

Support funding for *Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs)* in the FY20 Budget

Please co-sponsor **Amendments #821, #823 & #825** by
Rep. Peake to support RTAs and the recommendations of the RTA Task Force.

Fund line item 1595-6370 at \$90.5 million in base funding and link future funding to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in order to prevent cuts to regional bus service and paratransit rides!



The Task Force on Regional Transit Authority Performance & Funding (RTA Force) recommends in its consensus report that RTA’s have **\$90.5 million for base funding in FY20**. This Task Force, created in the FY19 budget, was comprised of public transit experts, community leaders, and Sen. Chandler, Rep. Peake, and Rep. Kane.

Amendments #821, #823, and #825 are consistent with the recommendations of the RTA Task Force
These amendments will:

- ◆ Increase funding for RTAs to \$90.5M
- ◆ Tie future funding to inflation
- ◆ Require bilateral MOUs between MassDOT and each RTA to address performance targets on ridership, rider satisfaction, asset management, and financial performance

RTAs serve 262 communities outside of Greater Boston

The services RTAs provide are essential for connecting residents—especially older adults and people with lower incomes—to jobs, education, medical care (including substance addiction treatment), groceries, and community services. Additional funding is needed to improve and expand service.

History: H1: \$82m in base funding + \$4m in discretionary funds, HWM FY20: \$86m in base funding, FY19: \$82m in base funding + \$6m in discretionary funds, FY16: \$82m in base funding.

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