

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Mike Connolly*

*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 implementing free public transit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3287 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act implementing free public 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. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 35PPP the following section:-

3 Section 35QQQ. (a) There shall be set upon the books of the commonwealth a separate  
4 fund to be known as the Public Transportation Affordability Fund to be administered by the  
5 Massachusetts Department of Transportation. There shall be credited to the fund: (i) amounts  
6 collected pursuant to clause (v) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 39 of chapter 63; (ii)  
7 all revenues or other financing sources directed to the fund by appropriation, including revenues  
8 collected pursuant to Article CXXI of the Massachusetts Constitution; and (iii) any income  
9 derived from the investing of all amounts credited to the fund. Monies credited to the fund may  
10 be expended by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to the Massachusetts Bay  
11 Transportation Authority established pursuant to section 2 of chapter 161A, and regional transit

12 authorities, established pursuant to section 3 of chapter 161B, without further appropriation, for  
13 the purpose of funding free public transportation services.

14 (b) The department shall annually file a report with the governor, clerks of the house of  
15 representatives and the senate and the joint committee on transportation detailing the activity of  
16 the fund.

17 SECTION 2. Paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 39 of chapter 63 of the General  
18 Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words “or (iv) for tax years  
19 beginning on or after January 1, 2012, 8.0 per cent of its net income determined to be taxable in  
20 accordance with this chapter” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- (iv) for tax  
21 years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, 8.0 per cent of its net income determined to be  
22 taxable in accordance with this chapter; or (v) for tax years beginning on or after January 1,  
23 2025, 8.75 per cent of its net income determined to be taxable in accordance with this chapter;  
24 provided, however, that an amount equal to 0.75 per cent of the business corporation’s net  
25 income determined to be taxable pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Public  
26 Transportation Affordability Fund.

27 SECTION 3. Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
28 following 2 sections:-

29 Section 53. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the authority shall  
30 not collect a fare from riders for the use of bus transportation services.

31 Section 54. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the authority shall  
32 not collect a fare from riders for the use of rapid transit, light rail or commuter rail transportation  
33 services.

34 SECTION 4. Chapter 161B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
35 following section:-

36 Section 28. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no regional transit  
37 authority shall collect a fare from riders for the use of bus transportation services.