

MA AFL-CIO

Legislative Fact Sheet



Protect Public Transit Services and Jobs! No More Privatization Schemes

We are calling on Governor Baker and the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board to reject proposals that would outsource core MBTA bus maintenance services to corporations like TransDev, which has recently come under fire for major service failures around the globe.

MBTA mechanics and supporters are speaking out for long overdue investments in public transit and against the MBTA surrendering control of core services to for-profit corporations. We are also calling for the MBTA to negotiate fairly with IAM Local 264.

A recent report from the INVEST NOW coalition showed the MBTA spends a smaller percentage of its budget on maintenance salaries than most large transit agencies.

The report debunked misleading claims from the right-wing Pioneer Institute and showed that, adjusted for cost of living, MBTA bus maintenance workers receive pay in line with national averages, according to public data.

Join us as we stand together for a public transit system that works for all of us and promote investment, accountability, and fairness at the MBTA.

Our 3-point message to Governor Baker



1. INVESTMENT

Ask the Governor to support investments in public transit and to stop the privatization schemes that are hurting taxpayers, riders, businesses, and workers.

2. ACCOUNTABILITY

Governor Baker promised not to privatize the MBTA. Now he is trying to give control over the MBTA to private companies like TransDev and MV Transportation, despite their severely troubling track records of service problems, health and safety violations and lack of accountability to taxpayers. Tell Governor Baker you support public control of public transportation.

3. FAIRNESS

Demand that Governor Baker ensure good faith negotiations with IAM Local 264 members. Express your support for preserving the 200 machinist jobs that are being threatened by dangerous privatization schemes.

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