

SENATE No. 2036

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joseph A. Boncore

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to congestion in East Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Joseph A. Boncore

First Suffolk and Middlesex

Adrian C. Madaro

1st Suffolk

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By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2036) of Joseph A. Boncore and Adrian C. Madaro for legislation relative to congestion in East Boston. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to congestion in East Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall commission a study on
2 congestion in East Boston at the Sumner, Callahan and Ted Williams Tunnels and along the
3 Route 1A corridor.

4 Section 2. The Study shall focus on the causes of congestion in the area and impacts
5 related to the airport and airport expansion, number of rides from ride hailing companies in the
6 neighborhood and at the Massachusetts Port Authority, impacts from commuters from North
7 Shore and Middlesex County Communities, and impacts from local development in and around
8 the East Boston neighborhood.

9 Section 3. In conducting this study the department shall consult with the City of Boston,
10 City of Revere, City of Chelsea, town of Winthrop, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
11 Authority, Boston Transportation Department, Boston Police Department, the Massachusetts
12 State Police, Massachusetts Port Authority, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the United

13 States Coast Guard, the East Boston Chamber of Commerce, the North Shore Chamber of
14 Commerce, Transportation Network Companies including Uber and Lyft, relevant municipalities
15 from the North Shore and Middlesex County, local real estate developers and local community
16 stakeholders.

17 Section 4. The department shall make recommendations on how to alleviate congestion in
18 the area with focus on issues including the promotion, expansion and improvement of public
19 transit, including the blue line, red line – blue line connection, blue line expansion, investment in
20 regional rail solutions, improvements to Commuter Rail and Subway stations, the expansion of
21 bus rapid transit, use of micro mobility and improvements to infrastructure. The department shall
22 publish a report no later than July 31, 2019 and report its findings to the elected officials
23 representing East Boston and Revere, The chairs of the Joint Committee on Transportation and
24 the City of Boston’s Transportation Department.