

SENATE No. 1935

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eric P. Lesser

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 to study the feasibility of high-speed rail access between Springfield and Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2017</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>4/25/2017</i>

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By Mr. Lesser, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1935) of Eric P. Lesser, Adam G. Hinds, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Thomas M. McGee and other members of the General Court for legislation to study the feasibility of high-speed rail access between Springfield and Boston. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1849 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**
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An Act to study the feasibility of high-speed rail access between Springfield and Boston.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts
2 Department of Transportation shall conduct a feasibility study relative to high-speed rail access
3 between the cities of Springfield and Boston.

4 The study shall examine and evaluate the costs and economic opportunities related to
5 establishing high-speed rail service between the cities of Springfield and Boston, including but
6 not limited to: (i) the projected capital costs; (ii) the projected operating costs and revenue
7 estimates; (iii) the projected ridership levels; (iv) the prospect of operating high-speed rail
8 service on existing rights of way and other operational issues; (v) the environmental and
9 community impact estimates; (vi) the availability of federal, state, local and private sector

10 funding sources; and (vii) the resulting economic, social and cultural benefits to the greater
11 Springfield region and the commonwealth as a whole.

12 The department shall file the report with the clerks of the house and senate, the chairs of
13 the house and senate committee on ways and means and the senate and house chairs of the joint
14 committee on transportation not later than December 1, 2016