

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Select Board
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Select Board's Meeting Room – Town Hall
Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.**

Present were Board members Laurie Bent, Harvey Boshart, and Christopher Houston, Chair. Also present were Town Manager Leon A. Gaumont, Jr., Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director Lisa Yanakakis and Recording Secretary Kara Fleming. Videographer – James Tremble, Weston Media Center

Item 1 – Resident Comments

There were none.

Consent Agenda

This item was taken out of order due to timing. Mr. Houston asked to remove the MWRA Bonds that were approved at the January 23rd meeting from the consent agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Boshart moved to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

Approve Minutes of the Select Board: April 9, 2019, regular session; July 30, 2019, regular session; August 29, 2019, regular session; October 8, 2019, regular session; January 7, 2020, regular session; January 21, 2020, regular session; and January 23, 2020, regular session

Move to call the Town Caucus for Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Weston Public Library and sign the notice of the Caucus.

Approve a request from the Council on Aging to accept a donation of \$8,000 from the Friends of Weston's Council on Aging to be applied to the Miscellaneous Gift Account.

Approve a request from the Weston Public Library to accept \$250 from Harold & Betsy Hestnes and \$5,000 from the Friends of the Weston Public library both to be applied to the Art & Innovation Center Fund.

Reappoint David Soar as Fire Chief and Forest Warden for a three-year term expiring February 10, 2023.

2nd by Ms. Bent. **Approved unanimously.**

Sign the MWRA Bonds approved at the January 23, 2020 meeting
Zoe Pierce, Treasurer/Collector, and Susan Kelley, Finance Director

Ms. Pierce and Ms. Kelley handed two loan applications to the Board for signatures. The applications are for two 10-year interest-free loans from the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA), which will be applied to 1) the Removal of Lead Links from the Town's Water Distribution System, \$160,000; and 2) Water Main Replacements on Lantern Lane and Old Coach Road, and the Wireless Meter Reading System, \$1,507,997. The Board signed the paperwork.

Item 2 – Eversource Grant of Locations: Montvale Road and Lawrence Road

Maureen Carroll, Eversource Rights and Permits

Eversource has petitioned the town for two grants of location:

Lawrence Road – Southwesterly from pole 387 / 2 approximately 194 feet northwest of Pine Street, a distance of 45 feet, more or less, of conduit to provide underground electric service for 8 Lawrence Road.

Montvale Road – Northwesterly from pole 94/7 approximately 302 feet southwest of Pinecroft Road, a distance of 46 feet, more or less, of conduit to relocate existing overhead service to underground service for 31 Montvale Road

The Department of Public Works reviewed both petitions and recommends the issuance of the grants of location for both, subject to conditions. Mr. Houston opened the meeting to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Mr. Boshart moved to approve, with conditions as outlined by Weston’s Department of Public Works, the petition from Eversource for a grant of location to install approximately 45 feet, more or less, of conduit in Lawrence Road to provide underground electric service to house no. 8 Lawrence Road. And further, to approve, with conditions as outlined by Weston’s DPW, the petition from Eversource for a grant of location to install approximately 46 feet, more or less, of conduit in Montvale Road to provide underground electric service to house no. 31 Montvale Road. 2nd by Ms. Bent. **Approved unanimously**

Item 3 - Occupy Public Way Request: 99 North Avenue

Eric Hersum, property owner, and Beth Nolan, attorney

Mr. Hersum is seeking permission to do surface work in the Town’s right of way to make his driveway safer to enter and exit. The plans have been reviewed by the Public Works Department. Town Counsel and Ms. Nolan have reviewed the license agreement.

MOTION: Ms. Bent moved to approve the License Agreement with Eric Hersum, 99 North Avenue, to perform some work in the Town’s right of way per the recommendation of the Department of Public Works. 2nd by Mr. Boshart. **Approved unanimously**

Item 4 – Receive Traffic/Commuter Survey Results

Tony Flynn, Planning Board, and Imaikalani Aiu, Town Planner

Mr. Flynn reviewed the survey results through the attached presentation. In summary, approximately 481 people participated and the majority of the respondents travel during rush-hour and prefer the flexibility of having their car during the day; however, environmental impacts, stress, time, and traffic were identified as reasons to avoid driving. Limited parking at the MBTA stations also came up as a reason for not using public transportation but responses indicated an interest in utilizing a shuttle to an MBTA stop, such as Kendal Green, Alewife or Riverside. The survey did not indicate support for shared riding services. Mr. Flynn and Mr. Aiu will investigate the shuttle service further and would also like to bring in neighboring communities along routes 20 and 117. He said it is worth noting that many organizations at the state level and municipalities are looking at traffic in the region and a solution has not yet been found. The traffic is anticipated to increase over the next few years. Mr. Flynn will report back to the Board regarding the shuttle service.

Item 5 - Consider Request for Exception to Cemetery Regulations

Mr. Houston noted that the Board has recently received two of these requests and that it might be time to consider revising the Cemetery Regulations. He added that he is in favor of making the exception for this couple due to their long history with the town. Ms. Bent and Mr. Boshart agreed.

MOTION: Move to grant the request of Julie and David Harmon for an exception to the cemetery regulations that would allow them to have their ashes interred in the Scattering Garden at Linwood Cemetery. 2nd by Ms. Bent. **Approved unanimously**

Item 6 - Discuss and Potentially Refer Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to Planning Board

Mr. Houston informed the Board that Mr. Alfred Aydelott, a liaison to the Planning Board specifically for the 255 Merriam Street/11 Hallett Hill Road development, has continued holding discussions with the developer, the Town Planner, Mr. Houston, the Silver Hill Group, and Town Counsel. Mr. Aydelott is hopeful to have an agreement on the by-law language in time for a March 11th public hearing before the Planning Board. The Select Board will need to refer the by-law to the Planning Board, which is a technical matter and does not mean the Select Board is sponsoring proposed zoning by-law articles for a Town Meeting; however, the developer has stated that the timeline for Annual Town Meeting would prevent him from taking advantage of this construction season but an additional month would be helpful.

Item 7 - Approve Statement of Interests for the High School F Wing Roof Replacement and Middle School HVAC Roof Top Unit Replacement to be Submitted by the Superintendent of the Weston Public Schools to the Mass. School Building Authority

The Schools are seeking the Select Board’s authorization to submit two projects for the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) assistance program. One is for a roof-top HVAC unit at the Middle School and one is for a partial roof replacement at the High School. The process requires a vote of the School Committee and the Select Board, both to be submitted to the MSBA to begin the process. The Facilities Department is monitoring both projects.

MOTION: Mr. Boshart moved to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Weston High School partial roof replacement, as written below:

Having convened in an open meeting on February 11, 2020, the Weston Board of Selectmen, of the Town of Weston, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated February 14, 2020 for the High School, located at 444 Wellesley Street, Weston, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which Weston may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

#5 Replacement of the F Wing Roof that has exceeded its 30-year life expectancy.

And further, specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Weston to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts Building Authority.

2nd by Ms. Bent. **Approved unanimously**

MOTION: Mr. Boshart moved to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Middle School roof-top HVAC unit, as written below:

Having convened in an open meeting on February 11, 2020, the Weston Board of Selectmen, of the Town of Weston, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated February 14, 2020 for the Middle School, located at 456 Wellesley Street, Weston, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which Weston may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

#5 Replacement of the Roof Top Heating and Cooling Unit #3 that is failing and has reached its 30-year life cycle.

And further, specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Weston to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts Building Authority.

Item 8 - Review Conflict of Interest Document for Town Manager

Mr. Gaumond serves as a municipal representative on the MIIA Inc. Board of Directors and the Property and Casualty Board, both of which the Town of Weston is represented. Mr. Gaumond spoke with Town Counsel regarding the appearance of a conflict of interest and has prepared a disclosure for the Select Board's approval.

MOTION: Mr. Houston moved to adopt the language as provided by Town Counsel:

As appointing official, as required by G.L. c. 268A, § 19, the Board of Selectmen has reviewed the particular matter and the possible financial interest identified above by the Town Manager. The Board of Selectmen has determined that the financial interest of MIIA, even if it were considered to be a "business organization" for the purposes of G.L. c.268A, §19, in the Town's consideration about benefits providers is, at best, remote and speculative and, therefore, not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the municipality may expect from the Town Manager, and hereby grant permission as requested to fully engage in any aspect of discussions and recommendations concerning benefits providers and any change with respect thereto.

2nd by Ms. Bent. **Approved unanimously**

Item 9 – Town Manager Review

Mr. Houston asked to pass over this item.

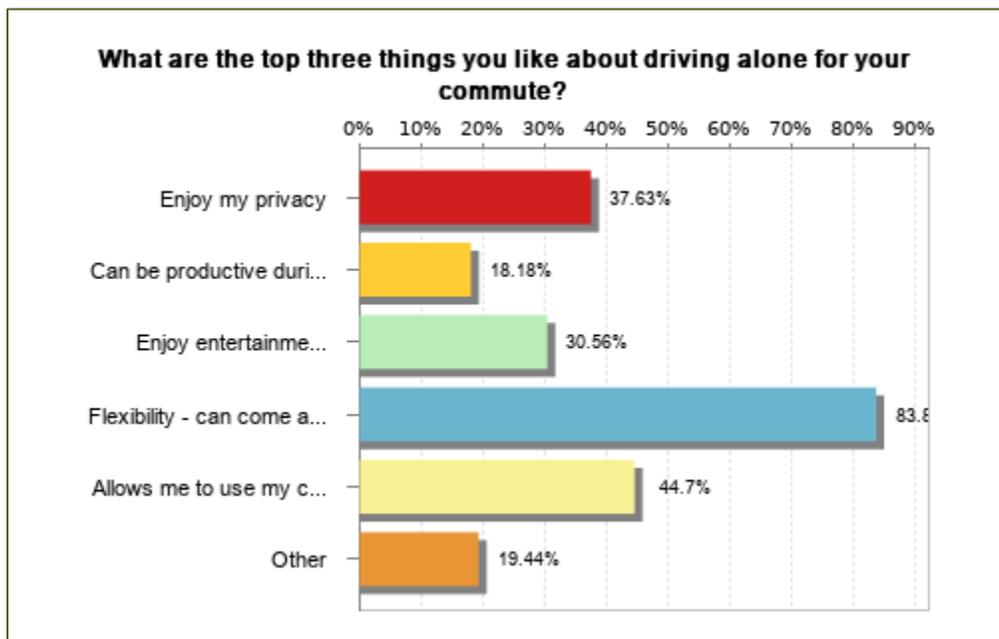
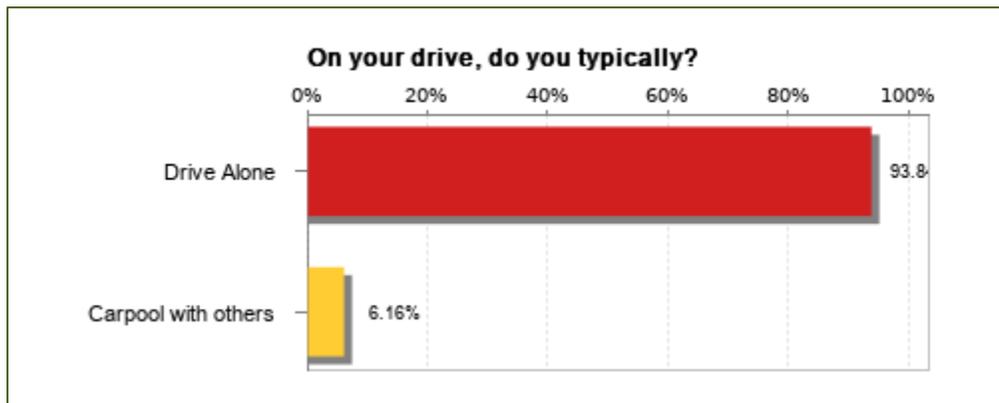
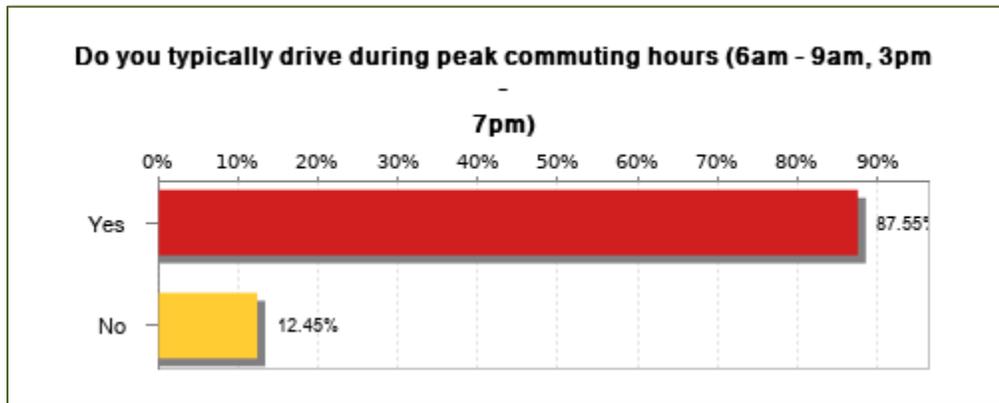
Meeting adjourned 8:36 p.m.

Laurie A. Bent
Clerk

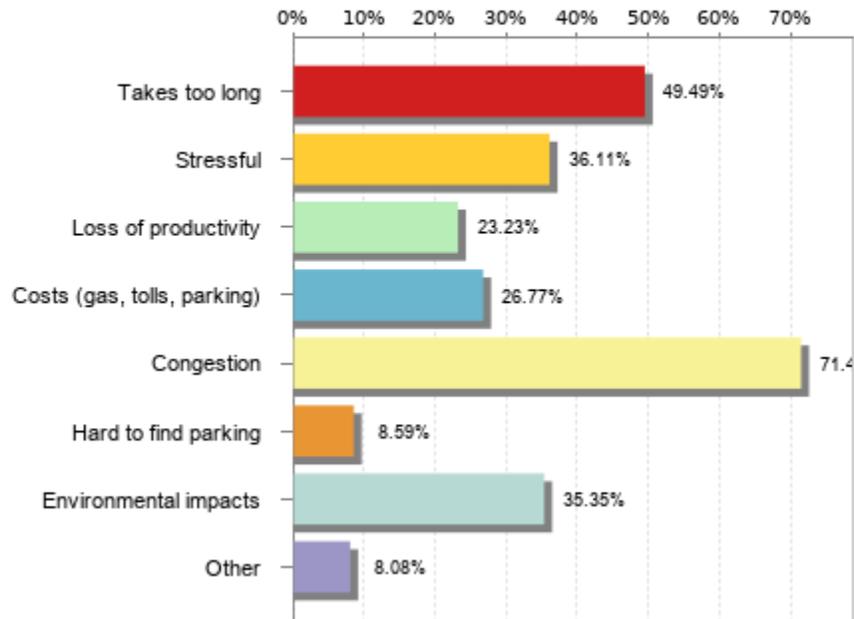
Note: A copy of all documents, explanatory material, and exhibits presented to and used by the Select Board as part of this meeting are attached to the approved minutes.

Where to Weston Survey Results

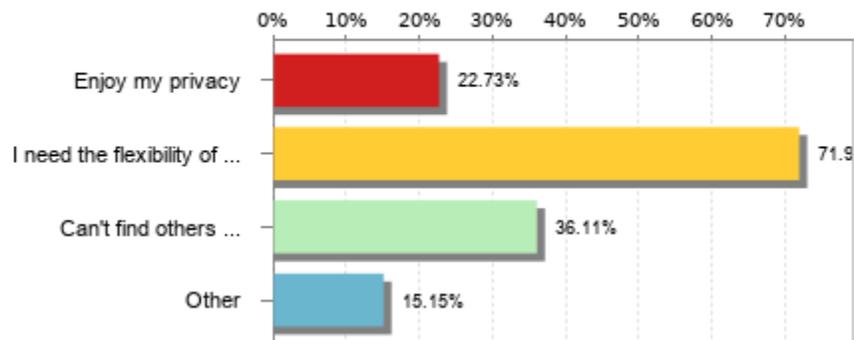
(On line only) as of 2/6/2020



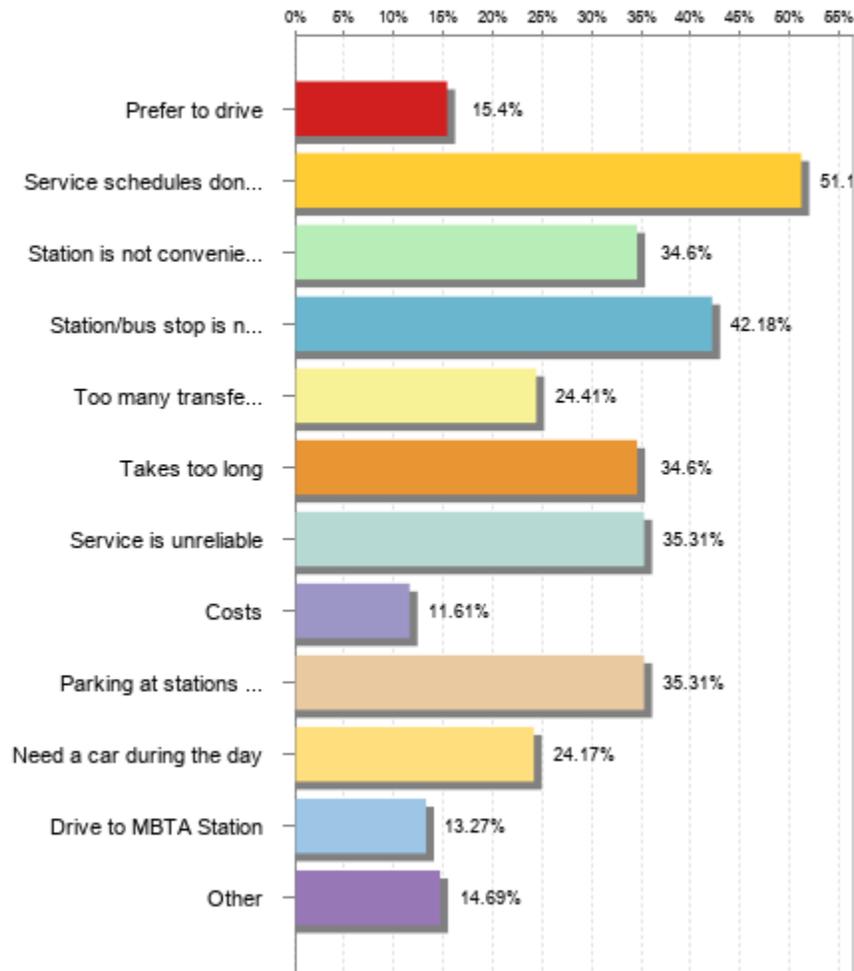
What are the top three things you don't like about driving alone during your commute?



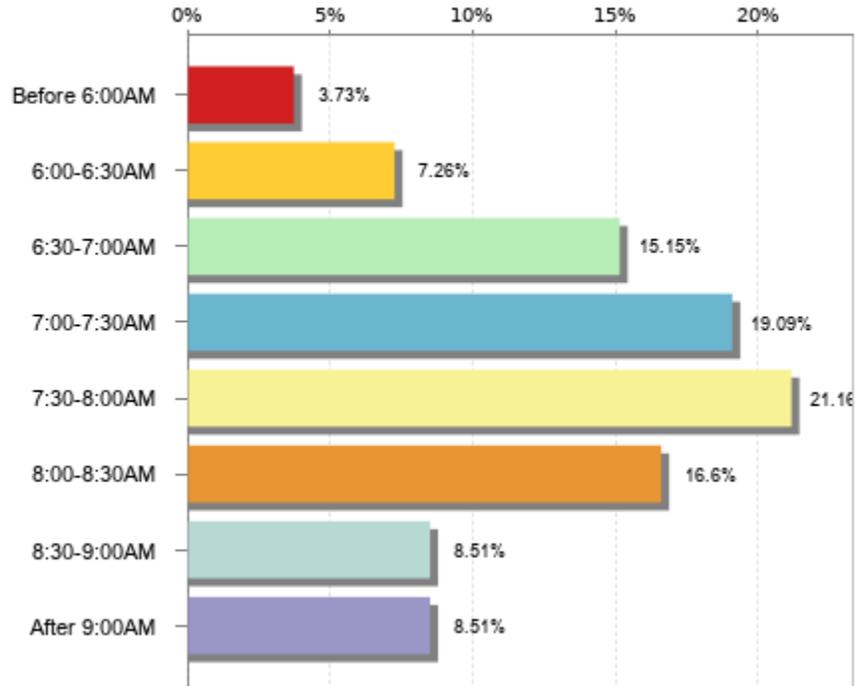
Please select all the reasons you do not typically carpool for your commute?

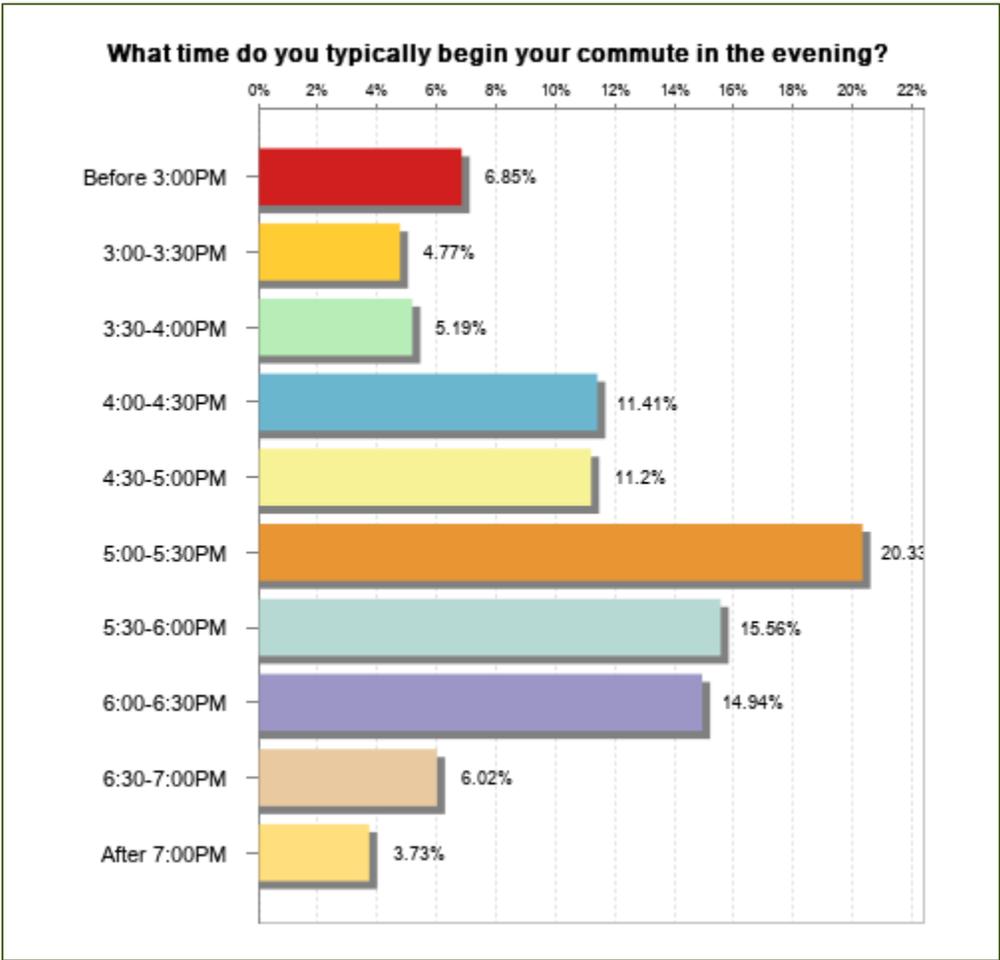


Please select all the reasons you do not typically use MBTA rail/subway/busses for your commute?

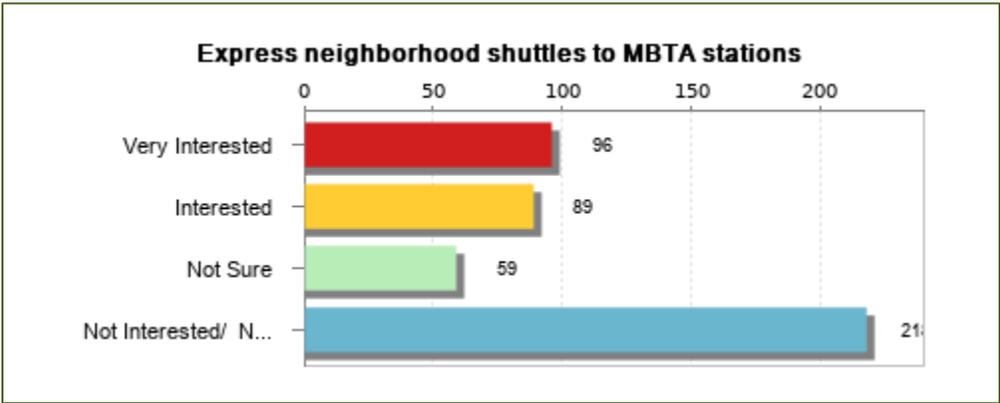


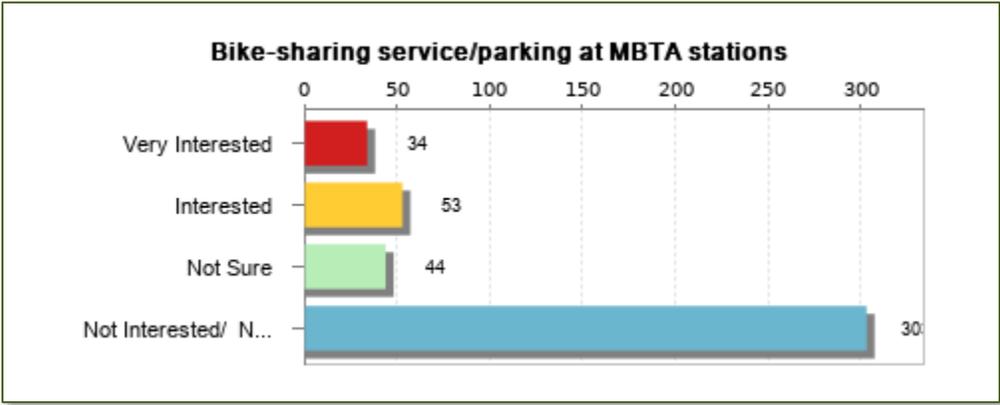
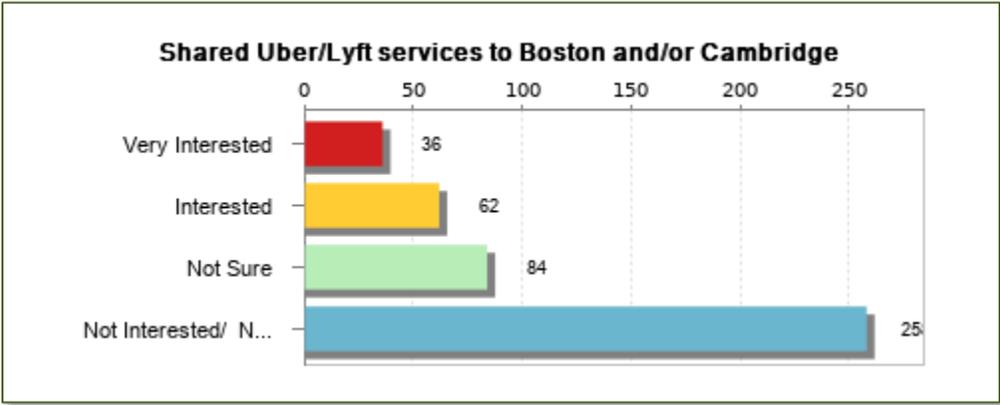
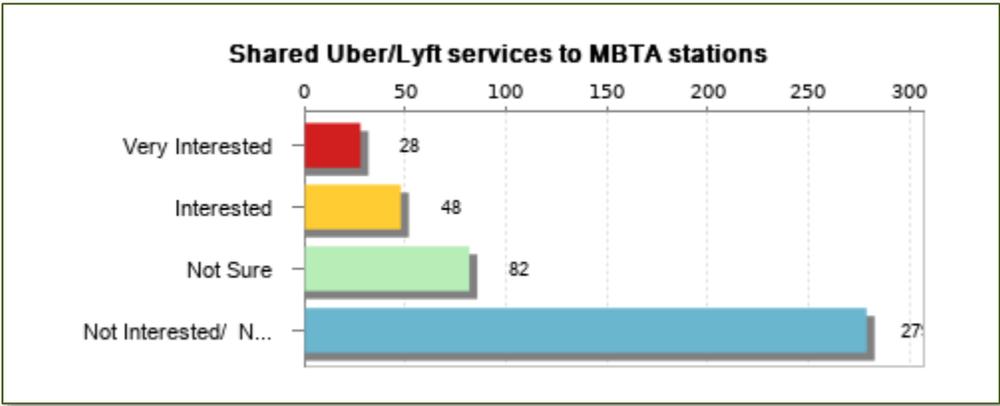
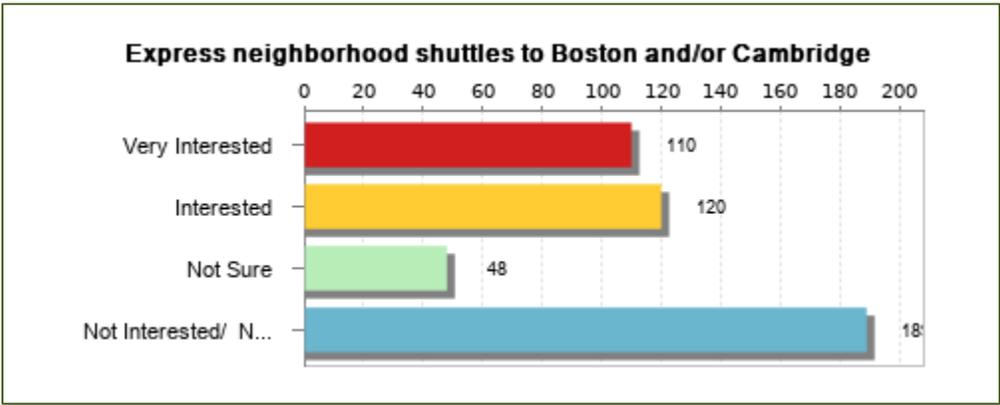
What time do you typically begin your commute in the morning?



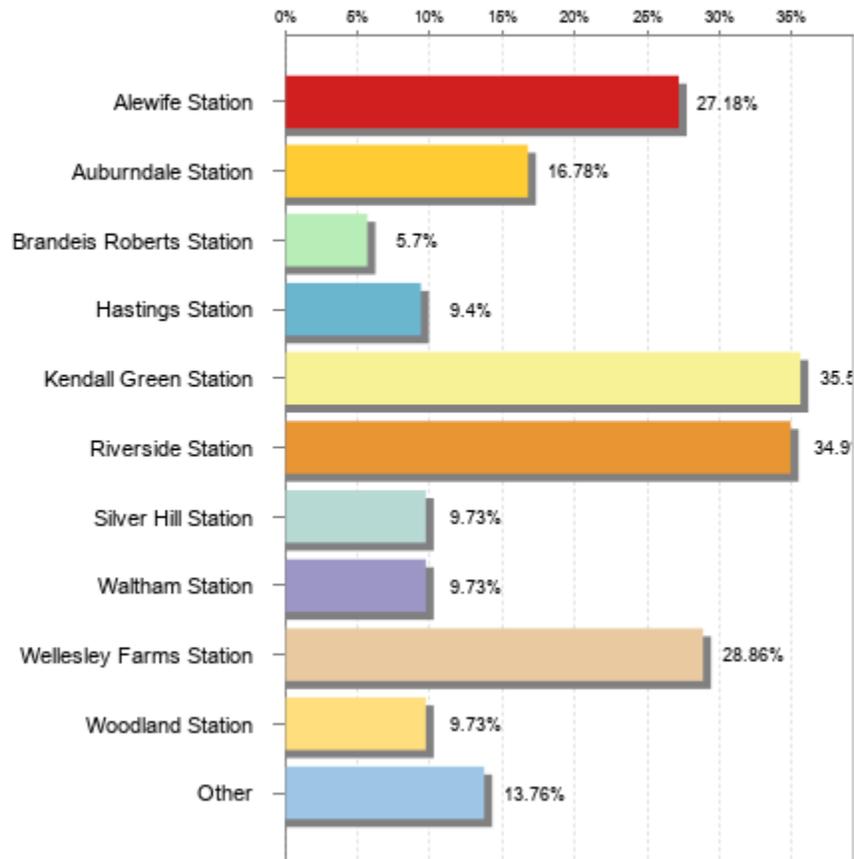


Interest in Pilot Programs

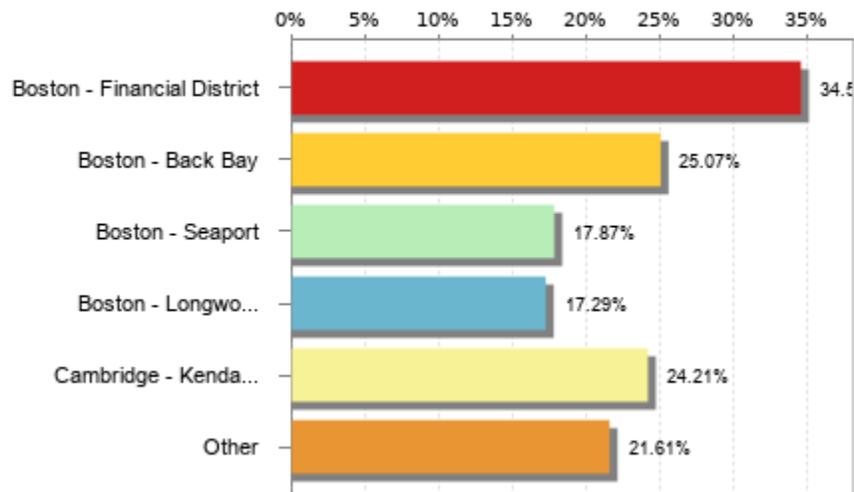




If you are interested in pilot shared transportation programs to the MBTA, which stations are you interested in? Please select ...



If you are interested in potential services to Boston/Cambridge, what destinations interest you? Please check all that apply.



What benefits would compel you to use a pilot shared transportation program for your typical commute? Please select your top ...

