

HOUSE No. 3934

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

I am filing for your consideration a bill entitled “An Act Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019 to Provide for Accelerating Infrastructure Improvements at the MBTA.”

The need to expedite the delivery of the significant investments that are set out in the MBTA Capital Investment Plan is clear. This bill provides the MBTA with \$50 million to support additional staff, contractors, and other resources necessary to expedite the completion of critical capital projects, enable proactive inspections to detect and address issues before they impact service, and implement enhanced maintenance procedures to ensure the reliable operation of MBTA vehicles and infrastructure. The one-time funds in this bill will provide essential short-term flexibility to redress critical operational and infrastructure needs of the MBTA.

Because of the urgency of the need for these funds, and because sufficient revenues are estimated to be available to finance these appropriations, I urge you to enact this legislation promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Baker,
Governor

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A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for fiscal year 2019 to provide for accelerating infrastructure improvements at the MBTA (House, No. 3934). June 27, 2019.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act making appropriations for fiscal year 2019 to provide for accelerating infrastructure improvements at the MBTA.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2019 and to make certain changes in law, each of which is immediately necessary to carry out those appropriations or to accomplish other important public purposes, 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. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to
2 provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations, and to meet certain requirements
3 of law, the sum set forth in section 2E is hereby appropriated from the fund as designated, for the
4 several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section, and subject to the laws
5 regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. This sum
6 shall be in addition to any amounts previously appropriated and made available for the purposes
7 of those items. This sum shall be made available until June 30, 2020, except as otherwise stated.

8 SECTION 2E. The sum set forth in section 2E is hereby appropriated for transfer from
9 the designated fund to the trust fund identified within the item, for the purposes and subject to

10 the conditions specified in this section and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of
11 public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Notwithstanding section 19A of said
12 chapter 29, any transfer under this section shall be made by the comptroller, effective June 30,
13 2019.

14 MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

15 One-time MBTA Resource Assistance

16 1595-6389 For an operating transfer to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
17 Authority, or any fund controlled by the authority, for additional staffing and contract costs to
18 support capital project delivery, inspection and maintenance activities, and service diversions
19 necessary to accelerate capital projects \$50,000,000

20 Commonwealth Transportation Fund.....100%