

Watertown Public Transit Task Force

Mission Statement

The WPTTF seeks to improve the quality and quantity of affordable transit services for Watertown residents and workers because good public transit is essential for the proper functioning and environmental sustainability of a livable metropolitan area.

Vision

The WPTTF celebrates Watertown's historical reliance on transit as a classic streetcar suburb. We advocate for a future in which transit is convenient, affordable, dependable and the preferred choice for getting into, out of and around Watertown.

We desire a future of cooperation among citizens, businesses, the Town and state government to plan thoughtfully, innovate creatively and respond effectively to evolving transit needs and technological improvements.

We look forward to a reduced need for any resident or employee to use a private vehicle, and foresee a time when the traffic congestion and gridlock of today is gone. We envision a time when the health and quality of life of everyone in Watertown is better because of Watertown's leading role in making this transit future a reality.

Short Term Goals

Bring about an improvement in the quantity and quality of the MBTA bus routes that serve Watertown.

Provide organized forums to discuss the needs of current and potential transit users. Collect data and anecdotal information for use in making the case for improving transit.

Raise awareness of Watertown residents, businesses, and elected and administrative officials of the shortcomings of existing transit services and the potential benefits of improved services.

Study existing transit conditions, identify shortcomings and propose potential remedies.

Work with Town government to improve our town's planning capacity to respond to current transit needs, anticipate future needs and propose environmentally sustainable transit improvements.

Realize new, additional transit services that connect us more, and in better ways, to subway and commuter rail mass transit.

Represent the transit riders of Watertown at meetings of the MBTA, Mass DOT and other entities, which are relevant to our Transit Service.

Connect with similar citizens' groups in other towns and with other Watertown groups with overlapping interests to find common cause and coordinate advocacy for public transit.

Advocate for increased funding and expansion of transit options in Eastern Massachusetts.