Transportation Network Companies: # rides/town, funds provided to towns (2017 data)

(\$0.20/ride assessed by state on TNCs, for rides originating in that town; towns receive \$0.10/ride)

TOWN (Total Pop'n)	# TNC Rides	Town Assessment
Concord (17,688)	32, 104	\$3,210.40
Acton (23,000)	17,645	\$1,764.50
Sudbury (18,400)	14,547	\$1,454.70
Westford (21,950)	13,471	\$1,347.10
Maynard (10,100)	6,295	\$629.50
Carlisle (5,400)	2,345	\$245.50
TOTAL (96,600)	86,434	\$8,643.40

Boston = largest # rides/assessment

(From formal announcement to cities and towns in MA)

Dear Municipal Official:

I write in regards to trips conducted by Transportation Network Companies ("TNCs") in Massachusetts for the 2017 calendar year and the requirement of a \$0.20 per-ride assessment. St. 2016, c. 187, § 8. The Transportation Network Company Division ("Division") of the Department of Public Utilities ("Department"), as the oversight authority for TNCs, has recently collected assessments from all TNCs and will be proportionately distributing the funds to municipalities. A spreadsheet of municipal disbursements is attached to this email. In addition, the Division has recently collected and analyzed TNC trip data across Massachusetts, and has made this information publically available. The purpose of my writing to you is to provide information regarding municipal use of funds received from the assessment, as well as the published information on TNC trip data.

Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016 established a Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund ("Fund"). St. 2016, c. 187, § 8(a). As required, each TNC has submitted to the Division the number of rides from the previous calendar year that originated within each city or town and a per-ride assessment of \$0.20, which has been credited to the Fund. St. 2016, c. 187, § 8(a). One-half (½) of the amount received from the Fund will be distributed proportionately to each city and town based on the number of rides that originated in that city or town. St. 2016, c. 187, § 8(c)(i). In addition, one fourth (¼) will be distributed to the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, established in G.L. c. 23G, § 2, in order to provide financial assistance to small businesses operating in the taxicab, livery, or hackney industries and to encourage the adoption of new technologies and advanced service, safety, and operational capabilities and to support workforce development; and one fourth (¹/₄) to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, established in G.L. c. 29, § 2ZZZ. St. 2016, c. 187, §§ 8(c)(ii) and (iii).

We expect to disburse these funds within the coming weeks.

The distributed funds are special revenue without further appropriation. The funds must be used "to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the city or town including, but not limited to, the complete streets program established in [G.L. c. 90I, § 1] and other programs that support alternative modes of transportation." St. 2016, c. 187, § 8(c)(i). Each city or town receiving distribution from the Fund must submit a report to the Division not later than December 31, 2018, detailing the projects and the amount used or planned to be used for transportation-related projects, as described above. St. 2016, c. 187, § 8(d). The Division is required to compile the reports and post the projects and amounts of money used on its website, located at https://www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-public-utilities-transportation-network-company-division. St. 2016, c. 187, § 8(d).

In addition, as required by regulation, the Division has recently collected data regarding TNC trips throughout Massachusetts, such as data on ride origination and destination, and average time and distance of trips. 220 CMR 274.12(2)(a). The Division has published this information, along with preliminary analyses, which can be located at

<u>https://tnc.sites.digital.mass.gov/</u>. Lastly, the Department intends to continue working with TNCs to obtain and publish further information regarding their contribution to the Commonwealth's transportation landscape.