



TO: MBTA Advisory Board Members & Designees  
FROM: Jennifer Constable, Chair  
RE: Ferry Committee Report  
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Mr. Chairman and members of the MBTA Advisory Board:

The Ferry Committee met last week, Friday March 4 via zoom with the CEO of Hornblower Inc., Mr. Kevin Rabbit, and with the Chief Strategy Officer for Hornblower, Mr. Cameron Clark. Hornblower is the new operator of the MBTA's ferry contract, having bought Boston Harbor Cruises in 2020. Kevin and Cameron offered a wealth of information about Hornblower, Inc., and its internal capacity not just to operate commuter ferries, but also in areas of design, ship construction, ticketing, and many other areas. For instance, it will soon launch its first 100% electric commuter ferry boat in Alabama later this year. They certainly thought it was feasible to have 100% electric boats operating in Boston in the near future, at least on the inner-harbor ferry between Rowes Wharf and Charlestown.

Ferry committee members had a long dialog with Kevin and Cameron, as well as with the MBTA's head of ferry operations, Mimi Lannin. We have tasked our staff with several projects based on this meeting that we look forward to receiving, and reporting back to our communities on. The Committee will meet again soon to consider other ferry topics, and any community, but especially coastal communities are invited to join. Thank you.