

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Evandro C. Carvalho

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to a Fairmount Line equity evaluation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>8/8/2017</i>

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By Mr. Carvalho of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Evandro C. Carvalho that the Fiscal and Management Control Board conduct an equity evaluation prior to the approval of transportation service pilots for the Fairmount commuter rail line. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to a Fairmount Line equity evaluation.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish an equitable method of selecting pilot transportation service changes along the Fairmount Line, a rail corridor between South Station in Boston and the Readville Station in Boston, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1. Equity Evaluation

2 The Fiscal and Management Control board, in partnership with the Massachusetts Bay
3 Transportation Authority and Keolis, or any successor operator of commuter rail service in the
4 Commonwealth, shall submit to the General Court a Fairmount Line Pilot Plan for approval;
5 provided, that such a plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following:--

- 6 1. An equity evaluation in accordance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act and 49
7 CFR 21 for all considered pilot projects,

8 2. The impact of all considered pilot projects on transportation service for riders of
9 different income levels,

10 3. Data on ridership levels, ridership and usage patterns of existing and new riders,
11 and reliance on public transit; provided, that such data may include data or reports collected by
12 independent third-party organizations, and

13 4. A 5-year strategy for testing the potential pilot projects considered by the Fiscal
14 and Management Control Board for the Fairmount Line.

15 Section 2.

16 The Fiscal and Management Control Board shall submit to Speaker of the House,
17 President of the Senate, the chairs of the Joint Committee on Transportation, the House Clerk,
18 and Senate Clerk a plan in accordance of Section 1 of this act no later than September 30, 2017.

19 Section 3.

20 The Fiscal and Management Control board shall not approve new transportation service
21 pilots for the Fairmount Line.