

HOUSE No. 3813

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard G. Wells, Jr.

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 update and standardize transit definitions in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Richard G. Wells, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Wells of Milton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3813) of Richard G. Wells, Jr., relative to transit definitions under the MBTA communities act, so-called. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act to update and standardize transit definitions in the Commonwealth.

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. Section 3A of Chapter 40A is hereby amended by adding the following
2 subsection:

3 (d) For the purposes of this section and any guidelines promulgated thereunder, the
4 following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise,

5 “Bus station” means a bus rapid transit stop serving as a point of embarkation along a bus
6 rapid transit corridor for a high-capacity bus-based rapid transport system accompanied by a
7 sheltered platform, terminal or other fixed infrastructure serving as a point of embarkation or any
8 stop along the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority’s silver line.

9 “Bus stop,” a point of embarkation along a bus rapid transit corridor not accompanied by
10 a sheltered platform.

11 “Commuter rail station” means any MBTA commuter rail station with year-round, rather
12 than intermittent, seasonal, or event-based, service, including stations under construction but not
13 including existing stations at which service will be terminated, or permanently reduced below
14 regular year-round service.

15 “Rapid Transit Station” an MBTA subway station or MBTA Silver Line Rapid Bus
16 Transit Station.

17 “Rapid transit community” means an MBTA community that has within its borders at
18 least 100 acres of developable station area associated with one or more subway stations, or
19 MBTA Silver Line bus rapid transit stations.

20 “Subway station” means a Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority station with
21 uninterrupted service running inbound-to or outbound-from either Park Street Station,
22 Government Center Station, Downtown Crossing Station, or State Street Station as part of the
23 Red, Blue, Orange, or Green Lines.

24 “Trolley Station” means an MBTA station providing connecting service to a subway
25 station but does not provide direct service either inbound-to or outbound-from Park Street
26 Station, Government Center Station, Downtown Crossing Station, or State Street Station.