

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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 establishing a special commission on public waterway transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3703 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act establishing a special commission on public waterway transportation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 6C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 79. There is hereby established a commission on the future of public waterway
3 transportation to determine the feasibility and plan for the expansion of public waterway
4 transportation in the greater Boston area.

5 The commission shall have 1 member who is a representative of the department and 8
6 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a resident of the city of Boston, 1 of
7 whom shall be a resident of the city of Quincy, 1 of whom shall be a resident of the city known
8 as the town of Weymouth, 1 of whom shall be a resident of the city of Lynn, 1 of whom shall be
9 a resident of the city of Revere, 1 of whom shall be a resident of the city known as the town of
10 Winthrop, 1 of whom shall be a resident of the town of Hingham and 1 of whom shall be a
11 resident of the town of Hull.

12 The special commission may conduct public hearings, forums or meetings to gather
13 information regarding the expansion of public waterway transportation in the greater Boston
14 area.

15 Annually, on or before June 30, the commission shall submit a report to the governor and
16 the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate who shall forward the same to the joint
17 committee on transportation, along with recommendations, if any, together with drafts of
18 legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect. The special commission may
19 file such interim reports and recommendations as it considers appropriate.