

Secretary Jeffrey Mullan to Discuss Transit Finance with Expert Panel

ABC's Fixing Transit Finance Forum to be held at Boston Harbor Hotel this Monday

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BOSTON – Secretary and CEO for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Jeffrey Mullan will join a panel of experts convened by A Better City (ABC) for a discussion about the current and future finances of the MBTA and Regional Transit Authorities at the Fixing Transit Finance Forum at the Boston Harbor Hotel on Monday, April 25 from 8-9:30 a.m.

"We are very excited to have Secretary Mullan joining our panelists, members and the general public to talk about how we pay for public transportation in the Commonwealth," said Richard A. Dimino, President and CEO of A Better City. "Public transportation and out transportation system is a cornerstone of our state's economy and global competitiveness. We hope that this will be the start of an ongoing public discussion about solutions for a very challenging situation."

The expert panel includes Michael Widmer, President of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Paul Regan, Executive Director of MBTA Advisory Board, Thomas Cahir, Administrator of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority, and Astrid Glynn, Principal of TPRG LLC and consultant to ABC. The panelists will provide an overview of the progress, challenges, opportunities and strategic options directly related to financing transit in the Commonwealth. The forum will open with remarks from ABC Chair Larry DiCara and conclude with a Q&A session for attendants.

This Forum is one of the many opportunities created by A Better City, a membership organization working to improve the economic competitiveness and quality of life in Boston through the advancement of transportation, environmental and land development

projects and policies, in which its members can interface directly with decision makers and field experts.

For additional information and to register for the Fixing Transit Finance Forum, please visit www.abettercity.org.

About A Better City

A Better City (ABC) is an independent, membership-based organization that works to improve the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the Greater Boston region by advancing significant transportation, land development and environmental policies, projects and initiatives. Made up of leaders from Boston business and major institutions, ABC encourages collaboration between the public and private sectors to act on challenges facing the region today and into the future. A Better City is built on the foundation of more than 15 years of success as the Artery Business Committee, widely credited with being a key contributor to achieving consensus and keeping Boston open for business during the Central Artery/Tunnel project, the largest and most complex urban infrastructure project ever undertaken in the United States. For more information, visit www.abettercity.org.

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