

MassDOT Travel Plaza Decision: What You Should Know



Why Global Partners Is the Smart, Local Choice for Massachusetts.

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What's Going On:

A MassDOT committee just recommended a 35-year contract to run 18 highway rest stops go to Applegreen–a foreign-owned, private equity-funded company. This happened even though Global Partners, a Massachusetts-based, family-owned business, offered over \$900 million more in rent and proposed a plan that supports local communities and modern infrastructure.

On Wednesday June 18 the Board voted, but the Governor has the final say.

Half a Billion Dollars Left Behind

Global's offer would bring in 52% more in rent, adding \$900 million in extra revenue for the state over the life of the contract.

Why it matters to you:

That's money that could go toward fixing roads, funding schools, and supporting local services, and we're walking away from it.

A Risk Massachusetts Shouldn't Take

In New York, Applegreen and its partner signed a \$450 million rest stop contract, then quickly ran into financial trouble. Within two years, they asked for \$260 million in taxpayer-funded support due to cost overruns and poor planning.

Why it matters to you:

If Applegreen couldn't make their plan work in New York, Massachusetts taxpayers could be next in line to cover the shortfall, paying more in the long run for a deal that looked cheaper up front.

A Plan Built for the Future

- Global's vision includes:
- Modern, sustainable buildings
- Plenty of EV charging stations
- Partnerships with well-loved Massachusetts brands
- Why it matters to you:

Whether you're stopping to eat, charge your car, or rest, you'll get better, cleaner, more local options with Global.

Investing in Massachusetts Every Day

- Global is:
- The official fuel partner of the Greater Boston Food Bank, helping provide over 80 million meals
- A supporter of 110+ local schools, nonprofits, and organizationsjust in 2024
- Regularly named one of Massachusetts' most charitable companies
- Why it matters to you:

We don't just say we care-we prove it by giving back to the places we live and work.



Global's Proven Track Record

When other companies walked away, Global kept these rest stops running. Our Alltown Fresh locations serve up healthy, fresh meals that reflect our communities.

Why it matters to you:

We've already shown up when it mattered, and we're ready to keep doing it better.

A Local Business with Deep Roots

Global Partners has been based in Waltham for over 90 years. We're family-owned, not run by out-of-state investors, and we reinvest profits back into our local communities.

Why it matters to you:

Choosing a local company means more jobs, stronger neighborhoods, and a partner who actually lives here too.

Let the Public See the Details

Right now, the proposals haven't been released to the public. For a 35-year deal on public land, that's a big deal.

Why it matters to you:

Transparency keeps decisions fair. You deserve to know what's being done with your tax dollars and your land.

Time to Take a Second Look

Massachusetts deserves a partner who's been here, cares here, and invests here. Global Partners is that partner.

Why it matters to you:

This decision will shape our roads, our communities, and our economy for decades. Let's make sure it's the right one.

What You Can Do:

Write the Governor and your State Representative. Tell them Massachusetts deserves better: <u>Click Here</u>