



Town of Belmont
Town Administration's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Recommendation

February 9, 2015

State Assessments and Charges

FY15 Budget	FY16 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
\$1,725,609	\$1,768,749	\$43,140	2.5%

The Annual State Aid amounts include charges assessed by the State for various activities. The State Aid Assessments and Charges for FY16 total \$1,768,749 and are described below. These are estimates which reflect a 2-1/2 increase and will be revised later in the process.

Air Pollution Districts – This charge assesses municipalities for a portion of the costs incurred by the Department of Environmental Protection in monitoring air pollution levels and enforcing air quality standards at industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.

Each municipality's share of the assessments is apportioned 50% on population and 50% on EQVs.

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs oversee the Commonwealth's six environmental, natural resource and energy regulatory agencies. The overall mission of the Executive Office is to safeguard public health from environmental threats and to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources of the Commonwealth. FY16 Budget estimated to be \$10,184.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council - The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is a regional planning agency serving the people who live and work in the 101 cities and towns of Metro Boston. MAPC's mission is to promote smart growth and regional collaboration.

The charge assesses municipalities in order to finance a Metropolitan Boston area-planning district to promote urban planning and respond to the common urban problems of Boston and outlying municipalities. Total assessment is apportioned among communities based on the community's share of the total district population. The current year assessments uses the 7/1/04 US Census Estimates. The FY16 Budget estimate is \$12,917.

RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge – This charge reimburses the Registry of Motor Vehicles for "marking" a license or registration for non-renewal due to non-payment of parking violations, motor vehicle excise, and abandoned vehicle costs. The FY16 Budget estimate is \$31,857.

The **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority** often referred to as the **MBTA** or **The T**, is the public operator of most bus, subway, commuter rail, and ferry routes in the greater Boston, Massachusetts area.

The MBTA is one of only two U.S. transit agencies that operates all of the five major types of terrestrial mass transit vehicles: regional (commuter) rail trains, "heavy" rapid transit (subway/elevated) trains, light rail vehicles (trolleys), electric trolleybuses, and motor buses

The authority is also funded by passenger fares and formula assessments of the cities and towns in its service area (excepting those which are assessed for the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority).

This charge is for services rendered to those cities and towns within the Authority, an assessment will be administered in order to maintain and operate regional public transportation.

Assessments are apportioned among communities based on weighted population shares of total district population. The FY16 Budget estimate is \$1,649,328.



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Boston Metro. Transit District – This charge assesses municipalities for the administrative costs and charges incurred by the Boston Metropolitan Transit District, also known as the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA). The FY16 Budget estimate is \$647.

Tuition Assessments

Charter School Sending Tuition – This charge assesses the sending municipality or regional school district for pupils attending a charter school district.

October 1st enrollments and expected growth are used to calculate preliminary estimates for early local aid proposals for existing charter schools.

Projected enrollments as of March 15th are used to calculate subsequent local aid proposal estimates and final cherry sheet assessments. Rates may also change as better estimated spending data are finalized. The FY16 Budget estimate is \$63,816.