



To: Fiscal and Management Control Board Directors

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Re: Update on MBTA Sponsored Pilot Process

A letter from the General Manager went out to the cities and towns in the MBTA service area on June 24 announcing the process and timeline for Fiscal Year 2021. So far, we have heard from three cities and held a briefing for municipal members of the WTAC group.

The letter to cities and towns also indicates that additional bus pilot concepts will be accepted through the Bus Network Redesign, which will kick off in July. The FMCB will get an update on that process today.

There is now a page on mbta.com that describes the process and timeline for Fiscal Year 2021 (<u>https://www.mbta.com/policies/service-pilot-process</u>). The link will be shared with regional stakeholders (MAPC/TMAs) and through MBTA social media this month.

We have completed 11 phone interviews with potential candidates for the Deputy Director of Pilots and Innovation position and scheduled follow-up interviews with four of them. The person should be in place by the end of August.