



## **Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) Advisory Board Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, September 25, 2025  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting via SRTA Microsoft Teams 2:00 PM  
Call in Number: 1-929-523-2910; Access Code: 660 936 588#  
**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:

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| City of New Bedford (Jennifer Clarke) | City of Fall River (Ann O'Neil Souza)  |
| Town of Fairhaven (H. Bruce Webb)     | Town of Mattapoisett (Michael Lorenzo) |
| Town of Somerset (Todd Costa)         | Town of Swansea (John Hansen)          |
| ADA Representative (Dan Robillard)    |  |

#### Absent:

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| Town of Acushnet      | Town of Dartmouth |
| Town of Freetown      | Town of Westport  |
| 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  | Joe Sgroi, AECOM                     |
| Jane Dunbar, AECOM      | Daniel Brogan, SRPEDD                |

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(3) Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** The motion was made (ADA Representative) and seconded (City of Fall River) to approve the minutes from the previous SRTA Advisory Board Meeting held on June 12, 2025.

**Discussion:** N/A

**Vote:**

**For:** Town of Fairhaven, City of Fall River, City of New Bedford, Town of Swansea, ADA Representative

**Status:** Motion Passes

(4) 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.

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.

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*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 has been ongoing.

(5) Citizen's Participation

None.

(6) Old Business

None.

(7) New Business

*FY25 Audit Status Update*

Mr. Rousseau gave a brief update on the progress of the FY25 audit. It is anticipated that the audit will be completed in early October 2025 and will be ready to be accepted at the next Advisory Board meeting on October 23, 2025.

*FY26 State Budget Update*

Mr. Rousseau shared that the SRTA is working with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the distribution of the Fare Free funding. The SRTA has also applied for state grant funding for Interconnectivity Service, which includes the renewal of the Intercity Express (9X) Service between New Bedford and Fall River. RIPTA is also collaborating with the SRTA to possibly increase service between Providence, Fall River, and Newport

Mr. Robillard asked if the collaboration with the RIPTA is related to service that was once provided by Peter Pan Bus. Mr. Rousseau explained that the two are not directly correlated although there have been efforts made by RI DOT to expand service in the Providence and Newport areas.

*AECOM – Comprehensive Regional Transit Plan (CRTP) Presentation*

Mr. Sgroi (AECOM) presented updates from the Comprehensive Regional Transit Plan (CRTP) that is currently ongoing for the SRTA. The plan is updated every five years, and the goals of the plan are to develop actionable steps for the SRTA to take to improve service, support current service, and to look for opportunities to expand service. A survey is currently ongoing to gather feedback from riders and the public. The data collected will be analyzed as part of the CRTP.

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Ms. Clarke asked if the other Regional Transit Authorities (RTA) in Massachusetts are also completing CRTPs. Mr. Sgroi replied that all fifteen RTAs are having CRTP's completed concurrently.

(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 October 23, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

(9) Adjournment

**The Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to adjourn at 2:22 PM EST.**

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