

Free Public Transit in the US

The View from Massachusetts



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- Does it Make Sense to Collect Bus Fares?
- The Dollars and Sense of Eliminating Fares
- Free Buses Advance Equity
- Freeing the Climate: Environmental Benefits of Eliminating Transit Fares

U.S. Movement Toward Free Transit?

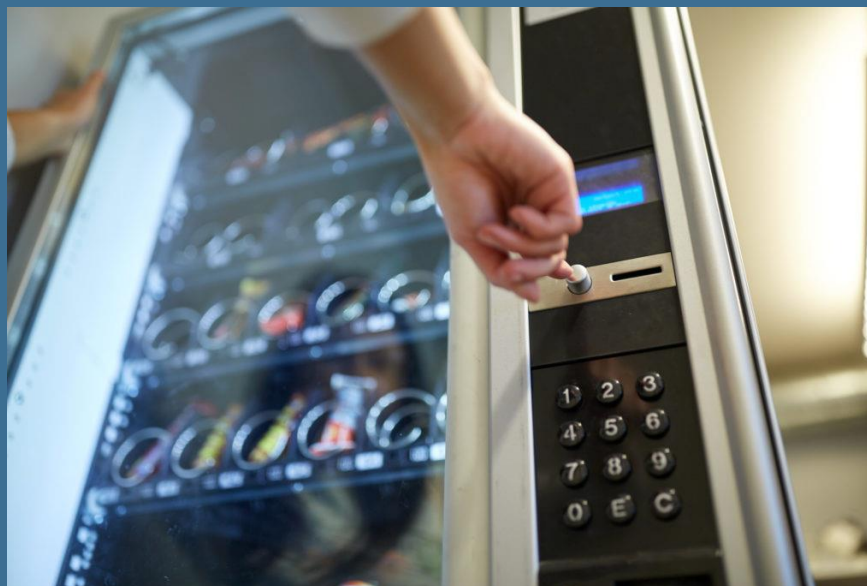
- Kansas City
- 30+ small examples
- In Massachusetts
 - Lawrence
 - Worcester
 - All buses during early COVID



Transit is a public
good



Reject the vending machine view of
government



Fare collection is a
waste

