Current Use of Public Transit at MIT

- Overall, 25-30% of campus commuters and off-peak travelers use public transit (5,000-6,500 staff and students each day)
- Of these, we can estimate that about 1,000-1,200 use MBTA bus or private shuttle services, and the rest use the Red Line to access the campus (about 1/2 of these use Routes 1/CT1)
- 7 MBTA and 2 private bus routes serve the campus, and several other routes serve Central Square
- MIT shuttles serve about the same number of users per day as these bus routes, but most of these riders are intra-campus (about 150-200 students ride the Boston shuttle each day, and 50-60 ride the Lincoln Lab shuttle)
- Given use of private shuttles, MIT use of MBTA bus services clearly can be increased with better information and improved service levels

MBTA Route CT 1: Central Square/BMC

Peak Headway (min.)	Total Daily Boardings	Est. MIT Boardings	% MIT Boardings
20	2,300	180	8%

MBTA Route CT 2: Sullivan Square/Ruggles

Peak Headway (min.)	Total Daily Boardings	Est. MIT Boardings	% MIT Boardings
20	1,650	230	14%

MBTA Route 1: Harvard/Dudley

Peak Headway (min.)	Total Daily Boardings	Est. MIT Boardings	% MIT Boardings
8	11,700	1,000	9%

MBTA Route 64: Oak Square/Kendall

Peak Headway (min.)	Total Daily Boardings	Est. MIT Boardings	% MIT Boardings
23	1,300	85	7%

MBTA Route 68: Harvard/Kendall

Peak Headway (min.)	Total Daily Boardings	Est. MIT Boardings	% MIT Boardings
30	520	70	13%

MBTA Route 70: Waltham/Watertown Central

Peak Headway (min.)	Total Daily Boardings	Est. MIT Boardings	% MIT Boardings
10-12	6,600	140	2%

MBTA Route 85: Spring Hill/Kendall

Peak Headway (min.)	Total Daily Boardings	Est. MIT Boardings	% MIT Boardings
30-40	400	130	33%

MASCO Route M2: Harvard/LMA

Peak Headway (min.)	Total Daily Boardings	Est. MIT Boardings	% MIT Boardings
8-10	2,700	< 100	< 4%

EZ Ride (Central Square/North Station)

Peak Headway (min.)	Total Daily Boardings	Est. MIT Boardings	% MIT Boardings
10	1,000	300	30%

Summary Bus Route Data

Route #	Peak Headway (min.)	Total Daily Boardings	Est. MIT Boardings	% MIT Boardings
MBTA				
CT 1 (Central Square/BMC)	20	2,300	180	8%
CT 2 (Sullivan Square/ Ruggles)	20	1,650	230	14%
1 (Harvard/Dudley)	8	11,700	1,000	9%
64 (Oak Square/Kendall)	23	1,300	85	7%
68 (Harvard/Kendall)	30	520	70	13%
70 (Waltham/Watertown/Central)	10-12	6,600	140	2%
85 (Spring Hill/Kendall)	30-40	400	130	33%
TOTAL MBTA		24,500	1,835	7.5%
Non-MIT				
M2 (Harvard/LMA)	8-10	2,700	< 100	< 4%
EZ Ride (Central Square/North Station)	10	1,000	300	30%
TOTAL PRIVATE		3,700	< 400	< 11%

Conclusions and Recommendations

- Combine CT1 and 1 resources, and enforce headway control
- Look further at CT2, 85, and related routes (improve headways!)
- Join M2 shuttle instead of funding Boston daytime shuttle?
- Promote 70/70A, 64, and 68 services with some improvement TBD (extend further into campus?)