

SENATE No. 2281

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 a special commission to study MBTA assets in the City of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Nick Collins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2281) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to a special commission to study MBTA assets in the City of Boston. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to a special commission to study MBTA assets in the City of 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. There shall be a special commission to study the Massachusetts Bay
2 Transportation Authority's existing real estate assets and any opportunities to better leverage
3 them to create new revenues in the City of Boston. The commission shall consist of the
4 following members: 3 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair appointed by the
5 Senate President, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Chair of the Senate Committee on
6 Bonding and Capital Assets, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; 3
7 members of the House of Representatives, 1 of whom shall serve as co-chair, appointed by the
8 Speaker, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Chair of the House Committee on Bonding and
9 Capital assets, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; the Mayor of Boston or
10 a designee; the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development or a designee; the General
11 Manager of the MBTA or designee; and 2 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall
12 be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Boston Carmen's Union Local 589; and 1

13 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Boston Planning and
14 Development Agency.

15 The commission shall investigate and study the existing real estate assets owned by the
16 MBTA within the city of Boston and identify opportunities for the Authority to better leverage
17 these assets for the purpose of creating new, long term revenue sources. The commission shall
18 report its findings, including any proposed legislation, to the chairs of the senate and house
19 committees on Ways and Means, the chairs of the senate and house committees on Bonding and
20 Capital Assets, and the Department of Transportation not later than December 31, 2022.