

# Evaluation and Selection of Pilot Transit Services *Proposed Policy for Consideration*

**Fiscal Management & Control Board**

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# Overview

This presentation will:

1. Review a final draft version of the proposed Pilot Transit Service policy
2. Address any outstanding questions or concerns from the members of the Fiscal & Management Control Board
3. Seek a vote on the policy

# Revisions to the Draft Policy

- Requires that all proposals for pilot services include an estimate of funding pledged to support the proposed service from other agencies and branches of the Commonwealth.
- Clarifies that public outreach must be sufficiently complete to ascertain the levels of public support and/or opposition prior to a final vote on a proposed pilot service.

# Revisions to the Draft Policy

- Clarifies that any service proposal that is submitted to the MBTA through the Innovation Proposal policy will instead be reviewed under the Pilot Service policy.
- Establishes that, other than proposals initiated prior to adoption of this policy, the MBTA will accept pilot proposals on an annual schedule that allows proposals to be compared to each other.

# Revisions to the Draft Policy

- Requires that the Chief Operating Officer of the MBTA will review and approve that the proposed pilot service can be operated for the anticipated duration without unduly burdening the MBTA and/or Keolis.
- Requires that the Chief Financial Officer will review and approve the estimated operating and capital costs of the project.
- Requires that proposals for the Commuter Rail system include a discussion of any impact to the installation of Positive Train Control.
- Clarifies that based on the outcome of the pilot, the Fiscal & Management Control Board will vote on whether and how to continue the service.

# New Evaluation Considerations

- Whether a proposed service will contribute to balancing new investments across the MBTA system, by region and mode.
- Whether a proposed service will add ridership, with particular attention to net new riders.
- The proportion of anticipated riders who are low-income or minority.
- Whether a proposed service will increase access to educational as well as employment opportunities.
- Whether a proposed service harmonizes with the FMCB Strategic Plan.