

RTAs in the Governor’s Budget

Topline numbers for FY21:

- Section 1595-6370: \$94 million total
- \$3.5 of that for discretionary funding (\$90.5 base)

Outside sections:

- Section 72: The funding amounts to be distributed to the authorities will be determined upon final adoption of the state fiscal year appropriation.
- Section 104: Money distributed based on MOUs signed last year. \$3.5 is discretionary/performance-based funding.

Notes:

- The language of the outside sections is not perfect, there is likely a need to replace them with a formula for funding that makes more sense for RTA budgets and is based on ridership, population and geography.
- It does not contain an automatic inflation inflator for RTA funding, which RTAs and advocates have asked for in the past (however, this was included in a transportation bond bill recently cleared by the Joint Committee on Transportation).
- The RTAs and advocates have recommended the development of a Statewide Transit Plan that would set statewide transit goals, fixed-route and non-fixed route service standards, performance metrics and targets, and set the formula and schedule for distribution of state operating funds. An outside section is being drafted which we will likely try and get into the House or Senate budgets.
- There remains a possibility that a House transportation revenue package includes new funding for RTAs.

Budget year	Total for 1595-6370	Base funding	Discretionary funding
FY21	H2 = \$94m	H2 = \$90.5m	H2 = \$3.5M
FY20	\$90.5m	\$87m <i>(RTA Task Force recommended \$90.5)</i>	\$3.5m <i>(awarded end of Dec 2019 even though budget said it was to be out in Sept 2019)</i>
FY19	\$88m	\$82m	\$6m <i>(awarded the month before the FY ended)</i>

FY20 Discretionary Funding Awards (awarded in Dec. 2019)

RTA	Project Description	Total Award
Brockton Area Transit Authority	Expanded Automated Fare Options: Modernization and Standardization of Fare Collection	\$116,081.00
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority	Evening Service Pilot Extension	\$361,128.00
Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority	Transit Oriented Development Solutions: Enhanced Buzzards Bay Transit Service	\$345,600.00
Franklin Regional Transit Authority	FRTA Access Microtransit Pilot Extension	\$171,050.00
Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority	GATRA Go Mansfield/Foxborough Microtransit Pilot Extension	\$217,200.00
Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority	GATRA Go South Plymouth Microtransit Pilot Expansion	\$150,000.00
Lowell Regional Transit Authority	Sunday Service Pilot Extension	\$335,328.00
Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	Design/Delivery of Centralized Dispatch for Affiliate COAs	\$165,000.00
MetroWest Regional Transit Authority	Enhanced Frequency and Sunday Service Feasibility Study	\$375,000.00
MetroWest Regional Transit Authority	Route Equity Project	\$220,830.00
Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	Mobile Pass & Integrated Itinerary Planning Technology Program for Western Massachusetts	\$265,172.00
Southeastern Regional Transit Authority	Sunday Service Pilot	\$318,181.00
Worcester Regional Transit Authority	Transportation-as-a-Service (TaaS) Westborough Shuttle Pilot	\$459,430.00