

HOUSE No. 3556

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Norman J. Orrall

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to greener and healthier transportation corridors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Lenny Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3556) of Norman J. Orrall and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to recommend strategies to improve the land usage of transportation corridors. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to greener and healthier transportation corridors.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general provisions or special laws to the contrary,
2 there shall be a special commission to recommend strategies to improve the land usage of the
3 transportation corridors of the Commonwealth for decreasing noise, light, and air pollution as
4 well as maximizing carbon sequestration. The commission shall consist of the secretary of
5 transportation and the secretary of energy and environmental affairs , who shall serve as the co-
6 chairs, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation highway administrator, or their
7 designee; the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority general manager, or their designee;
8 the commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation, or their designee; 3
9 individuals appointed by the governor; provided, 1 shall be a specialist in the field of
10 transportation maintenance and operations, 1 shall be a specialist in the field of transportation
11 related pollutants and 1 shall be a resident of a designated environmental justice community
12 abutting a transportation corridor; the president of the senate, or their designee; the speaker of the

13 house, or their designee; the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on transportation, or
14 their respective designees; the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on the
15 environment, natural resources and agriculture, or their respective designees; the senate and
16 house minority leaders, or their respective designees. The commission shall make a
17 comprehensive study of utilizing transportation right of ways to provide natural solutions to
18 reduce transportation related pollutants and increase carbon sequestration. The commission
19 shall review each agencies maintenance and design practices. The study shall also include a
20 financial analysis that includes up front construction costs as well as long term maintenance costs
21 of the implementation of new natural solutions compared to current practices. The commission
22 shall report to the joint committee on transportation, the joint committee on the environment,
23 natural resources and agriculture and the house and senate committees on ways and means, the
24 finding and recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry the
25 recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house of
26 representatives on or before December 31, 2022.