



EVENT BRIEFING
MBTA to Begin Enforcement of Bus Stop Bill
Improving bus access and safety for all customers

Date: Tuesday, April 7
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Bus Stop in front of The Cambridge Citywide Senior Center
806 Massachusetts Avenue, Central Square

Speakers: MBTA General Manager Daniel A. Grabauskas
Massachusetts Office on Disability Director Myra Berloff
Mayor of Cambridge E. Denise Simmons
Boston Center Independent Living (BCIL) Exec. Director Bill Henning
AACT Chairman Ben Haynes

Background:

On January 7, 2009, Governor Deval Patrick signed into law House Bill 4524 to improve access and safety at all MBTA bus stops. The bill increases the penalty to \$100 for vehicles that are illegally parked in public bus stops throughout the state.

While the new law increases the fine for illegally parked vehicles, the goal of the law is to change the behavior of drivers throughout the state, thereby ensuring that bus stops are open and available for the bus to pull to the curb and allow customers to board and exit the vehicle safely.

The statewide parking fine increase will send a strong message that bus stops are for buses only and not to be used by private or commercial vehicles.

Event --- PHOTO/VIDEO OPPORTUNITY

Officials gather at bus stop in front of Cambridge Senior Center to officially announce that beginning Tuesday, April 7, persons who park in an MBTA bus stop will be fined \$100.