

COMMUTER RAIL COMMITTEE

February 11, 2022

Minutes

- A. Call to order: Rob Scherer, Chair (Ashland) called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.
- B. Meeting minutes: Alan Castaline (Brockton) moved to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting, as amended. Duncan Allen (Needham), seconded this motion, which carried unanimously.
- C. Keolis and MBTA Commuter Rail Presentation: Mike Muller, Executive Director of commuter rail for MBTA, and Abdellah Chajai the recently hired CEO of commuter rail operations at Keolis (presented to the committee. Mr. Muller noted the MBTA with Keolis are exploring very different options for transit compared with traditional commuter rail. Keolis talked about their commitment to improve safety and reliability reflecting on recent accident at the rail crossing and the weather delays in the recent blizzard. Ridership numbers were at 54% pre pandemic numbers in Dec 2021, with omicron dropped down to 25% but are starting to ramp up and recently back to 35%. Weekend travel is very good - 100% of pre pandemic. Staffing numbers were affected by omicron in December and January at the same levels seen across the state and resulted in limited train cancellations in early January but now back to normal. Following these presentations, the chair facilitated a discussion and questions and answers. Many members had specific questions about service to their communities. These specific questions will be bundled by Advisory Board and transmitted to the MBTA. In conclusion,

there was a desire from the membership to have these gentlemen appear before the committee again in six months.

D. Other Business: There was none

E. Adjourn: With all business conducted, the chair requested a motion to adjourn. Greg Guimond (Marshfield) moved to adjourn. Colette Aufranc (Wellesley) seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM

NOTE: These minutes were approved by vote of this committee at its 5/11/22 meeting

Abington		Fitchburg	
Acton	David Martin	Foxborough	
Amesbury		Framingham	
Andover	Kay O'Neill	Franklin	
Arlington		Freetown	
Ashburnham		Georgetown	
Ashby		Gloucester	
Ashland		Grafton	
Attleboro		Groton	
Auburn		Groveland	
Ayer		Halifax	
Bedford		Hamilton	
Bellingham		Hanover	
Belmont	Roy Epstein	Hanson	
Berkley		Harvard	Bruce Leicher
Beverly		Haverhill	
Billerica		Hingham	
Boston	Matt Moran	Holbrook	
Bourne		Holden	
Boxborough		Holliston	
Boxford		Hopkinton	
Braintree		Hull	
Bridgewater	Mark Dutton	Ipswich	Linda Alexson
Brockton	Alan Castaline	Kingston	
Brookline		Lakeville	
Burlington	Steve Leary	Lancaster	
Cambridge		Lawrence	
Canton	Chris Podgurski	Leicester	
Carlisle		Leominster	
Carver		Lexington	
Chelmsford		Lincoln	
Chelsea		Littleton	
Cohasset		Lowell	
Concord		Lunenburg	
Danvers		Lynn	
Dedham		Lynnfield	
Dover		Malden	
Dracut		Manchester	
Duxbury	Rich Prone	Mansfield	
East Bridgewater		Marblehead	
Easton		Marlborough	
Essex		Marshfield	Greg Guimond
Everett		Maynard	

Medfield		Salisbury	
Medford		Saugus	
Medway		Scituate	
Melrose		Seekonk	
Merrimac		Sharon	
Methuen		Sherborn	
Middleborough		Shirley	
Middleton		Shrewsbury	
Millbury		Somerville	
Millis		Southborough	
Milton		Sterling	
Nahant		Stoneham	
Natick	John Ostroff	Stoughton	
Needham		Stow	
Newbury		Sudbury	
Newburyport		Sutton	
Newton	David Koses	Swampscott	
Norfolk		Taunton	
North Andover		Tewksbury	
N. Attleborough		Topsfield	
North Reading		Townsend	
Northborough		Tyngsborough	
Northbridge		Upton	
Norton		Wakefield	
Norwell	Andrew Reardon	Walpole	
Norwood		Waltham	
Paxton		Wareham	
Peabody		Watertown	
Pembroke		Wayland	
Plymouth		Wellesley	Colette Aufranc
Plympton		Wenham	
Princeton		West Boylston	
Quincy	Frank Tramontozzi	W. Bridgewater	
Randolph		West Newbury	
Raynham		Westborough	Zach Bougher
Reading		Westford	
Rehoboth		Westminster	
Revere		Weston	
Rochester		Westwood	Steve Olanoff
Rockland		Weymouth	
Rockport		Whitman	
Rowley		Wilmington	Lisa Maselli
Salem		Winchester	

Winthrop		Guests	MBTA
Woburn	Tina Cassidy		
Worcester			
Wrentham			
Advisory Brd Staff			
Brian Kane	Executive Director		