

SENATE No. 2268

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joseph A. Boncore

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 the coordination of transit infrastructure projects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Joseph A. Boncore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk and Middlesex

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By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2268) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation relative to the coordination of transit infrastructure projects. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act relative to the coordination of transit infrastructure projects.

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, in order to advance an
2 accelerated approach to COVID-19 economic recovery that supports improved access to
3 important public health and job growth destinations, the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority
4 shall coordinate the construction of the Red Line and Blue Line connector with the city of
5 Boston and the Massachusetts General Hospital in order to develop a coordinated sequencing of
6 work in connection with the Red Line and Blue Line connector, the rehabilitation of the Red
7 Line viaduct at Charles/MGH MBTA station, and the planned development of the MGH campus
8 on Cambridge Street in the city of Boston, with the objective of minimizing construction
9 disruption periods. In furtherance of this the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority shall execute a
10 memorandum of understanding with the city of Boston and the Massachusetts General Hospital,
11 to which is attached a plan to have the Red and Blue Line transit projects completed in advance
12 of substantial completion of the MGH project, such a sequence being necessary to maximizing

- 13 transit access to the hospital complex, thereby supporting prioritization of ambulances
- 14 approaching the hospital and overall access for residents and businesses.