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Gobi and Peake Elected Regional Transit Authority Caucus Chairs

BOSTON –Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown) were unanimously elected Chairs of the Regional Transit Authority Caucus today for the current legislative session. **Senator Eric P. Lesser (D-Longmeadow) and Representative Natalie Blais (D-Sunderland)** were elected Vice-Chairs.

“Our Regional Transit Authorities provide critical services to people throughout the region and I am glad to advocate for adequate funding and serve as Senate Chair of the Regional Transit Authority,” said Senator Gobi.

“I’m honored to be re-elected House Chair of the RTA Caucus. Public transit is critically important. Robust public transit spur economic growth and enables citizens to get to work, medical appointments, and to social events,” said Representative. Peake. “It’s important that our rural communities are included in every conversation about public transit.”

At the meeting, the caucus also discussed the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request for Regional Transit Authorities and amending Chapter 29 of the general laws to guarantee a base rate of funding at \$90.5 million annually, a \$2M increase over FY19 spending levels, while also adding a Consumer Price Index inflation factor that mirrors the language for funding the MBTA.

Regional Transit Authorities throughout the Commonwealth play a crucial role in access to public transportation outside of the Metro-Boston area. Citizens of all ages rely on public transit to get to and from their place of employment, medical appointments and more.

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