

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

- **In 2000, MA State legislators decided to change the way the T is funded by the State.**
 - *Since then, riders have dealt with three fare increases with few (if any) service improvements.*
- **Now the T has a \$5.2 billion debt (\$2.9 billion came from the Big Dig Commitments).**
 - *The T is expecting the cycle to continue and they are preparing to drop another fare increase on riders in 2010.*

WHAT'S THE BUS MARATHON / TRU RIDE-A-THON?

- **To highlight the problems, the T-Riders Union (TRU) held an event called the 2006 Bus Marathon.**
 - *The Bus Marathon challenged the T to run their buses on time (the buses didn't) and our legislators to take action and fix the T's debt situation (with the help of TRU and our partners, some legislators proposed a bill in January 2007).*
- **This year TRU is holding the April 17-19th TRU Ride-a-thon, to continue to highlight the problems of public transit and demand a fix to the T's debt situation.**
 - *A ride-a-thon is a lot like a walk-a-thon; instead of getting sponsors and walking for a cause, people will be getting sponsors and riding buses for more reliable and affordable public transit.*
 - *The event will start at the State House at 12 noon, Tuesday, April 17th*
 - *Tables will be set-up near Dudley Station (Roxbury), Bellingham Square (Chelsea), Forest Hills Station (Jamaica Plain), and Maverick Station (E. Boston)*
 - *Teams of riders will ride buses on each day to spread the word to riders about the legislation and get them involved in the struggle for more reliable and affordable public transit*

April 17-19th
T Riders Union (TRU) Ride-a-thon
Ride For Your Rights!

*We deserve
better service
and no fare
increases*



**Stand up and Fight. Rally at the State House:
Tuesday, April 17th @ 12 pm (near corner of Beacon and Park)**
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