Metro Boston’s Environmental Justice Communities around Five Key MBTA Bus Routes

**ABSTRACT**

This poster illustrates five Boston bus routes with high ridership levels, and their surrounding Environmental Justice communities (by Census Block group). Environmental Justice communities are characterized by high percent minority, low income, high percent foreign-born residents, or linguistic isolation.

Each of the five routes have been evaluated and assigned a report card by the UEP Field Project Team #2 for service standards. None of the bus routes scored higher than a C. One proposed solution to improve bus transit service in Boston is a Rapid Bus Transit infrastructure.

The take-home message is that the MBTA needs to match bus service with the unique needs of the communities they are serving.