



**Massachusetts Bay  
Transportation Authority**

# Service Pilot Process Update

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Fiscal and Management Control Board

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# Overview of Process

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Call for new service pilot proposals that don't require capital investment for bus, ferry, commuter rail	June 2019
Conversations with 9 cities/towns and Water Transportation Advisory Council	June-September 2019
Joint outreach with Bus Network Redesign demonstration projects	June-September 2019
Initial proposals due	September 15, 2019
Proposal review and sponsor follow-up	September-November 2019
Next round of proposals due	November 22, 2019
FMCB vote on pilots	January 2020



# Municipal Proposals

Sponsor	Type of Proposal
Boston	Off-peak Fairmount line service
Hull	Additional ferry service
Lexington	Bus route extension
Lynn	Ferry service and DMUs
Medford	Additional bus service
Revere	New bus route
Quincy	Ferry service
Wakefield	Bus service and commuter rail service
Winthrop	Fare integration on their ferry
MBTA staff and multiple cities/towns	Additional weekend bus service

In addition, 20 cities/towns have proposed demonstration projects as part of Bus Network Redesign.

After analysis and discussions with sponsors, proposals will be:

- Determined not to be viable without capital investment
- Included in the Bus Network Redesign process
- Advanced to the next round of the pilot process



# Fairmount Line Proposal

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- Commuter Rail schedules change in spring and fall
  - For a Spring 2020 start date, approval must be granted by end of year
- Proposal to add 8 off-peak trips per weekday
- Next steps
  - The MBTA is analyzing cost of proposal and operational feasibility
  - The MBTA and City of Boston are developing ridership estimates, metrics, and a data collection plan
  - Present full details to FMCB later this fall



# Bus Network Redesign Demonstration Projects

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**The FMCB asked project team to identify demonstration projects by end of 2019**

**Demonstration Projects will be identified in the following ways:**

- Better Bus Project
- Origin-Destination dataset
- Submissions from online intake (open from July 23rd – October 4th)

**Timeline:** Follow-up presentation to FMCB on selection criteria and budget will be October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Demonstration projects agreed to by FMCB in late 2019 would be on street in Summer 2020 rating.



# Proposals & Outreach

- **927** proposals received from the online submission form (as of 2pm on 10/4)
- **116** additional proposals from **20** municipalities

## Outreach

### Online:

- MBTA Website
- Twitter
- E-Mail

### Municipal:

- Planning staff (51 municipalities with bus service)
- City of Boston Neighborhood Liaisons
- Boston City Councilors and other Elected Officials
- Brookline Chamber of Commerce
- Brookline Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations

### Community Organizations

- Social service organizations
- Youth organizations
- Organizations representing elderly and people with disabilities

### BNRD External Task Force

- Advocacy groups
- Business groups
- Housing groups
- Municipalities
- Social service organizations

# Who Submitted Demonstration Project Ideas?

