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## State officials say collaboration on recent transportation projects in Boston helped save money, limit disruptions

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While completing three transportation-related construction projects within close proximity, state officials said they saved about \$4 million, finished work ahead of schedule, and limited subway service disruptions thanks to a several-year-old law that has consolidated state transportation agencies.

The projects were all completed around the Orient Heights Blue Line subway station in East Boston. The MBTA led one project to rebuild the station. Massport worked to build a bicycle and pedestrian path. And, the Highway Division of the state transportation department replaced a Revere Beach Parkway Bridge.

The agencies collaborated to manage their respective projects, state officials said.

Significant portions of the work, particularly those that involved shutting down parts of the Blue Line subway service were “piggybacked” together, officials said.

That allowed for fewer scheduled shutdowns of subway service. Officials estimate one weekend shutdown costs nearly \$150,000.

State officials said the teamwork was “a vivid example of collaboration and cost savings characterized by the [2009 Transportation Reform Law](#).”

“This is truly transportation reform in action as the T, MassDOT, and Massport worked together on three important projects and saved millions of dollars,” said state transportation department Secretary and CEO Richard A. Davey. “I applaud the planning and coordination that not only saved money but also minimized inconvenience for our customers.”

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