



# **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority**

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## **General Manager's Remarks**

**Joint Board Meeting**

**December 11, 2017**



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## Agenda

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- Positive Train Control Loan Closing
- Sustainability Bonds: Bond Buyer's Northeast Deal of the Year
- Wollaston Station Closure
- Capital Projects: Quincy Adams, Braintree Garages
- Worcester/Framingham Line
- Bus Service



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## Positive Train Control Loan Closing

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- Efforts to secure funding started more than two years ago
- PTC installation, federally mandated, expected to cost approximately \$459 million
- Federal loan programs guarantee funding for PTC, and lock loans in at extremely low interest rates



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## Bond Buyer: Northeast Deal of the Year

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- MBTA Sustainability Bonds, Northeast Deal winner
- Recognition of T's creditworthiness and commitment to fiscal sustainability
- Funding goes toward sustainable investments and attracts competitive interest that drives down the cost of borrowing
- Bond issuance was a first ever for a public agency



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## Wollaston Station

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- Station closure date postponed until January 8
- Close to 5,000 customers board at Wollaston on average weekday
- Full station closure expected to last 20 months
- Last remaining inaccessible station on Red Line





# Wollaston Station

- Three-station shuttle from Wollaston to North Quincy and Quincy Center
- Free transfers to Commuter Rail trains at Quincy Center

**Get there during Wollaston construction**  
January 8, 2018 to Summer 2019

**1 Free Bus Shuttle**  
North Quincy | Wollaston | Quincy Center

Four stops around Wollaston Station. Choose one closest to you.

**2 Parking**

Most of the parking lot will stay open at Wollaston Station during construction.

Additional spots are available at North Quincy Station via Newport Avenue.

Parking availability at Wollaston and North Quincy Stations will be tweeted every 30 minutes (6 a.m. to 8 a.m.) during the weekday morning commute. Follow us @MBTA.

**3 Commuter Rail Options**

Ride the train between Quincy Center and South Station for the same price as a subway fare. Subway monthly passes accepted. Show your CharlieCard or CharlieTicket when boarding.

More coaches are being added on popular commuter trains, too.

Shuttles run every 10 minutes during weekday a.m./p.m. commute.  
Shuttles run every 15 minutes during weekday non-commuting hours and on weekends.

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## South Shore Garages: Braintree Parking Garage



### Scope

Accessibility upgrades, structural repairs, improved parking layout, security upgrades, replacement roof system on existing busway canopy all while the station remains open during construction.

### Public Benefit

- Public Safety
- Customer Satisfaction
- Station modernization

### Schedule

- Start Summer 2018
- Complete Summer 2022

### Construction Cost Estimate

- \$39 million





## South Shore Garages: Quincy Adams Parking Garage



### Scope

Accessibility upgrades, structural repairs, improved parking layout, security upgrades, replacement of the atrium fiberglass roof, cleaning and treating of the garage façade, all while the station remains open during construction.

### Public Benefits

- Public Safety
- Customer Satisfaction
- Station Modernization

### Schedule

- Start Summer 2018
- Complete Summer 2022

### Construction Cost Estimate

- \$49 million





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## Worcester/Framingham Line

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- Ongoing efforts to improve service are yielding results
- Feedback pointed to improved OTP, but also to **consistency** of OTP





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## Worcester/Framingham Line

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- TVA checks have continued at North Station every PM peak in October and November (excluding 10/31 for Salem events)
- Based on the planned number of trains and train passenger counts around 480,000 individual journeys have been checked
- Next step is to begin PM peak checks at Back Bay – liaising with MBTA team on timing of those checks
- October 2017 commuter rail revenue is up 3.8% year over year (5.5% after allocation to other modes)



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## Bus Service

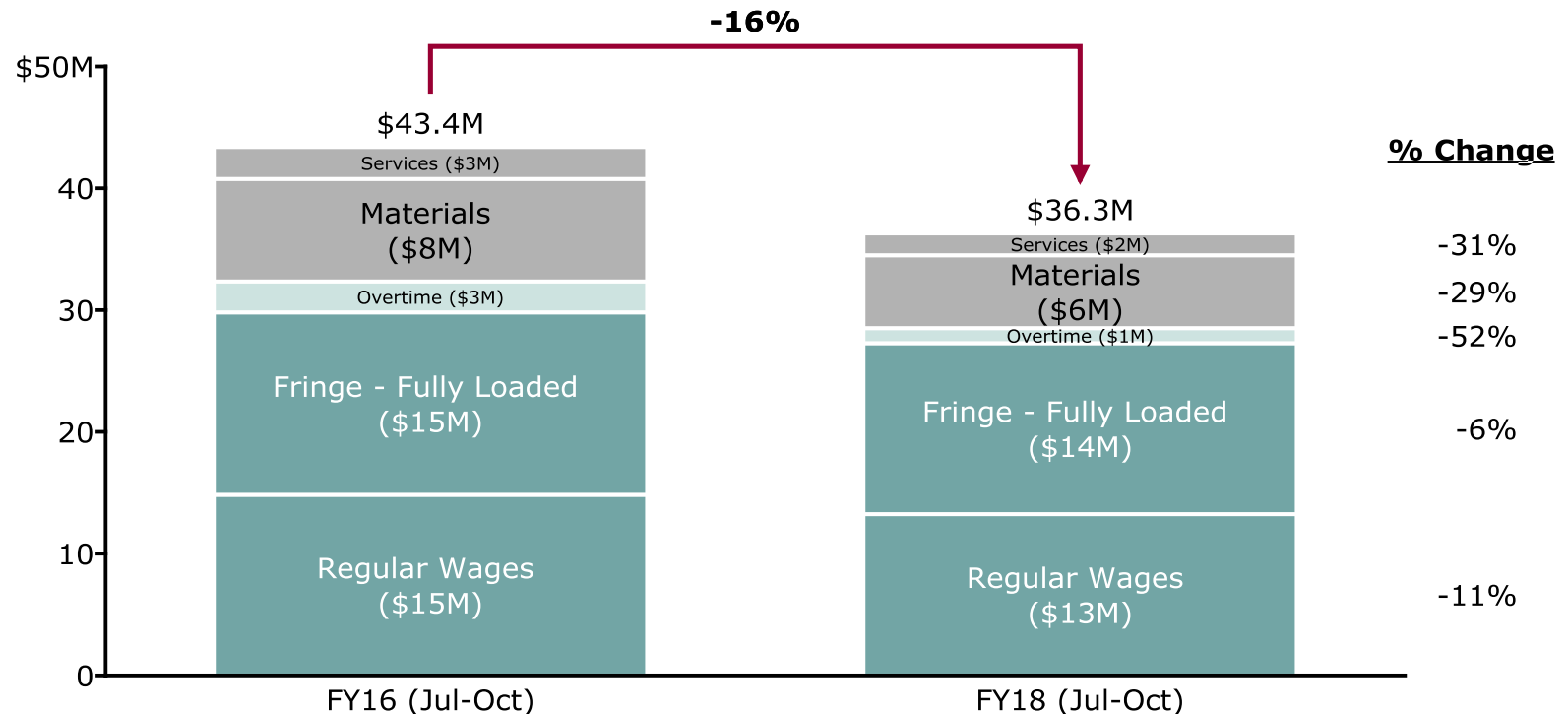
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- Continue to focus on three prongs of our strategy
  - Management initiatives
  - Negotiations with labor unions
  - Testing the market through flexible contracting



## MBTA's bus maintenance costs have declined 16% July thru October this year compared to the same period in FY16

### Bus Maintenance Costs (Jul-Oct Comparison)



Note: costs include Everett Bus Shop, exclude Non-Revenue Shop, and exclude fuel; fully loaded fringe benefits costs include pension costs if funded at 5.00% discount rate instead of 7.75% and retiree health (OPEB) costs if fully funded