

REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS



Helping seniors get around town and into Boston

The familiar sight of the yellow school buses returning to their neighborhood routes in Maynard is not just a sure sign of fall: it is a hallmark of the central role transportation plays in all of our lives. Whether you are a student returning to Fowler School, or like me, continuing on your journey of lifelong learning, transportation matters. It is the foundation of how we make our economy and community accessible to residents of all ages and backgrounds.

That is why I championed strategic investment in local transit in the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) state budget, which was passed by the House and signed by the Governor last month. Read on for a snapshot of how this funding will help you get around town and into Boston.

Senior Transportation and Maynard Shuttle Service: I was proud to secure \$100,000 in the state budget towards Maynard transportation that will benefit senior mobility in two distinct ways: strengthening the Maynard Council on Aging (COA) van service and continuing a popular shuttle service to the South Acton MBTA station.

COA Van Service: I will bet that you already have experienced first-hand the impact of the COA van service, which currently helps thousands of area seniors get to appointments, go to the grocery store, and access the senior center's many programs and resources. This infusion of state funding gives the COA the capability to continue reaching seniors with safe, efficient, and enjoyable rides. To schedule a ride, reach out to the CrossTown Connect dispatch office at (978) 844-6809. The van runs Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Maynard Commuter Shuttle: Have you tried the Maynard Shuttle to the South Acton MBTA station? Run by the towns of Maynard and Acton in coordination with CrossTown Connect, the Maynard Shuttle picks up residents at various locations throughout town – including the Maynard Golf Course/Senior Center – and drops them off at the MBTA station. The popular service is a targeted transit solution informed by my leadership of the 495/MetroWest Suburban Edge Community Commission. The Commission's recent report highlights the importance of facilitating first and last mile connections to help residents get to and from the train.

As seniors, I am sure you already know this finding is not just for commuters. In my office's recent survey of local transportation habits, Maynard seniors made resoundingly clear that they too value the ability to travel to Boston efficiently and affordably. The funding included in the state budget means the popular shuttle service that has seen its ridership steadily increase since its 2016 launch – and that currently connects more than 2,300 riders to the commuter rail – can continue thriving.

To learn more, visit the town of Maynard's website at: <https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/shuttle/>

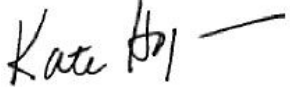
Rep. Hogan's Office Hours

- **Bolton Office Hours** will be held on Thursday, September 19th from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Bolton Public Library, 738 Main Street, Bolton
- **Maynard Office Hours** will be held on Thursday, October 10th from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Maynard Public Library, 77 Nason Street, Maynard

If you are unable to attend office hours and have an issue or concern, please call the State House at (617) 722-2199 to schedule an appointment. In addition to Rep. Hogan's office hours, her staff is available in the District Office at Maynard Town Hall, 195 Main Street, on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (*Closed Holiday Mondays*)

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