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TOWN WIDE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION ON LEXPRESS RIDERSHIP AND FINANCES

The Lexington Ad Hoc Committee Charter:

AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

7 Members to include: (1) member of the Transportation Advisory Committee; (1) member of the Senior Community; the Assistant Town Manager for Finance (or their designee); (1) member of the Economic Development Advisory Committee; (1) business representative; (1) member of the School Committee (or their designee); and the Human Services Director (or their designee) as well as Liaisons from the Select Board, Appropriations Committee and Capital Expenditures Committee.

Staff: Transportation Services Manager

Period: One Year

The Ad Hoc Transportation Committee will evaluate the Lexpress bus service to review:

- › Lexpress, MBTA and other shuttle bus routes and passenger volumes
- › View the cost per passenger for Lexpress in relation to other local, regional and national cost per passenger standards
- › Review what needs are being met and whether there are needs that are not being met (businesses, students, seniors, etc.)
- › Review bus routes/times in which Lexpress buses are running routes with no passengers
- › Review fares and recommend a new fare structure

Lexington Ad Hoc Transportation Committee (AHTC)

September 13, 2023 from 6:30PM-8:3PM. *This public forum will be conducted both in-person and remotely. The public can attend in 1 of 3 ways:*

- 1) In-person at Cary Hall (lower level, Estabrook Room), 1605 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington
- 2) Via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84819767743?pwd=MDM4OWE5bzV5VzkzcFAzRTl4eV1UT09> **Passcode: lepress**
- 3) By phone: 1-929-436-2866 (Webinar ID#848-1976-7743, Passcode #45757362)

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Anticipated Panelists: Sharon Gunda, Deepika Sawhney, Bridger McGaw, Varda Haimo, Sally Castleman, Howard Cloth, Carolyn Kosnoff, Susan Barrett and Joe Pato

Anticipated Attendees: Lexpress riders and Lexington town residents.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Communicate draft recommendations for Lexpress to community
- Receive feedback on recommendations

Discussion Agenda:

- I. Introduction of AHTC charter & goals of forum
- II. Share DRAFT report, including AHTC's research
- III. Obtain public feedback on recommendations
- IV. Share next steps with the public

- › Review contracted services vs. in-house service
- › Provide a recommendation on whether the service should continue, if so, the structure of Lexpress, what routes should be and what rate fares should be set at in the future

Mission

To provide a recommendation to the Select Board no later than December 15, 2023 on the future of the Lexpress bus service in time to be incorporated into the FY25 budget.

At least two public hearings; one to obtain input and a second to obtain feedback on the recommendations. It is intended that this Ad Hoc Committee will be disbanded in December 2023.

Resources:

Document Repository for committee

<https://lexingtonmass.sharefile.com/Authentication/Login#ResetPasswordEmailSent>