



**Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority**

Third Party Bus Contract

September 26th, 2024

Contract Amendment – Bus Diversions

- We are requesting approval for a contract amendment of \$45 million with A Yankee Line, Inc., which we project will support diversion requirements into calendar year 2025
- As reminders:
 - Contract values are not necessarily commitments to spend the full amount on any specific timeline
 - Funding for the contracts is only committed as it used by specific capital projects that require diversions



Alternative Service for Track Improvement Plan

- The original cost estimate for contracted bus shuttles to replace rail service during Track Improvement Program surges was \$164m
- The team projects the **actual cost will be under \$90m**, due to:
 - **Increased shuttle work by MBTA operators** (up to 3x over past months) on weekends and **piloting MBTA operators working weekday shuttles** this fall, starting with September 24-day Red Line diversion
 - **Optimized vehicle requirements** with expanded team and advanced planning to conduct strategic data analysis and shuttle route planning to improve customer experience, shorten shuttle journey times
- Significant **coordination with municipal partners** to increase use transit priority (e.g. signal timing and pop-up bus lanes) and improve accessibility
- **Increased service on alternative options** (e.g. bus, rapid transit, commuter rail, ferry)



Contracted Bus: Core Supplier

- In addition to managing total costs, we are striving to increase the use of **low floor buses, diverse suppliers, and buses from our local area.**
- As discussed at June meeting, MBTA re-opened the existing contract to find a “Core Supplier” and improve Service Level Commitments
 - The MBTA received 3 proposals, and selected A Yankee Line because they had the strongest proposal in all of these areas
- Some of the advantages of this amendment include:
 - Minimum commitment of 30 in-state low floor vehicles for all diversions
 - Minimum commitment of 10 in-state accessible coaches for all diversions
 - Sub-contracting with existing in-state MBTA contractors before other vendors
 - Maximizing MWBE and DBE participation and spend reporting
 - Ensuring each operator attends MBTA SWA Training-approved course
 - Increased Service Level Commitments



Contracted Bus: Diversion Accessible Van Service

- In addition to the bus diversions, the existing contracts allow for supplemental accessible van service. The Core Supplier designation does not change this program and the vendors under contract to provide this service will continue to do so, with opportunities bid.
- Of note, DPV Transportation, Inc., a local diverse business, was recently awarded the accessible van service in support of a long-term Haverhill Station closure.



Vote language

This is a true and accurate copy of the action taken by the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority on September 26, 2024.

IT IS VOTED:

To authorize the MBTA General Manager, or his designee, to execute a contract amendment with A Yankee Line, Inc. in the amount of not-to exceed \$45,000,000 to provide Shuttle Bus Services and to execute any necessary or ancillary documents in the name and on behalf of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to effectuate this Agreement.

