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TO: MBTA Board of Directors

FROM: John Martin, Chief Counsel

DATE: January 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Technical Clarification for Motive Power HSP46 Locomotive Overhaul Vote

At the December 18, 2025 meeting, the Board of Directors voted to approve a contract for the overhaul of forty (40) HSP46 Locomotives. This vote designated the winning bidder as “Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation (Wabtec).” However, the contractor has requested that the MBTA provide a Board vote reflecting the name of the bidding company that will perform the work, “Wabtec Transportation Systems LLC,” which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation (Wabtec), but a separate legal entity. This appears to have been a misunderstanding on Vehicle Engineering’s part as it has business relationships with both entities.

While the authorization to the General Manager under the existing vote is broad enough to allow the contract to proceed, out of an abundance of caution, and to avoid any contractual ambiguity, staff are requesting that the Board vote to amend the December 18, 2025, Locomotive Overhaul Vote to reflect the name of the specific subsidiary. This action would not change the substance of the contract that was presented to the Board in December.

Requested Vote

The proposed Board vote is as follows:

VOTED:

To amend the vote taken by the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority on December 18, 2025, for the Motive Power HSP46 Locomotive Overhaul, by striking out the phrase “Westing House Air Brake Technologies (Wabtec),” and inserting in place thereof the phrase “Wabtec Transportation Systems LLC.”