

# Commuter Rail Communities Coalition

## Coordinated Municipal Advocacy for Transformed Commuter Rail

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October 28, 2019

Fiscal and Management Control Board  
Joseph M. Aiello, Chair  
Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority  
10 Park Plaza  
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Chair Aiello and Honorable Members of the Board:

Thank you for considering this statement on the Rail Vision project, provided on behalf of the Commuter Rail Communities Coalition. The Coalition includes Mayors and Town Managers and Administrators of cities and towns within the MBTA's Commuter Rail service area.

Our constituents include Commuter Rail riders and the communities, businesses and institutions that depend on it. We have a significant stake in the current and future Commuter Rail network.

Our Coalition has been closely involved with Rail Vision since its inception. We have carefully considered the alternatives that the Rail Vision team has developed.

Based on the priorities and mission of the Coalition, and the merits of each scenario, the Coalition is respectfully submitting the attached statement. We urge the MBTA to embrace the most ambitious scenario as a goal for the Commuter Rail system, and we urge you to approve concrete steps in the remaining term of your Board to make progress towards this long-term goal.

The Commuter Rail Communities Coalition looks forward to continuing its advocacy both for the investments and service that the region needs, and for the resources to make this possible. Please consider the Coalition a resource as you embark on this necessary transformation.

Respectfully,



Thomas McGee  
Co-Chair  
Mayor of Lynn



Saran A. Stanton  
Co-Chair  
Bedford Town Manager