- **Senior Circuit Breaker property tax credit:** \$750 → \$1,500 per year
- **Other items:**
 - Child and Dependent Tax Credit: \$180 → \$310 → \$440, per dependent
 - Earned Income Tax Credit; lowers the tax rate on short-term capital gains; rental deduction; & other credits for renters & commuters
 - Amends Chapter 62F disbursements

Road and Bridge Funding

Celebrating \$325M for Road and Bridge Funding

- Resources through 3 primary areas:
 - **\$200 million** for Chapter 90 via bond bill
 - **\$25 million** for a new Rural Roads Supplemental allocation
 - **\$100 million** for the surtax-funded Ch. 90 supplement in the budget
+ other bond authorizations for existing grant accounts

Road and Bridge Funding

6 additional grant programs, \$25 million each:

- Municipal Pavement Program
- Municipal Small Bridge Program
- Complete Streets Funding Program
- Municipal grants for infrastructure focused on the enhancement of mass transit by bus
- Funding for the study, design, construction or improvements that increase access to mass transit and commuter rail stations
- Grants to municipalities and regional transit authorities to support fleet electrification

Energy and the Environment

- **Municipal Aggregation**
 - Investigation introduces expedited pathway for approval within 120 days
 - Concerns over potential loss of local control
 - Technical Session: Dec. 20, 9:30AM, DPU Office, Boston
- **PFAS, Water + Sewer Updates**
 - U.S. EPA expected to finalize new national drinking water regulations for 6 PFAS
 - Updated Title 5 septic and sewer regulations

Regulatory Updates

- **Cannabis**
 - Finalized regulations on HCAs, CIFs and social equity
 - Social consumption regulations next
- **MBTA Communities**
 - Mixed-use development allowed
 - 13 additional grant programs will take compliance into account



Housing

- **Housing Bond Bill**
 - \$4.12 billion
 - Mix of bonding authorizations & policy
- **Migrant Shelter Supports**
 - Emergency declaration, Nat'l Guard
 - 7,500 family cap



FY23 Closeout Supplemental Budget

- **FY23 Closeout Supp- in Conference Committee**
 - Emergency Shelter Assistance- \$250M
 - Muni Finance Changes- opioid settlement clarity
 - Special Education Extraordinary Relief- \$75M
 - Disaster Relief
 - Funding- \$10m/\$15m
 - Amortization allowance
 - Early voting grants \$5m
 - 2024 state primary date, Sept. 3

FY25 Outlook

- **FY25 Consensus Revenue Forecast**
 - Consensus Revenue Hearing typically held in December
 - Hear from Gov't leaders, economists re: forecast
 - Sec. of A&F and JWM Chairs will announce percentage in January
- **Federal Funds**
 - ARPA will come to a close, BIL and IRA will ramp up



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Additional Resources & Links

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- [Tax Relief Package](#)
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- [Cannabis Regulations](#)
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