



*****ADDENDUM ONE*****

**RFP to OPERATE REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE
CONNECTING the CITIES OF BROCKTON, TAUNTON, and FALL RIVER
February 5, 2025**

A pre-proposal meeting concerning the Request for Proposals to Operate Regional Transit Service Connecting the Cities of Brockton, Taunton, and Fall River was held virtually on January 30, 2025. The following are answers to questions received by potential proposers at that meeting as well as any clarifications presented at the meeting.

The initial contract will be for two years due to the funding received for the pilot. All schedules and turn-by-turn information will be provided by GATRA. Due to the nature of the pilot changes to the initial schedule may happen throughout the contract period to find the best service delivery. In the RFP GATRA has a requirement for five buses, however the service itself will only need four buses to operate, the fifth vehicle is for breaking the drivers so this could be any type of vehicle.

Questions received:

1. Is there a requirement on the year of the vehicle? *No minimum year, we ask that it not be too far out of useful life and will need to be safe and reliable. Regular maintenance of vehicles is required under the contract.*
2. What are the insurance levels required? *The successful contractor should maintain liability insurance on all vehicles used under the contract at a level that meets or exceeds \$5,000,000. The Authority shall be named as an "additional insured" on the policy.*
3. Is there a preference on parking locations for the vehicles? *GATRA does not have a preference on this, only to say that service will be starting at 6 a.m. out of Brockton, Taunton, and Fall River so the successful contract should take this into consideration when determining a location. Also, the terminals where service will be originating cannot be used as parking locations.*
4. Are you able to provide the specific route and schedule? *The finalized schedule is not available at this time, but the route will operate on the following roads: Leaves SRTA Fall River Terminal uses Route 195 to Route 24 serves BCC Fall River, back on Route 24 serves East Taunton MBTA station, takes Route 140 through downtown Taunton to GATRA's terminal and then travels on Route 138 North to Route 123 serves Stonehill at the street, continues on Route 123 to Brockton VA medical center to downtown Brockton ending at the BAT terminal. Return routing will be the above in reverse. Three buses will follow this route, and one bus will serve as an express route serving the Fall River terminal Route 195 to Route 24 getting off at Route 123 ending at BAT. Trip counts per day are as*

follows: Northbound Fall River to Taunton (10), Taunton – Brockton (10); Southbound Brockton – Taunton (10), Taunton – Fall River (10); Express Northbound Fall River – Brockton (7) and Southbound Brockton – Fall River (6)

5. Does GATRA require contractors to have GPS? *This is not required but would be helpful if available.*
6. What are the requirements for ridership and fare collection software or infrastructure? *GATRA requires that ridership is tracked, and fares be collected. The operator can use automated payment systems but would also need to have a way to collect cash. There are no specific requirements, but any system would need to be secure and financially sound.*
7. What is the anticipated start date for this contract? *May 1, 2025*