



# GWSA IAC Meeting

May 9, 2018



# Meeting Agenda

- Updates
- Process and Protocol for future IAC and Subcommittee meetings
- Discussion on results from Transportation Listening comments
- Report out by Transportation Subcommittee
- Discussion on scope and content for GWSA 10-Year Progress Report

# Process and Protocol for future IAC and Subcommittee meetings

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# Open Meeting Law

- Meeting Notification:

- Post on registered website at least 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before meeting;
- Include name of public body, meeting date/time and location, agenda items, and date of posting.

- Meeting Minutes:

- Include meeting date/time and location and list of members present, absent, and participating remotely (if allowed by public body);
- Summarize discussion of each agenda item;
- Record all decisions made and the actions taken at each meeting, including all votes (record votes as roll call votes if any member participates remotely);
- Get approval within 30 days or 3 regular meetings, whichever is later (encouraged to approve at next meeting).

# Application of OML to IAC

- IAC full body and Subcommittee meeting notices and materials to be posted on GWSA dashboard:  
[www.mass.gov/eea/gwsa](http://www.mass.gov/eea/gwsa)
- IAC meetings
  - Approve meeting minutes at next IAC meeting
- IAC Subcommittee meetings
  - Send Subcommittee's meeting notice to Hanh for posting 1 week before meeting date
  - Write meeting minutes in accordance with OML
  - Approve Subcommittee meeting minutes at Subcommittee meetings
- IAC and Subcommittee membership

# OML Resources and Trainings

- OML materials:
  - Open Meeting Law text;
  - Attorney General's Regulations, 940 CMR 29.00-29.11;
  - Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Guide
- IAC members must complete the Certificate of Receipt of Open Meeting Law Materials within two weeks and give signed certification to Hanh at the next IAC meeting in June
- AGO website for Open Meeting Law resources and training:  
<https://www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law>

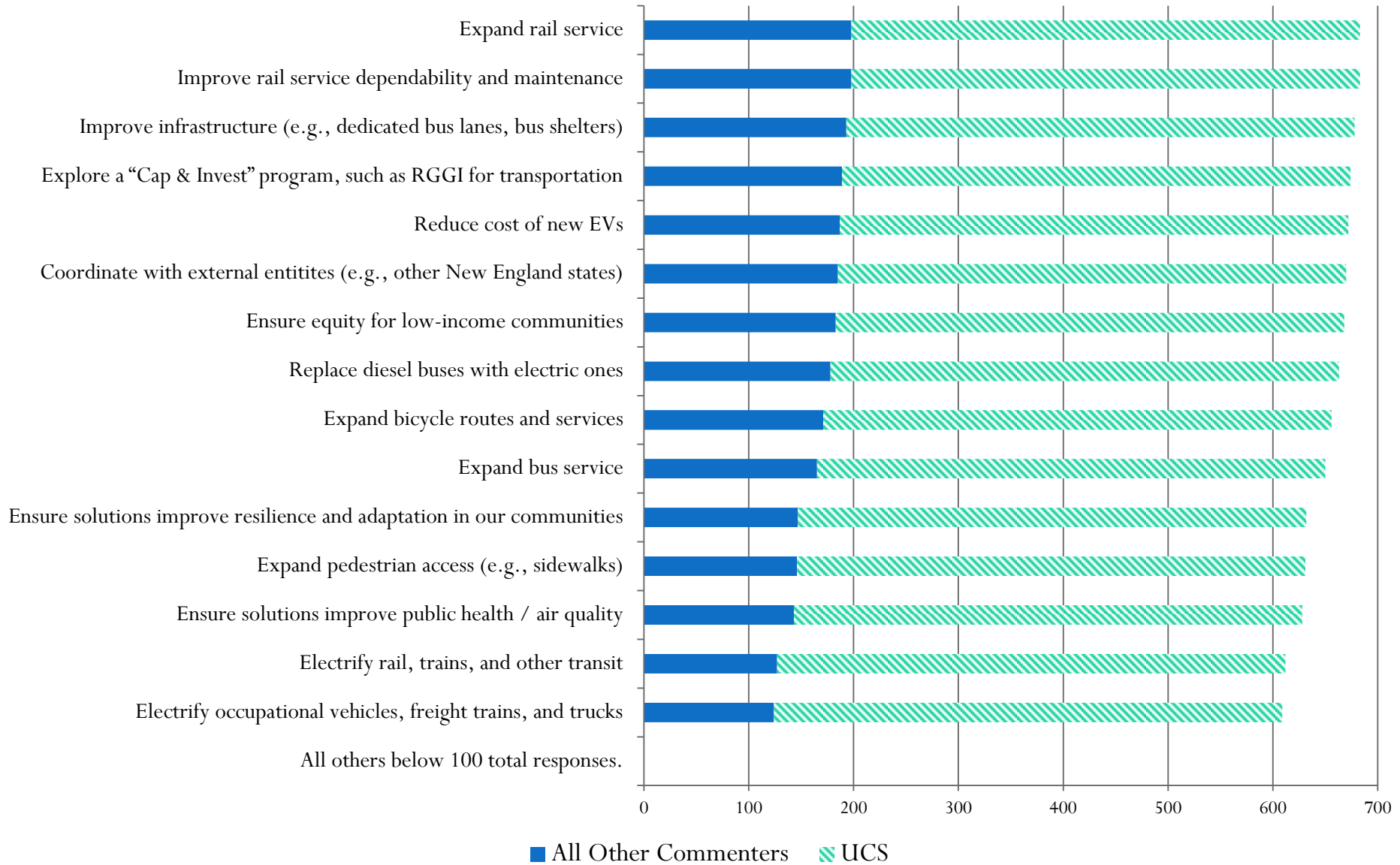
# Transportation Listening Sessions: Results of Submitted Comments

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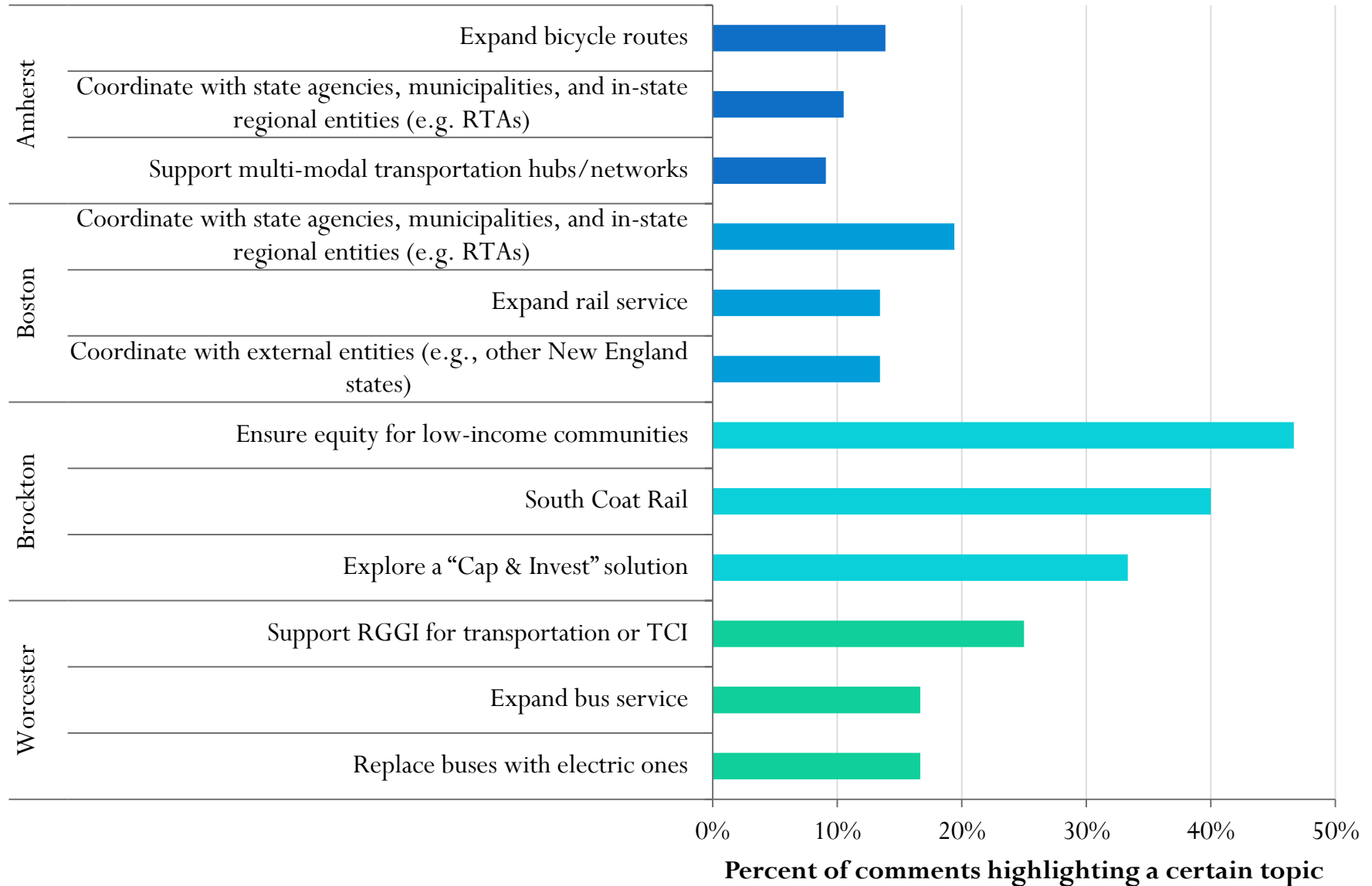
# Response: Overview

- Over 1100 comments (oral and written) received:
  - ~40% of comments received came from letter-writing campaign coordinated by Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS)
  - Affiliation of commenters not participating in UCS campaign:
    - 62% NGOs, incl. small local advocacy groups (e.g., Bike Belmont);
    - 19% residents, incl. those identifying as private citizens or giving no affiliation;
    - 14% private sector rep., incl. industry trade assoc.;
    - 5% gov't rep., from the U.S. EPA to Cambridge City Hall.

# Most Frequently Supported Topics



# Top Three Topics from Each Session



# High-Priority Issues and Suggestions

## 1. Expand and Improve Public Transit

- Expand rail lines, especially South Coast, East-West, and a 128 loop.
- Expand bus infrastructure, especially bus shelters and dedicated bus lanes.
- Increase the frequency of transit schedules, expand the hours of service, and better coordinate among regional transit authorities (RTAs) to improve connections.

## 2. Provide True Alternatives to Driving Private Cars

- Expand bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, especially separated bike lanes as a matter of public safety.
- Connect bike and pedestrian routes to other modes of transportation; improve infrastructure at hubs.

## 3. Electrify Transportation

- Continue and expand electric vehicle rebate programs, especially programs that focus on low-income communities.
- Expand and develop charging infrastructure, especially public networks and in workplaces
- Work with utilities to allow time-of-use pricing.
- Electrify transit buses and rail – this is a matter of operational and energy efficiency as well as public health and environmental justice.

## 4. Pricing Mechanisms

- Fund transportation emissions strategies through a cap-and-invest program – especially one that works regionally, such as an expansion of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to include transportation fuels.

# Guiding Principles/Cross-Cutting Issues

1. Massachusetts should act as leader in New England and the Northeast.
2. Low-income residents must not be harmed or left behind.
3. Transportation infrastructure and emissions are not just environmental issue – also issues of housing, public health, and equal access.
4. Consider resiliency and adaptation to climate change for all work and improvements to transportation infrastructure and for overall work in the sector.
5. Solutions must be designed for the Commonwealth's urban AND rural communities.

# Transportation Subcommittee Report Out

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# GWSA 10-Year Progress Report: Discussion on scope & content

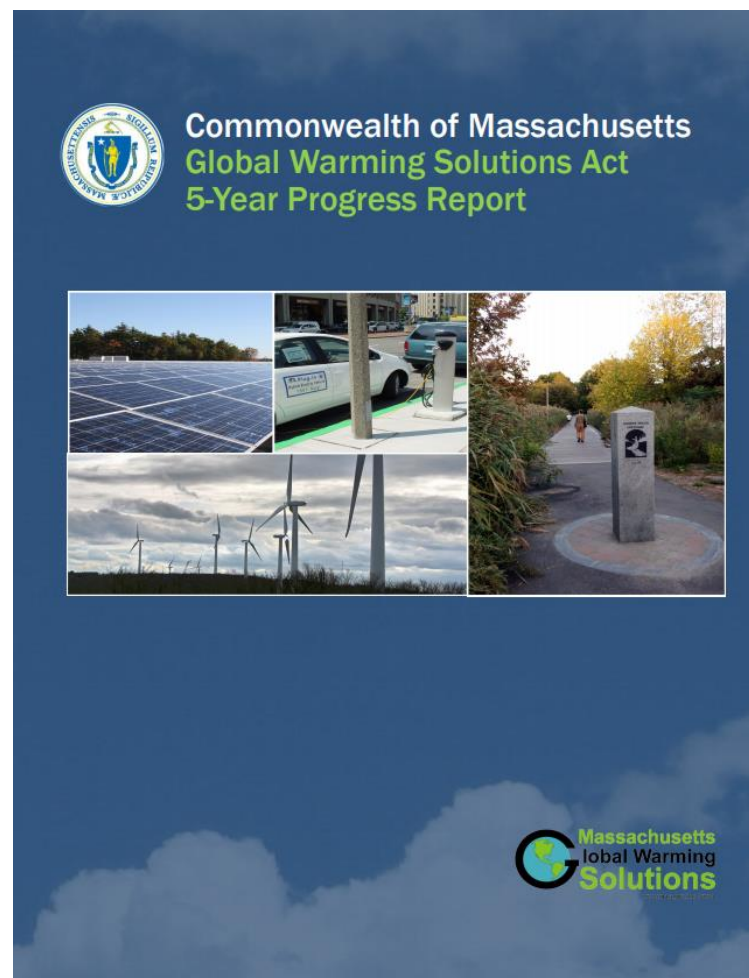
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# GWSA Section 5 requirements

- Report on GWSA implementation progress and recommendations every 5 years.
- The report shall include, without limitation:
  - Equity, cost benefits
  - Potential impacts on low-income communities
  - Treatment of early emission reductions
  - Interaction with federal and state air quality standards
  - Other societal benefits
  - Potential administrative burden
  - Leakage outside state borders
  - Relative contribution to statewide GHG emissions
  - Whether GHG reductions are “real, permanent, quantifiable, verifiable and enforceable”
  - Recommendations for future policy action

# GWSA 5-Year Progress Report

- Discussed:
  - Progress on GHG emissions and reductions in each major sector and across sectors;
  - Collaboration and coordination between state agencies and with IAC;
  - Capacity building to support and manage effective GWSA implementation;
  - Recommendations to increase pace of GWSA implementation;
  - Massachusetts Climate Change Adaptation Report in 2011, its findings, and next steps.



# GWSA 10-Year Progress Report

- IAC feedback on scope and content?