

MBTA Ferry Service Contract Amendment

Amendment No. 2 to Boston Harbor Cruises Contracts for Routes 1 (Quincy), 2 (Hingham), & 3 (Charlestown)

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Overview

MBTA Procurement & Logistics and Railroad Operations Departments have worked together to **reduce the cost of MBTA Ferry services**.

The team has identified **significant saving** that will have **no impact on schedule, safety, or the experience** of dedicated MBTA Ferry customers.

Staff requests that the Board approve an amendment to the one of the current contracts in order for the Authority to realize these savings and align contracts in a single procurement cycle.



- □ The Procurement & Logistics and Railroad Operations Departments propose that the FMCB authorize the Acting General Manager to sign a new Amendment No. 2 to Boston Harbor Cruises in the notto-exceed contract amount of \$11,013,173 to cover MBTA Ferry Services from June 5, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- The Amendment No. 2 amount is \$4.3 million dollars lower than the initial estimate of \$15,333,585 for the same time period. Based on the contract's current terms, this represents an overall reduction of 28.2% in the MBTA Ferry Services budget over the next 13 months.
- None of the changes in Amendment No. 2 will affect adversely safety, customer service, or schedules and all are within the scope of the current contracts.



- MBTA currently uses 3 separate contracts for each MBTA Ferry Service route: (1) Quincy, (2) Hingham, and (3) Charlestown. All three routes are served by Boston Harbor Cruises and are managed by Railroad Operations on a day to day operational level, with assistance from Procurement & Logistics.
- A previous board approval extended Quincy Service through September 2017 at the current rates, costs, and terms of the original agreements.
- The remaining two contracts, Hingham and Charlestown, were not presented to the Board but were allowed extensions for three months, which is coming to a close.



The Procurement & Logistics and Railroad Operations Departments reviewed the Ferry Services Contracts and decided on the following actions:

- ✓ Organize all three contracts to make them co-terminus for clearer contract management.
- ✓ Extend all three contracts to conform to the MBTA fiscal year cycle to also allow for sufficient time to develop replacement RFP for future replacement MBTA Ferry Services Contract.
- ✓ Review current agreements for cost savings to be implemented without impacting current customer services or schedules.



Meetings were held with Boston Harbor Cruises to review the terms of the Contract and discuss cost-cutting initiatives that would not adversely affect customer safety or schedules for the duration of Amendment No. 2 scope through June 2018. These negotiations resulted in the following:

- 1) The MBTA will allow BHC to utilize our diesel fuel pricing, saving about \$0.60 per gallon for Ferry Services;
- 2) The MBTA Contractual mandate for two captains per MBTA ferry has been revised in compliance with U.S. Coast Guard Licensing Requirements, Regulations (reducing BHC costs); and,
- 3) The MBTA has administratively combined the Quincy and Hingham routes, each with its own back-up ferry vessel. The back-up ferry will be combined (shared) for both Ferry Service routes, thereby eliminating the need for one back-up vessel.



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These cost savings impacted each route below as follows:

Quincy Pemberton Point, Hull & Quincy Shipyard, Quincy to Logan Airport, and Long Wharf	Cost Savings Per Trip	Amendment Value	
Contract Extension through June 2018	(\$161.09)	\$2,531,017.82	
<u>Hingham</u> Hewitt's Cove Marina, Hingham to Rowe's Wharf, Boston	Cost Savings Per Trip	Amendment Value	
Contract Extension through June 2018	(\$228.00)	\$7,056,187.71	
<u>Charlestown</u> Charlestown Navy Yard to Long Wharf, Boston	Cost Savings per Trip	Amendment Value	
Contract Extension through June 2018	(\$4.47)	\$1,425,968.05	



The Procurement & Logistics Department requests that the FMCB authorize the Amendment No. 2 to Contracts 1, 2, and 3 with Boston Harbor Cruises for ferry services to MBTA through June 30, 2018, in the cumulative award of \$11,013,173.