

# STOP the MBTA Attacks on Seniors & People with Disabilities

The MBTA is facing a \$161 million dollar deficit and has proposed severe service cuts & fare increases to close the gap - targeting seniors, people with disabilities, and students for the most extreme fare increases. The primary cause of the deficit is a large debt passed onto the MBTA by the Big Dig, not seniors and people with disabilities. Stop the attacks!

## Together we say .....

### **NO Disproportionate Fare Increases!** (see reverse side)

The MBTA has proposed general fare increase of 35%-43%. However, they have targeted students for fare increases of 76% - 100%, and Seniors and People with Disabilities for fare increases of 83% -500%!



### **NO Service Cuts!**

The MBTA has proposed elimination of up to 101 bus lines, ferry service, many of the local “people carriers”, and an end to weekend service on the E Line, Mattapan trolley, & Commuter rail. This would harm economic development, cut off service for many hospitals and senior housing developments, and cause disproportionate hardship for many low and moderate income families and individuals who rely on the MBTA to get to work, school, etc.

### **NO “Premium Service” for the Ride!**

The MBTA has proposed a new “premium service” for the Ride for anyone who lives or needs to travel more than ¾ of a mile from a bus or train, change their pick up time, or schedule a same day trip. Thousands of seniors and people with disabilities will face a \$24 roundtrip-500% increase for this service. We reject any redefinition of the ADA service area.

### **YES Real Revenue Solutions!**

Legislators and the Governor must act with real revenue solutions to preserve the MBTA service and stop the unfair targeting of those who can afford it least.

**Endorsers:** Mass Senior Action Council, Disability Policy Consortium, Boston Center for Independent Living

## **MBTA Plan Targets Seniors, People with Disabilities and Students**

Transit Mode	Current Fare	Proposed Fare	% Increase
Adult Local Bus	\$1.25	\$1.75	40%
Adult Subway	\$1.70	\$2.40	41.2%
Student/Senior Monthly Pass	\$20	\$40	100%
Senior/Tap Bus	\$0.40	\$1.10	175%
Senior/ TAP Subway	\$0.60	\$1.50	150%
RIDE (One Way)	\$2.00 (One Way) \$4.00 (Round Trip)	\$4.50 (One Way) \$9.00 (Round Trip)	125%
RIDE (Premium Service Area)	\$2.00 (One Way) \$4.00 (Round Trip)	\$12.00 (One Way) \$24.00 (Round Trip)	500%

### **What you can do?**

- Call the Governor (617-725-4005), tell him we need a real solution for the MBTA.
- Call your Legislator (617-722-2000), ask them to call Speaker DeLeo to say it's time for revenue
- Sign postcards, have your friends sign, telling the MBTA Board and Governor to find real solutions – stop targeting seniors and people with disabilities.
- Attend public hearings, rallies, and events and share how these changes will impact YOU!

### **Upcoming Events**

**Transportation Tuesdays:** Join us at the State House to tell legislators and the Governor that we need revenue not devastating cuts. Call 617-284-1234 for details.

**"Have a Heart" Lobby Day:** Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 12:00pm at the State house

**MBTA Board of Directors Meeting/Rally** – (Details to come –call 617-284-1234)

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 1pm at the Transportation Building (Downtown)\*\*

**MBTA Board of Directors Meeting/Rally** – Wed., April 4, 2012 at 1pm at Transportation Building

**April 2012:** MBTA Board Votes on the MBTA Proposal

**July 1, 2012:** Proposal is implemented.



**\*\*\* Transportation available – call 617-284-1234 for availability\*\*\***



**For more information or to get involved call:**

**Massachusetts Senior Action Council at 617-284-1234.**