



# **Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association**

***“Dedicated to Effective Local Government Through the Advancement of Municipal Law”***

February 1, 2024

**PRESIDENT**  
Karis L. North

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Ivria Glass Fried

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
James B. Lampke

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**  
Matthew Gray Feher

**PAST PRESIDENT**  
Brandon H. Moss

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
Christopher L. Brown

Christine M. Griffin

Jason D. Grossfield

Jillian Jagling

Donna MacNichol

Susan C. Murphy

David Shapiro

Shawn A. Williams

To: The Honorable Senator Nicholas P. Collins, Chair, Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

The Honorable Representative Antonio F.D. Cabral, Chair, Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

RE: SB 2069, An Act providing for alternative delivery of infrastructure projects

---

Dear Senator Collins and Representative Cabral:

I am writing to you in my capacity as the President of the Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association (the “MMLA”), the Commonwealth’s municipal bar association, to communicate our support of Bill SB 2069, An Act providing for alternative delivery of infrastructure projects.

We recognize the potential benefits this Act could bring to our state’s infrastructure initiatives. The proposed Act, by introducing alternative delivery methods like Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) and Design-Build approaches, has the potential to improve project efficiency, streamline timelines, and potentially reduce project costs for public agencies while maintaining appropriate quality controls. This adaptation to the changing landscape of infrastructure development is crucial for meeting the evolving needs of our communities.

Many communities already take advantage of the benefits of these alternative delivery methods by way of special legislation. This Act will make these alternative methods and their benefits available on a widespread basis in the Commonwealth.

We acknowledge the advantages of this legislation, and we also understand the need for careful consideration and evaluation of its implications. The balancing of expedited delivery, maintenance of quality standards, control and oversight, as well as mitigating legal risks are of utmost importance. We trust that your leadership will ensure this balance is maintained throughout the legislative process for this bill.

The MMLA remains committed to contributing our expertise and insights to assist in refining and implementing this legislation effectively. We are available to collaborate further and provide our support in ensuring that the final version of this Act serves the best interests of our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to the continued dialogue and collaboration on this important issue.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Karis L. North*

Karis L. North  
President, MMLA

cc: The Honorable, Senator Joan B. Lovely, Vice Chair, Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight  
The Honorable, Representative Chynah Tyler, Vice Chair, Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight