



Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025
Location: Virtual Meeting via SRTA Microsoft Teams 2:00 PM
Call in Number: 1-929-523-2910; Access Code: 785 577 207#
Purpose: SRTA Advisory Board Meeting

(1) Call to Order

The Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM EST.

(2) Roll Call

Present:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| City of New Bedford (Jennifer Clarke) | City of Fall River (Ann O'Neil Souza) |
| Town of Dartmouth (Chris Vitale) | Town of Westport (Richard Brewer) |
| ADA Representative (Dan Robillard) | |

Absent:

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Town of Acushnet | Town of Fairhaven |
| Town of Freetown | Town of Mattapoisett |
| Town of Somerset | Town of Swansea |
| Riders Representative | |

Additional Attendees:

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Erik Rousseau, SRTA | Arthur Frank, General Counsel (SRTA) |
| Kristen Sniezek, SRTA | John LeBert, SRTA |
| Corey Hebert, SRTA | Brendan Marden, SRTA |
| Christina Mendoza, SRTA | Martiza Aquino, SRTA |
| Michelle Tavares, SRTA | Daniel Brogan, SRPEDD |

Serving the Communities of

Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Somerset, Swansea, Westport

700 Pleasant St., Suite 530, New Bedford, MA 02740
srtabus.com, (P) 508-999-5211 (F) 508-993-9196



(3) Approval of Minutes

Motion: The motion was made (ADA Representative) and seconded (Town of Westport) to approve the minutes from the previous SRTA Advisory Board Meeting held on May 22, 2025.

Discussion: N/A

Vote:

For: City of Fall River, City of New Bedford, Town of Westport, ADA Representative

Status: Motion Passes

(4) Citizen's Participation

None.

(5) Civil Rights Update

Title VI:

The SRTA's current Title VI Plan has been submitted and is under FTA review and awaiting concurrence.

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO):

The current EEO Policy Statement for the SRTA has been submitted and is under FTA review and awaiting concurrence.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE):

The SRTA's current DBE Program Plan has been submitted and is under FTA review and awaiting concurrence.

The SRTA's current DBE Goal Plan has been submitted and is under FTA review and awaiting concurrence.

The most recent semi-annual report was submitted on June 1st and is under FTA review. The next semi-annual report is due December 1st.

Environmental Justice:

Environmental justice is a requirement that the SRTA must engage the public whenever there is a major project or route change.

Serving the Communities of

Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Somerset, Swansea, Westport

700 Pleasant St., Suite 530, New Bedford, MA 02740
srtabus.com, (P) 508-999-5211 (F) 508-993-9196



The SRTA is constantly working to increase public participation, and if any public input is needed, it will be conveyed to the Board as part of this report.

Public Hearings / Meetings:

The SRTA is currently working on the next 5-year comprehensive regional transit plan with MA DOT, SRPEDD, and AE COM. Public outreach in the form of a survey will be conducted in the coming weeks.

(6) Old Business

None.

(7) New Business

FY25 Budget Revision

Mr. Rousseau presented the fiscal year 2025 budget revision which includes the intercity express service, micro-connect service, and fully funded fare free service. In addition, there were savings in fuel expenses for fiscal year 2025. There was also a modest increase in State Contract Assistance of about \$626,000 received in fiscal year 2025.

Mr. Brewer asked if local assessments would be increasing by the regular 2.5%. Mr. Rousseau explained the 2.5% was included in the fiscal year 2026 budget that was approved. There are no increases to local assessments as part of this budget revision for fiscal year 2025.

Motion: The motion was made (Town of Dartmouth) and seconded (ADA Representative) to amend the fiscal year 2025 budget to the amount of \$30,890,591.

Discussion: N/A

Vote:

For: Town of Dartmouth, City of Fall River, City of New Bedford, Town of Westport, ADA Representative

Status: Motion Passes

Serving the Communities of

Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Somerset, Swansea, Westport

700 Pleasant St., Suite 530, New Bedford, MA 02740
srtabus.com, (P) 508-999-5211 (F) 508-993-9196



Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) Update

Mr. Rousseau presented the update to the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan which includes data from 2024. Physical and non-physical assaults are now being tracked and have been added to the plan.

Ms. Clarke asked if other transit authorities included physical and non-physical assaults as part of their plans as well. Mr. Rousseau explained that the inclusion of physical and non-physical assaults is a new federal requirement.

Mr. Vitale asked who in particular were included in the number of injuries. Mr. Rousseau explained that the number of injuries is a comprehensive figure. It could include customers, non-customers, SRTA employees, and anyone who is injured while on SRTA property.

Motion: The motion was made (Town of Dartmouth) and seconded (ADA Representative) to adopt the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan as presented.

Discussion: N/A

Vote:

For: Town of Dartmouth, City of Fall River, City of New Bedford, Town of Westport, ADA Representative

Status: Motion Passes

(8) Logistics for the Next Advisory Board Meeting

As indicated on the agenda, the next Advisory Board Meeting for the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority is on September 25, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

(9) Adjournment

The Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to adjourn at 2:13 PM EST.

Serving the Communities of

Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Somerset, Swansea, Westport

700 Pleasant St., Suite 530, New Bedford, MA 02740
srtabus.com, (P) 508-999-5211 (F) 508-993-9196