



As Prepared for Delivery: *Legislative Testimony in Support of H.3683*
An Act Relative to Establishing the Science Corridor
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Good afternoon, Chairs and members of the Committee. My name is Tom Yardley and I serve as the Vice President for Area Planning and Development at the Longwood Collective, a non-profit serving 22 members in the Longwood Medical and Academic Area. Our members include world-class hospitals, Harvard Medical School, leading research institutions, and several universities and colleges.

For over 50 years, the Longwood Collective has planned and provided transportation services to ensure people can get to and around Longwood safely and efficiently. Our team works daily to improve mobility, enhance access, and support the thousands who work, study, and receive care here.

I am testifying in support of **House Bill 3683** sponsored by Representative Kevin Honan, which directs MassDOT to conduct a **comprehensive assessment of future direct bus rapid transit** between Kendall Square, Allston, North Brighton, and the Longwood Medical Area, areas that together form the “Science Corridor.”



The need is urgent. Longwood employs 73,000 people -- a **50% increase over the last decade** -- and supports **\$18 billion in annual economic activity**. About half of Longwood's employees rely on public transit. Our colleges educate 24,000 students, and our hospitals see over **3.8 million patient visits each year**.

Current travel into and out of Longwood is constrained by **congestion, limited road space, and insufficient direct transit connections**. Too many commuters must rely on indirect routes or multiple transfers, reducing reliability and efficiency. With more than four million square feet of new development recently completed or underway in Longwood, demand for mobility will only grow.

By studying the Science Corridor -- particularly at a time when rapid bus transit and infrastructure are at the forefront of the state's transportation initiatives through Bus Network Redesign -- we open the door to a **once-in-a-generation opportunity**. This is about more than neighborhood connections; it's about **linking regional economic clusters with direct, high-capacity transit**, providing greater reliability for medical and scientific workers, faster travel times, and a stronger foundation for growth in the Boston region.



In short, H.3683 gives Massachusetts the insight needed to plan proactively for a high-capacity transit system that meets the needs of workers, students, and patients for decades to come.

Importantly, the study will also position Massachusetts to **reap the economic and regional benefits** of improved transit -- strengthening life sciences and healthcare hubs, reducing congestion, advancing sustainability goals, and ensuring long-term competitiveness.

The Science Corridor represents a rare chance to align transportation with the state's economic future -- connecting our major medical and innovation hubs with efficient, reliable, and sustainable transit.

We are hopeful that this session presents the opportunity for H.3683 to advance, allowing Massachusetts to strategically plan for the future of mobility and strengthen Longwood as a global center of innovation, healthcare, and education.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

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