

Rapid Transit & Bus Committee

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

- A. Call to Order:** Rapid Transit & Bus Committee Co-Chair Matt Moran (Boston) called the committee to order at 10:03 AM via Zoom.
- B. Minutes:** Co-Chair M. Moran requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting. John DePriest (Chelsea) motioned to approve and Steve Olanoff (Westwood) seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Presentation:** Deirdre Habershaw, MBTA Deputy Chief Operating Officer, joined the committee for a presentation on Orange and Red Line Work & Diversions, and Columbia Junction.
- a M. Moran thanked D. Habershaw for the presentation. He asked if there are considerations to add more turn-around locations to improve the resiliency of the network. D. Habershaw answered that the signal upgrade project come out of winter 2015 and, as trains would become disabled, the only option was to send them to the end of the line to wait in the yard until end of service. Once the lines are cut over to the digital system, additional upgrades will be possible to the signal and switch systems that will allow for easier remote response and better resiliency on the system in the event of disabled trains.

- b Frank Tramontozzi (Quincy) thanked D. Habershaw for the presentation and asked if recent delays on the Red Line attributed to signal issues were related to this project. D. Habershaw answered that delays in the evening hours have been related to this work, however recent delays during the day have been unrelated. Signal upgrades will help to address some of the sources of these delays.
 - c S. Olanoff clarified the process of transitioning from one system to the other.
 - d M. Moran thanked D. Habershaw for joining the committee.
- D. Old Business/New Business:** Committee members expressed interest in discussing the MBTA's service plans for the 2026 World Cup events in Boston and Foxborough.
- E. Next Meeting Dates:** April 7, 2026 at 10:00 AM.
- F. Adjourn:** Co-Chair M. Moran closed the meeting at 10:35 AM.

These minutes were approved by vote of the committee at their April 7, 2026 meeting.

Attendees:

Committee:

Boston

Braintree

Chelsea

Everett

Medford

Newton

Quincy

Westwood

Matthew Moran

Peter Matchak

John DePriest

Jay Monty

Todd Blake

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