

Randolph Mobility Hub – call to action

Right now, many residents in Randolph housing complexes have a long walk to get to the bus or commuter rail. That means they must pay for a car, even if they're committed to commuting by T. We seek to change that, so that residents can get to work without a car, saving a huge expense and improving the environment while reducing traffic in Randolph.

Our petition asks the Town of Randolph to set up a shuttle van or bus service, between under-served residential areas and transit stations and workplaces. For example, from the Rosemont Square apartments on Chestnut West, residents must walk across High Street plus a mile along Chestnut Street to get to the nearest bus stop, the #240 on North Main Street. We propose a town-run shuttle van to replace that long walk, and many others like it.

We submitted a "Charter Petition", which entitles us to a hearing and a vote at the Randolph Town Council. We would like YOU to come and speak in favor of this petition! Tell your commuting story, and how a shuttle van would help -- in person in Spring 2023, or write a letter now!



If the Randolph Town Council votes in favor, we would begin setting up a shuttle van in 2023. If the Randolph Town Council votes no, we have the right to put this issue on the November 2023 ballot. We would need your help for that too -- gathering petition signatures in spring/summer.

Setting up a shuttle van is expensive -- probably over a million dollars in annual expenses plus well over a million for initial setup. There's a state program called Mobility Hubs -- implemented in Boston and in Acton/Maynard and others -- in which Randolph should participate.

We need your help on these tasks:

1. Write a letter to the Randolph Town Council of your story (you can read it on TV in spring 2023).
2. Contact towns with existing Mobility Hubs to cite examples.
3. Figure out the legal rules for multi-town shuttle vans (this is why the petition is "on hold")
4. Timing for a Town Council vote and to get on the November ballot (roughly: Jan/Feb for prep; March/April for vote; May/June for signature-gathering).
5. Estimate costs of Randolph shuttle van setup & operation, based on what other towns spent.
6. Create a petition in Stoughton and other towns to include them! (Canton, Avon, Holbrook, and Braintree are already on our routes and could be expanded).