



RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE MINUTES (DRAFT)
Monday, March 15, 2022 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

1. **Call to order:** Frank Tramontozzi, of Quincy called the meeting to order at 10:02AM via Zoom.
2. **Presentation by Boston Transportation Department (BTD)** staff on Boston's recent transit-related successes, including its fare-free pilot, a recent center running bus lane on Columbus Avenue, enforcement, and others.

Boston Bus Lanes:

Matt Moran (BTD) discussed plans to expand upon the 8 miles of bus priority lanes currently in Boston. Its overall goals to reduce driving by half and increase transit by half. Boston has a close working relationship with the MBTA.

Fare Free Bus

Kirstie Hostetter (BTD) discussed the recently completed fare-free route 28 bus pilot, and the planned expansion of this program to include routes 23, 28, and 29. These specific bus routes serve transit critical populations. BTD is working closely with their partners at the MBTA to have deep and regular conversations on how to make this happen and establish why these specific routes. In summary, these changes to the routes will be essential for improving travel connections, improving environmental impacts, produce high ridership bus corridors and public transit as a public good.

3. **Next committee meeting,** and discussion of future topics: Next meeting to be held in the Spring to discuss the CIP.
4. **Adjourn:** With all business transacted, the Chair requested a motion to adjourn. L. Diggins of Arlington made such a motion, which was seconded by A. Castaline of Brockton. Without objection the motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:01AM



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