

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4649

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 27, 2025.

The committee on Transportation, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3658) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Todd M. Smola and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to existing and emerging micro-transit services, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4649) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JAMES ARCIERO.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act establishing a special commission on micro-transit.

*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. (a) There shall be a special commission on micro-transit to study existing  
2 and emerging micro-transit services in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and funding to: (i)  
3 benchmark different types of micro-transit operating models, including those operated by a  
4 regional transit authority and those operated by other entities, various types of micro-transit  
5 services, and populations dependent upon these services; (ii) assess funding sources and current  
6 limitations or outstanding funding needs related to offering micro-transit services in regions  
7 across the Commonwealth; and (iii) define micro-transit services for the purposes of determining  
8 eligibility for state funding; (iv) estimate annual state funding needed to support existing and  
9 emerging micro-transit services across the Commonwealth and propose a mechanism and  
10 frequency for reassessing such state funding estimate to account for changes in micro-transit  
11 needs and opportunities in the future; and (v) to explore micro-transit as a way to close mobility  
12 gaps, enhance connectivity across existing transit services, and address inequities in  
13 transportation access for certain geographies and populations.

14 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members or their designees: the house  
15 and senate chairs of the joint committee on transportation, or their designees who shall serve as  
16 co-chairs; 2 persons to be appointed by the Massachusetts Association of Regional Transit  
17 Authorities, both of whom shall be former or current administrators of a regional transit authority  
18 and 1 of whom represents a regional transit authority that serves rural communities and 1 of  
19 whom represents a regional transit authority that has offered micro-transit services; the  
20 administrator of the rail and transit division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation,  
21 or designee; 2 persons representing existing or emerging micro-transit service operated by an  
22 entity that is not a regional transit authority; 1 person representing Transportation for  
23 Massachusetts; 1 person representing the Massachusetts Councils on Aging; 1 person appointed  
24 by the Massachusetts Municipal Association who represents a municipality sponsoring or  
25 operating a micro-transit service; 1 person appointed by MassHire Department of Career  
26 Services who shall represent an office of MassHire Department of Career Services in a rural  
27 community; and 1 person appointed by Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning  
28 Agencies who shall represent a regional planning agency from a region with a majority of rural  
29 communities.

30 (c) The commission shall file a final report of its study and recommendations with the  
31 clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and  
32 means, the joint committee on transportation and the secretary of transportation not later than 3  
33 months after this section takes effect; provided, however, that the commission may make a draft  
34 report available to the public for comment before filing its final report.