TASK FORCE ON REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY PERFORMANCE AND FUNDING

Public Meeting Schedule

The Task Force on Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Performance and Funding has been working to identify and evaluate (1) how RTAs can best provide and improve transit services that meet identified community needs; (2) how RTAs conduct regular service planning in a way that recognizes the diverse service populations and makeup of different geographic regions and maximizes ridership using available resources; and (3) how RTAs ensure that fares, local contributions and other own-source revenues cover an appropriate share of service costs. In collaboration with the RTAs and members of the Task Force, MassDOT will hold a series of public meetings across the Commonwealth to present and discuss the Task Force's findings. Please join us as we present these results to seek additional public comments and answer your questions!

If you are unable to attend a meeting, a copy of the presentation will be available at https://www.mass.gov/orgs/task-force-on-rta-performance-and-funding-massdot.

Public comments may be submitted by email to Elizabeth.McCarthy@dot.state.ma.us.

Public meetings are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 4:00PM-6:00PM – PVTA
UMass Amherst Old Chapel
144 Hicks Way, Great Hall, 2nd floor
Amherst, MA 01003

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 from 3:00PM-5:00PM – CCRTA
Hyannis Transportation Center
215 Iyannough Road, Community Conference Room, 1st floor
Hyannis, MA 02601

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 from 7:00PM-9:00PM – WRTA
Worcester Public Library
3 Salem Square
Worcester, MA 01608

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Transit Access

Thursday, January 17, 2019 – PVTA – UMass Amherst Old Chapel

UMass Amherst is accessible by several local bus routes via PVTA fixed route service and UMass Transit. Haigis Mall is the main bus stop on the university campus and is within walking distance of the Old Chapel. ***Please note*** that the routes in this region are currently operating on a "no school" schedule, as the University is on break. For more information concerning transportation options in the PVTA region, please refer to the trip planner found on the PVTA website under the "Getting Around" tab.

Parking is available in the metered lots across from the Haigis Mall or in the UMass Parking Garage. For more detailed information, please refer to the UMass Amherst General Location Campus Map or the Transportation Services Map.

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 – CCRTA – Hyannis Transportation Center (HTC)

The HTC is the terminus for 6 of CCRTA's fixed route bus lines with connections to all 15 Cape Cod towns (SeaLine from Falmouth, Sandwich Line from Sagamore, H2O from Orleans, Barnstable Villager from Barnstable, Hyannis Loop East, & Hyannis Loop West). CCRTA provides a daily general public demand response service called Dial-A-Ride Transportation (DART) that is an accessible door-to-door, shared-ride, by appointment transportation. DART may be scheduled by calling the Operations Center Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at least the day before the trip is needed at (508) 385-1430 or (800) 352-7155 or TTY (508) 385-4163.

Peter Pan and Plymouth & Brockton intercity buses both serve the HTC from Boston, Logan Airport and the South Shore. Peter Pan also runs an express service to the HTC from Provincetown via Truro, Wellfleet, Orleans and Harwich. The HTC is 2 blocks north of Steamship Authority and Hy-Line ferries from Nantucket Island. Riders from Martha's Vineyard can take the Steamship Authority ferry to Woods Hole and transfer to the CCRTA SeaLine for access to the HTC.

Parking is available in the Short Term Lot. If the Short Term Lot is full, park in the Long Term Lot just behind it. For people attending the RTA Task Force meeting, the 30-minute time limit at the Short Term Lot will be waved and no fee will be charged for either Lot. Bicyclists may avail themselves of CCRTA's new state of the art bike racks located along all three publically accessible sides of the HTC, as well as two bike fix-it stations.

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 – WRTA – Worcester Public Library at Salem Square

WRTA will be providing a special shuttle bus between the WRTA Hub at Worcester's Union Station and the library from 6:45PM-9:15PM. The shuttle bus will be free of charge. The library is additionally serviced by 7 WRTA routes (Routes 6, 7, 19, 25, 27, 33, and 40) that depart from the WRTA Hub. Union Station is serviced by Greyhound and Peter Pan intercity buses, as well as Amtrak and the MBTA Commuter Rail.

Limited parking is available in the McGrath parking lot behind the library. There is ample parking available at the Union Station Parking Garage.

For more details concerning transit access, please refer to the PVTA, CCRTA, or WRTA websites.