

FOXBOROUGH COMMUTER RAIL PILOT PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Extending weekday commuter rail service to Foxboro Station will:

- *Provide access to new economic development opportunities*
 - Encourages economic development by major employers interested in locating or relocating to the Tri-Town region
 - This type of growth cannot be realized without improved public transportation to the region
 - Supports economic development consistent with Foxborough's Master Plan
 - Supports the Route 1 Economic Development Area (EDA)
 - Has the potential to unlock up to \$1.3 billion in new economic output in the Route 1 Corridor and creates nearly 6,000 new full-time jobs in the area
- *Provide commuters with more public transportation options*
 - Helps transport employees to and from jobs in a cost effective and environmentally positive way
 - Takes more cars off the roads
 - Current drive times from the Foxborough area to Boston range from 45 minutes to 2 hours
- *Support commute opportunities*
 - Has potential to attract commuters who reside near Boston, but work in the Tri-Town region
 - Can offer environmental justice communities access to thousands of jobs in a large and expanding employment center within the Route 1 Corridor
 - Ability to attract a more diverse and qualified candidate pool for employers in the Tri-Town area
- *Addresses current system constraints*
 - Many existing stations are near or at capacity for non-resident commuters
 - Only 17% of parking spaces at local Franklin Line stops (Franklin, Norfolk, Walpole) are currently available to commuters
 - Only 4% of parking spaces at local Providence Line stops (Mansfield, Sharon) are currently available to commuters
 - Provide 500 parking spaces available for all MBTA passengers with no residential restrictions and the ability to add more spaces if needed
 - Easily accessible off of state highway and 2 interstates
 - Availability of parking and less congested trains will reduce stress of commuters
- *Provide a direct trip into Boston via the Fairmount Line*
 - Direct service to and from South Station by extending existing MBTA trains
- *Fulfill decades of state, regional and local economic development planning*
 - Since 1999, the Route 1 Corridor in Foxborough has been a priority of the state and town for economic development
 - Town of Foxborough Master Plan
 - Economic Overlay District established in Foxborough in 1999
 - Route 1 Corridor designated Growth District by the Commonwealth in 2008
- *Provide environmental benefits*
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 - Increase energy savings
 - Provide healthy transit options