



RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 01, 2022

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

- A. **Call to order:** Lenard Diggins (Arlington), Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM
- B. Discussion on a position on the MBTA **Bus Network Redesign** proposal: Brian Kane presented the working draft, based on previous work from the Committee. He stressed the need for the Committee to come to consensus to report back to the Committee. He suggested that he's heard that several outlying communities are unhappy with the proposed loss of service, while many closer-in communities are happy with the proposed increase in service.
- Sussanne Rasmussen (Cambridge) offered edits and suggestions to the last paragraph, which were incorporated into the next draft. She further wondered what the MBTA's process going forward is, and how they propose to implement the proposal.
 - Alan Castaline (Brockton) enquired what, if any, measures are included in this proposal in terms of fare recovery ratio, ridership, reduction in single occupancy vehicle trips, and other measures. He elaborated that MGL c. 161a includes requirements of the MBTA's governing board to maximize fare recovery, and that this plan may be contrary to state law.
 - Other members provided feedback, edits, comments and changes to the draft report to staff to meet the committee's sentiments.
- C. **Next Meeting, Old Business/New Business:** Next meeting 12/8/22
- D. **Adjourn:** S. Rasmussen moved to adjourn. A. Castaline seconded this motion, which carried unanimous.



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Attendance:

Susan Barrett, Town of Lexington
David Koses, City of Newton
Alan Castaline, City of Brockton
Lenard Diggins, Town of Arlington
Steve Olanoff, Town of Westwood
Susanne Rasmussen, City of Cambridge

Staff:

Brian Kane, Executive Director
Amira Patterson, Transportation Planner

NOTE: These minutes were approved at the Committee's 12/08/22 meeting

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