**ALTERNATIVE 1**

### About Rail Vision

Rail Vision identifies cost-effective strategies to transform the Commuter Rail into a system that better supports improved mobility and economic competitiveness in Greater Boston. The Rail Vision team is evaluating the costs and benefits of 7 possible service alternatives.

### Alternative 1: Optimize Current System

This alternative focuses on improving the current system by providing predictable, frequent, **bi-directional service** where major infrastructure investments would not be needed to do so.

*With bi-directional service, the same number of trains run inbound as they do outbound.*

#### Benefits

- **More predictable service**: More consistent schedules that make it easier to plan trips
- **Easier reverse commutes**: Bi-directional service makes it easier to make trips during peak travel times in off-peak directions
- **Lower cost**: Modest investments to infrastructure that measurably improve customer experience

#### Trade-offs

- Less frequent service as compared to some of the other alternatives
- Limited service and infrastructure improvements
**Service Features**

**Frequency**
- Every 30 minutes to all stations during peak service
- Every hour to all stations during off-peak service

**Connections**
- On the Haverhill Line, some trains would connect to the Lowell Line
- More frequent connections between Fairmount and Franklin lines

**Accessibility**
Stations where there are plans for accessibility updates will get high-level boarding platforms.*

**Electrification**
This alternative does not include electrification.

**Expansion**
South Coast Rail Phase 1: Extend Middleborough Line to Taunton, Fall River, and New Bedford

*High-level platforms enable level boarding at every door, which improves accessibility and reduces overall boarding time for all customers.

**Other Rail Vision Alternatives**

Alternative 1 is just 1 of the 7 proposed futures for the Commuter Rail. Download the other alternatives below, or learn more at mbta.com/railvision.