

## POLICE DETAIL SAVINGS ESTIMATED AT UP TO \$7.2M

The Patrick administration's new police detail regulations would save the Highway Department between \$5.7 million and \$7.2 million annually, according to new estimates from the Executive Office of Transportation. The new regulations call for the use of road flaggers on select public works projects where police now patrol construction sites. The office estimates it spends between \$20 million and \$25 million on police details, and using a one-week snapshot, calculated 28.76 percent savings, but called it "premature" to calculate how often the details would be used. The report, posted Thursday on the EOT website, said that dollar savings would likely rise as the state unspools its accelerated bridge repair program and starts projects authorized under new bonded spending.