

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS SHARON DURKAN AND HENRY SANTANA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE CREATION OF A MUNICIPAL BUS SERVICE TO PROVIDE LAST-MILE SERVICE AND LATE NIGHT SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR THIRD-SHIFT WORKERS

- WHEREAS,** Last-mile bus services provide connections beyond established transit routes for all riders, and are particularly beneficial for people with disabilities and mobility challenges in reducing the distance between MBTA stations and their destination, which is often too long of a distance for them to walk; and
- WHEREAS,** MBTA transit schedules are structured around typical 9-5 workdays, leaving third-shift workers with little to no option to use public transportation for their work commute; and
- WHEREAS,** Essential workers in certain sectors, such as airport, medical facilities, entertainment venues, food service, and hospitality jobs, are often forced to drive themselves or rely on rideshare; and
- WHEREAS,** Transit services are largely centered around getting people in and out of downtown, not necessarily between the neighborhoods, creating a need for inter-neighborhood connections and first/last mile connections; and
- WHEREAS,** The Mission Hill Link serves as an example of the type of service that the City of Boston is planning to expand – the current route connects residents living on the top of the hill and BHA properties to the Ruggles and Roxbury Crossing Orange Line stations; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston needs to encourage use of public transportation in order to meet climate goals and relieve congestion on Boston's roads; NOW,
THEREFORE BE IT
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council convene a hearing to review the creation of a municipal bus service to provide last-mile service and late night shuttle service and representatives from the Boston Transportation Department and the public be invited to testify.