



**Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority**

Late Night Update

November 20, 2017



- **MBTA staff, municipal sponsors and advocates have been working to craft a Overnight Service proposal since March 2016**
- **Proposal divided into Early Morning and Late Night**
- **MBTA staff released an RFI for Late Night service, but received no fully responsive responses**
- **FMCB adopted the Early Morning MBTA operated pilot to start in April 2018**



- **MBTA staff presented an option for MBTA operated Late Night on Oct 30, 2017**
 - One route from Mattapan Square through downtown to Revere
 - Operating 1-4:15 am with 30 minute headways
 - Estimated 75,000 passenger trips annually
 - Net operating costs of \$2,052,125
 - Subsidy per trip (without fixed costs): \$22, with fixed costs \$27
 - Comparable service subsidy per trip: \$13-15



Three potential avenues to reduce the subsidy per trip

- **Explore in-house operations at lower cost (no premium pay)**
- **Partner with Massport or other entity**
- **Release an RFP with fewer restrictions**
 - No fare collection
 - Possibility for smaller vehicles



Lowering in-house costs with part-time operators, pending CBA discussion

Total cost estimate of \$1.98 million (*original cost estimate revised up to be \$2.4 million from \$2.09 million, cost savings of \$500,000*)

Per trip subsidy of \$26 with fixed costs and \$20 without fixed costs

Partnership with Massport

Massport estimate was comparable to original MBTA proposal, no substantial savings on the operating side

Request for Proposals

Staff recommends issuance of an RFP to determine if required subsidy can be lowered



- **What size of vehicles should we require? How comfortable are we with the possibility of left-behinds?**
- **What service level agreement should we require for dropped trips?**
- **Do we want to not require fare collection equipment and offer the service for free, including for The RIDE on this corridor during this time span?**
- **Should we provide the option for the operator to provide the paratransit service as well?**

Potential RFP timeline



- **Release RFP in December 2017**
- **In market for 30 days**
- **Evaluation and contract award by April 2018**
- **Possible July 1, 2018 start data**