

Media Advisory

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Following Bonn Announcement, Leaders and Stakeholders Gather at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy to Discuss the Future of Transportation

MEDFORD, MA—On January 11, 2018 stakeholders from across the northeast region will gather at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University for “The Future of Transportation Symposium: Innovation, Technology & Policy,” a one-day conference co-hosted by Acadia Center and The Fletcher School’s Climate Policy Lab in their Center for International Environment and Resource Policy, and in partnership with Transportation for Massachusetts (T4MA) and other allies.

The symposium will serve as a forum for conversations about how the region can address transportation pollution, access, and innovation from academic, policy, and business perspectives.

The conference follows the November announcement at COP23 in Bonn, Germany, by seven states—Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, New York, Maryland, Vermont, and Washington, D.C.—that they will explore regional climate policies for the transportation sector by holding listening sessions in the coming months. Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker’s administration recently held several well-attended listening sessions, generating input from many members of the public and groups that want to see progress in this area. “The Future of Transportation Symposium” is an opportunity for stakeholders and policy makers to gather and discuss the best approaches and practices to shape state and regional transportation policy.

The symposium will also highlight the leadership of Massachusetts in working to promote modern, forward-looking transportation policies. Matthew Beaton, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, will open the day’s activities with an address about the future of transportation in Massachusetts and across the region.

In addition to T4MA, symposium partners include the Environmental League of Massachusetts and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

WHAT: The Future of Transportation Symposium: Innovation, Technology & Policy – convened by The Fletcher School’s Climate Policy Lab and Acadia Center

WHO: Matthew Beaton, Secretary of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; Barbara Kates-Garnick, Professor of Practice at The Fletcher School and former Undersecretary of Energy for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Daniel L. Sosland, President, Acadia Center

WHERE: Alumnae Hall, Tufts University, 40 Talbot Ave, Medford, MA 02155

WHEN: January 11, 2018 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

A complete agenda and list of speakers is available [here](#).

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