

HOUSE No. 3315

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brandy Fluker Oakley

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 improving rail service on the Fairmount commuter rail line.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brandy Fluker Oakley</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Christopher J. Worrell</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Rob Consalvo</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/13/2023</i>

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By Representative Fluker Oakley of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3315) of Brandy Fluker Oakley and others relative to service on the Fairmount commuter rail line. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act improving rail service on the Fairmount commuter rail line.

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: Within 180 days following the effective date, the Massachusetts Bay
2 Transportation Authority and operator of commuter rail service shall make the following
3 improvements to the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line: (i) require uniform fares at all stations
4 from South Station to Readville that are the same rate charged to ride the subway network, with
5 free transfers to connecting bus lines and to the Red and Silver Lines at South Station; (ii)
6 complete a plan, in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Planning
7 Office, for electrifying the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line, and post that plan online in an
8 accessible format; and (iii) allow fare media including, but not limited to, CharlieCards or its
9 equivalent successor products, M7 Passes, S-Cards, Youth Passes, and other discounted fare
10 medium available to people with disabilities, seniors, students, and those people meeting other
11 eligibility criteria; (iv) amend the train or connecting bus schedules to facilitate synchronized bus
12 service with commuter rail service at Fairmount Commuter Rail Line stations, to the maximum

13 extent feasible; and (v) designate on station maps the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line as the
14 Fairmount/Indigo Line.

15 SECTION 2: The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall implement
16 electrification along the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line from South Station to Readville Station
17 within one year and six months of the effective date of this act. Not later than six months after
18 the effective date of this act, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall begin
19 construction on the Fairmount corridor to support rail electrification. Not later than two years
20 and six months after the effective date of this act, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
21 Authority and Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall work with the Executive Office
22 of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection,
23 and Massachusetts Department of Public Health to evaluate and file a report with the Joint
24 Committee on Transportation indicating the greenhouse gas emissions reduction, air quality
25 improvement, climate and health benefits of electrifying the Fairmount/Indigo Line.

26 SECTION 3: Not later than six years after the effective date of this act, or by December
27 31, 2029, whichever is earlier, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall operate
28 service on the Fairmount/Indigo Line every 7.5 minutes in each direction and ensure that there
29 are no less than three train-sets dedicated to service on the line. Not later than six years after the
30 effective date of this act, or by December 31, 2029, whichever is earlier, the Massachusetts Bay
31 Transportation Authority shall construct high-level ADA-compliant platforms at Fairmount and
32 Readville Stations. As part of its operations in 2029, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
33 Authority or Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall complete an analysis into
34 additional entrances at existing stations and redundant elevators and stairs and adding infill
35 stations at Columbia Road and River Street. Train-sets shall not be diverted from the

36 Fairmount/Indigo Line service for any purpose except maintenance directly upon such train-set.
37 By Not later than twelve years after the effective date of this act, or by December 31, 2035,
38 whichever is earlier, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall maintain the ability to
39 operate service on the Fairmount/Indigo Line every 5 minutes in each direction. The
40 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall pursue federal funding to support the
41 Fairmount/Indigo Line improvements.