

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Julian Cyr

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 micro-transit.

PETITION OF:

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

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. There shall be a special commission on micro-transit to study existing and
2 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. The commission shall consist of
14 the following members or their designees: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on

15 transportation who shall serve as co-chairs; 1 member of the house of representatives, who shall
16 be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 member of the senate, who
17 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 2 persons to be appointed by the
18 Massachusetts Association of Regional Transit Authorities, both of whom shall be former or
19 current administrators of a regional transit authority and 1 of whom represents a regional transit
20 authority that serves rural communities and 1 of whom represents a regional transit authority that
21 has offered micro-transit services; 1 person to be appointed by the Massachusetts Statewide
22 Independent Living Council; 1 person representing the rail and transit division of the
23 Massachusetts Department of Transportation; 2 persons representing existing or emerging micro-
24 transit service operated by an entity that is not a regional transit authority; 1 person representing
25 the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Mobility Assistance Program; 1 person
26 representing the Rural Policy Advocacy Commission; 1 person representing the Massachusetts
27 Public Health Association; 1 person representing Transportation for Massachusetts; 1 person
28 representing the Massachusetts Councils on Aging; and 2 persons to be appointed by the
29 governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative of a municipality sponsoring or operating a micro-
30 transit service and 1 of whom shall be a representative of a health care organization whose
31 patients and employees are served by micro-transit.

32 The commission shall file a final report of its study and recommendations with the clerks
33 of the senate and house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means,
34 the joint committee on transportation and the secretary of transportation not later than 15 months
35 after this section takes effect; provided, however, that the commission may make a draft report
36 available to the public for comment before filing its final report.