

Transportation Advisory Committee
Town of Natick
13 East Central Street
Natick, MA 01760

August 28, 2020

Ed Carr, Administrator
MetroWest Regional Transit Authority
15 Blandin Avenue
Framingham, MA 01702

Dear Ed:

I am writing on behalf of the Transportation Advisory Committee for the Town of Natick to request a meeting to better inform members of our committee, Town staff and leadership about the MWRTA and opportunities for enhanced service.

At a recent meeting of our committee, several questions were raised that would be valuable to have answered at, or in advance of a meeting (which we anticipate would be held online).

1. How is Natick's assessment calculated?
2. How are service areas and routes determined, and what is the process to change or add routes and service?
3. Is there data on ridership by route, both pre-COVID and today?
4. What is the future vision for the service, and how can Natick help participate?
5. How is the RTA dealing with COVID-19 and the public health issues it creates? How is the RTA using federal funding for transit safety and operations?
6. What are the plans for changing 'mode of power'? Is the RTA considering electrification or more environmentally friendly systems?
7. Are their plans for increasing on-demand services?
8. How does the RTA communicate with the public and with regional employers?
9. What are the areas of current and potential collaboration with Natick?
10. What is the status of the Workforce Transit Grant received by the RTA, and opportunities for Natick to participate in future grant requests?

We look forward to a productive discussion. I may be reached at jostroff@natickma.org or 508 654-3330 to schedule a meeting.

Very best regards,



Josh Ostroff, Chair

cc: Natick Select Board