

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1969**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

*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 creating a commission to study the feasibility of rapid transit systems.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1969) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Sheila C. Harrington, James M. Cantwell and other members of the General Court for legislation to create a commission to study the feasibility of rapid transit systems. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act creating a commission to study the feasibility of rapid transit systems.

*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 19. Notwithstanding any special or general law there shall be a special  
2 commission on Rapid Transit Systems to determine the feasibility of permitting non-exclusive  
3 access to rights-of-way to mobility network providers meeting the following criteria: (1)  
4 Privately funded construction; (2) Privately operated without government subsidies; (3) Exceed  
5 120 passenger-miles per gallon, or equivalent energy efficiency; (4) Exceed safety performance  
6 of transportation modes already approved for use, and; (5) Gather more than 2 megawatt-hours  
7 of renewable energy per network-mile per typical day.

8           The commission shall include, but not be limited to, the secretary of the executive office  
9 of energy and environmental affairs, the commissioner of the department of energy resources,  
10 the secretary of the department of transportation, the general manager of the Massachusetts Bay  
11 transportation authority, the chief executive officer of the Massachusetts clean energy center, 2

12 members of the Bay State Sunway group, 2 members of the senate, appointed by the senate  
13 president, and 2 members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

14           The commission shall submit a report to the Governor, the speaker of the house of  
15 representatives, the president of the senate, the joint committee on transportation, and the  
16 department of transportation no later than December 31, 2018, setting forth the commission's  
17 findings, together with any recommendations for regulatory or legislative action with a timeline  
18 for planning, construction, implementation, economic impact, and integration of zero carbon  
19 emission transportation systems.