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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2-3, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA") will hold a hybrid public hearing on **Thursday August 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM.** and accept written public comment until **5:00 p.m. on August 21, 2025,** the same day, concerning the following regulatory action:

Establish 703 CMR 6.00 - Issuance and Enforcement of
Automated Bus Lane and Bus Stop Violations

The proposed regulatory action is required by MGL c. 90K, § 9 and Chapter 363 of the Acts of 2024. The statute establishes authority for certain "enforcing authorities" to issue violations and collect fines for vehicles that illegally park or stand in a designated bus lane or park in a designated bus stop. Enforcing authorities for bus lanes include the MBTA and Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs). Enforcing authorities for bus stops include the MBTA, RTAs, and municipalities that are in the service area of the MBTA or an RTA. The regulations implement the statute and provide standards and requirements for enforcing authorities.

MBTA will hold this hearing:

Remotely at: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/MDD6sWE4QWGi_9Bp8ffMQg

In person at: 10 Park Plaza
2nd Floor
Board Room
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Individuals who notify MBTA of their intent to testify during the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers are strongly encouraged to notify MBTA of their intention to testify at the hearing by emailing the address below. Written comments must be submitted by email or postal mail to the following address with the subject line "703 CMR 6.00 - Issuance and Enforcement of Automated Bus Lane and Bus Stop Violations":

Email: Christopher.MF.Smith@dot.state.ma.us

Postal Mail: Christopher Smith
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A copy of the above-listed regulations may be obtained by request to the above address or email address.

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MBTA may adopt a revised version of the proposed action considering relevant comments received and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

For accommodation or language assistance requests, please contact MBTA's Chief Diversity & Civil Rights Officer by phone at (857) 368-8580, TTD/TTY at (857) 266 0603, fax (857) 368 0602 or by email to MBTACivilRights@mbta.com. Requests should be made as soon as possible, ideally at least five business days before the close of the public hearing.

Small Business Impact Statement

(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

CMR No.: 703 CMR 6.00

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation:

Zero small businesses will be impacted due to their status as a small business. Small businesses will be subject to restrictions and penalties for parking or standing in a bus lane or bus stop.

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are performance standards more appropriate than design or operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective? (Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.)
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities? Small businesses will be required to pay violations if they park or stand in a bus lane or bus stop.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?