



**Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority**

General Manager's Remarks

**Joint Meeting of the MassDOT Board and Fiscal and
Management Control Board**

March 18, 2019



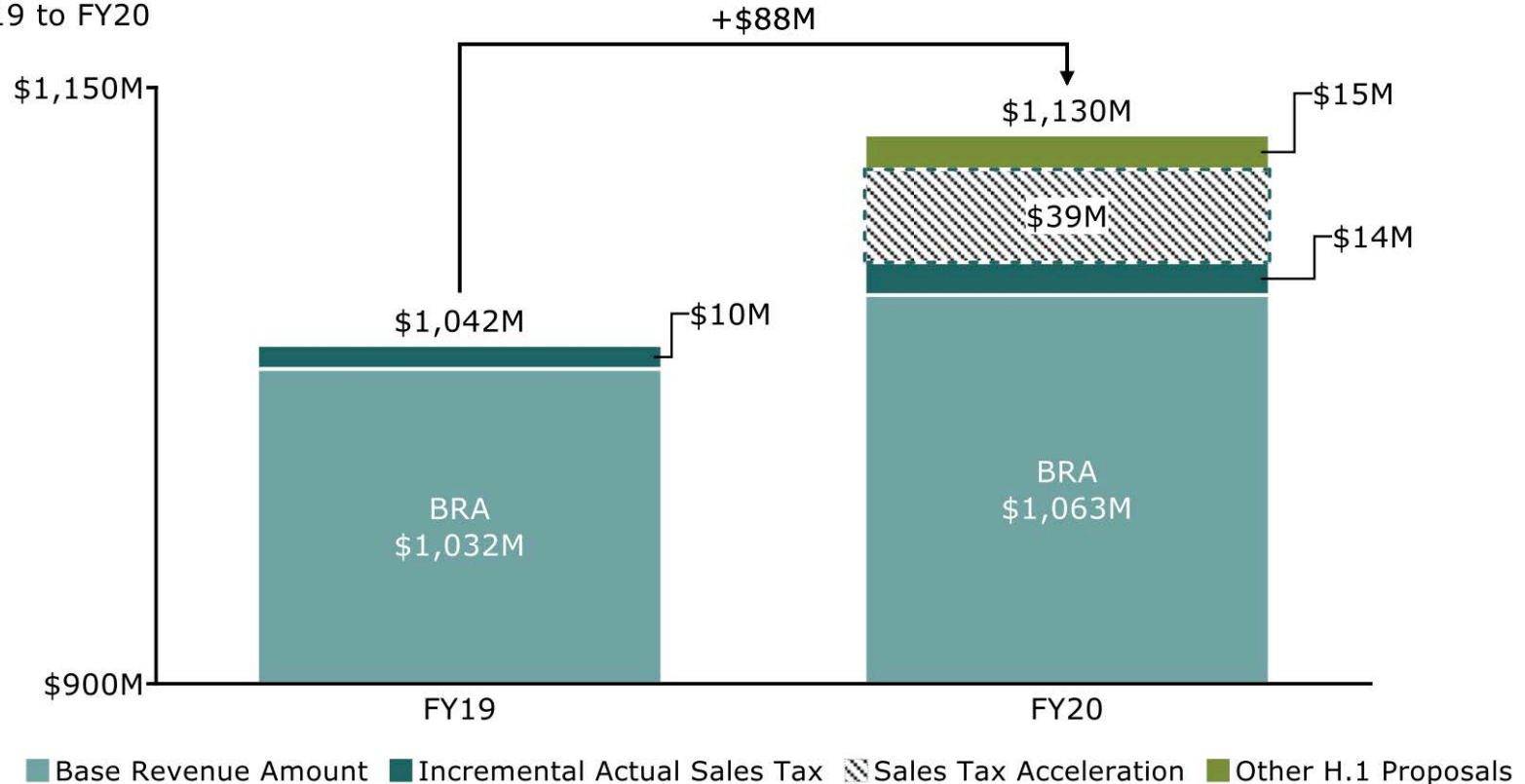
Agenda

- House Ways and Means Committee hearing
- Brookline joins Youth Pass
- Commuter Rail performance: last three months
- Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves
- Saint Patrick's Day Parade
- Orient Heights: Blue Line restoration



In addition to an increase in Base Revenue Amount, Gov's H1 Budget includes other one-time Sales Tax Transfers

Potential Sales Tax Transfers
FY19 to FY20



*Accelerated Sales Tax Remittance and Other H.1 Proposals are subject to legislative approval and one-time items.



Town of Brookline joins Youth Pass

- Joins as 10th member in program; nine cities/towns and North Shore Community College
- Program offers affordable transit for low-income young people
- Expands access to transit; enhances access to jobs, education
- Looking forward to continue expanding network

The logo for Youth Pass is displayed within a white rectangular box with a subtle drop shadow. The text "youth pass" is written in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. "youth" is on the top line and "pass" is on the bottom line, with the "y" in "youth" being significantly larger than the other letters.

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Commuter Rail performance: last three months

- December 2018: highest monthly OTP during Keolis contract (93.2 percent)
- January 2019: highest January OTP during Keolis contract (91.9 percent)
- CR OTP over the last three months (Dec., Jan., Feb.): 91.7 percent.
- Best three consecutive months in contract history and the best performing three-month stretch in the past six years, thanks to system investments
- 10-year OTP average is 87 percent. OTP for 2016-18 each year was 89 percent, while operating approx. 10,000 more trains per year compared to 2014 and with an increasing ridership

Trend continues - March 14:

- OTP for the day: 95.5 percent
- OTP under 10 minutes: 98.2 percent
- March 14: AM peak OTP: 99% (one train had a minor delay).
- Improvements in performance are the result of **investments** into all aspects of Commuter Rail system including:
- Track, training, process improvements, locomotive overhauls, new, dedicated line managers



Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves

- Merging two major MassDOT projects expected to affect MBTA services:
 - Some bus routes could experience travel delays of up to 20 minutes during peak travel times
 - Impacted bus routes: Routes 111, 426, 428
- Travel options:
 - Commuter Rail: Haverhill and Newburyport/Rockport Lines
 - Parking historically available at Haverhill, Bradford; Newburyport, Salem, Lynn
 - Commuter Rail: Chelsea Station
 - SL3: inbound fares at Chelsea stations free for customers (paid by MassDOT)
 - Added capacity on Blue Line
- Parking:
 - @MBTA_Parking: eight largest garages, including Beverly, Salem, Wonderland






South Boston Saint Patrick's Day Parade

- All Hands effort at Orient Heights coincided with Saint Patrick's Day parade
- Additional staffing at core stations
- Red Line ran at peak service levels for duration of event
- Added capacity on Commuter Rail
- Bus Ops will have shuttle bus service for commuter rail customers leaving South Station to Summer and First Street
- EOC activated all day
- In advance of parade, new useful guide to using the T: [MBTA.com/stpatricksday](https://www.mbta.com/stpatricksday)

St. Patrick's Day Guide

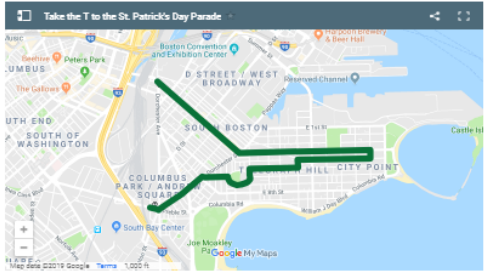


For over 100 years, Boston has celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a parade through the streets of South Boston. Up to a million people attend the parade every year—and they arrive early to claim their viewing spots on the parade route.

This year, the parade steps off at Broadway Station on March 17 at 1 PM. Due to street closures and parking bans in the neighborhood, driving to the parade is not recommended.

We want to ensure your safety while you celebrate—additional MBTA staff and Transit Police will be available at MBTA stations throughout the day. Here are some other things you should know about taking the T to South Boston to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Parade Route





After nine-alarm fire, Blue Line service restoration

- Major building fire in East Boston required Blue Line service suspension for duration of weekend
- Fire-fighting efforts resulted in significant flooding in area of Orient Heights: track bed, yard; signal and power equipment completely submerged



- Saturday a.m., launched a major effort to remediate flooding; assess extent of damage
- Around-the-clock efforts to replace, repair, restore critical infrastructure



Blue Line service restoration efforts

- Major building fire in East Boston required Blue Line service suspension for duration of weekend
- Restoration efforts done in coordination with BFD addressing hot spots Sat/Sun; and ISD around building demo
- Power, signal testing and repairs labor intensive
- Series of successful test trains allowed full service to resume this morning
- Thanks to E&M, TFM, Power, MOW, Signals, VM, VE for working non-stop

