

Compass Rail: Passenger Rail for the Commonwealth

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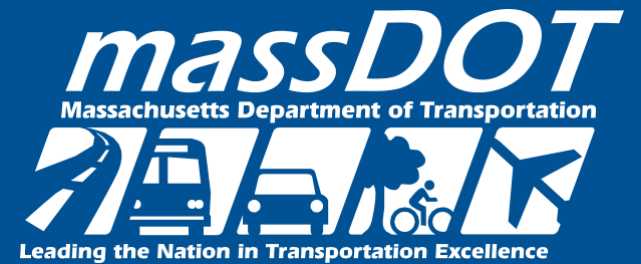


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Inland Route Award

Connecting the Commonwealth: Early Actions for the Inland Route

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Governor Healey speaks at 9/22/23 press event announcing \$108 million federal grant for Inland Route

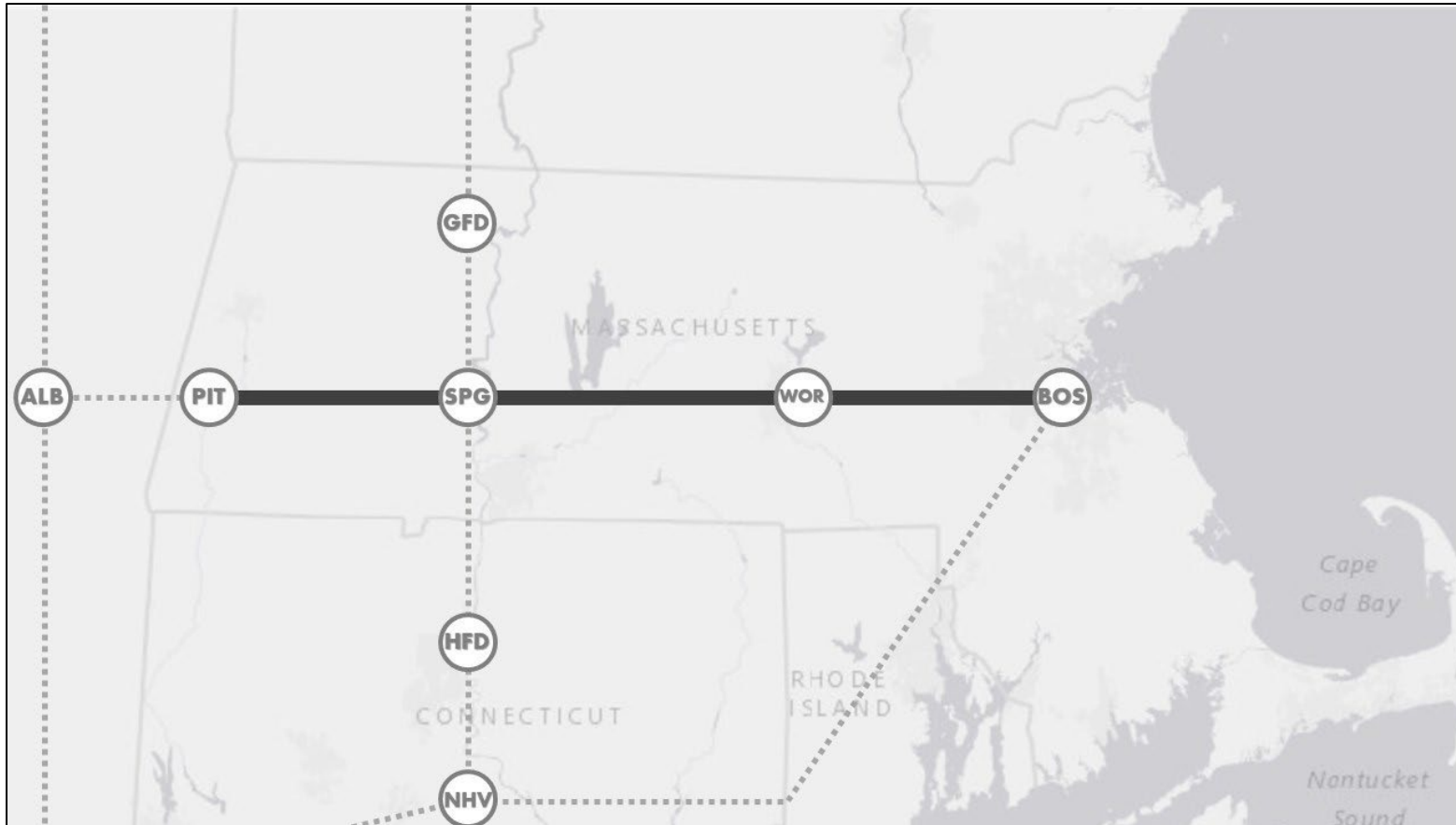


- \$108M federal + \$27M match = \$135M project
- Planning, design, and construction
- Track realignments and sidings between WOR–SPG
- Added capacity for freight and passenger trains
- Two round trips between BOS–NHV via SPG; Amtrak–operated
- Reduced travel time (i.e. higher speeds) BOS–SPG
- Working with CSX and Amtrak to refine scope

- Summer 2024: begin design
- Spring 2027: begin construction

East-West Rail

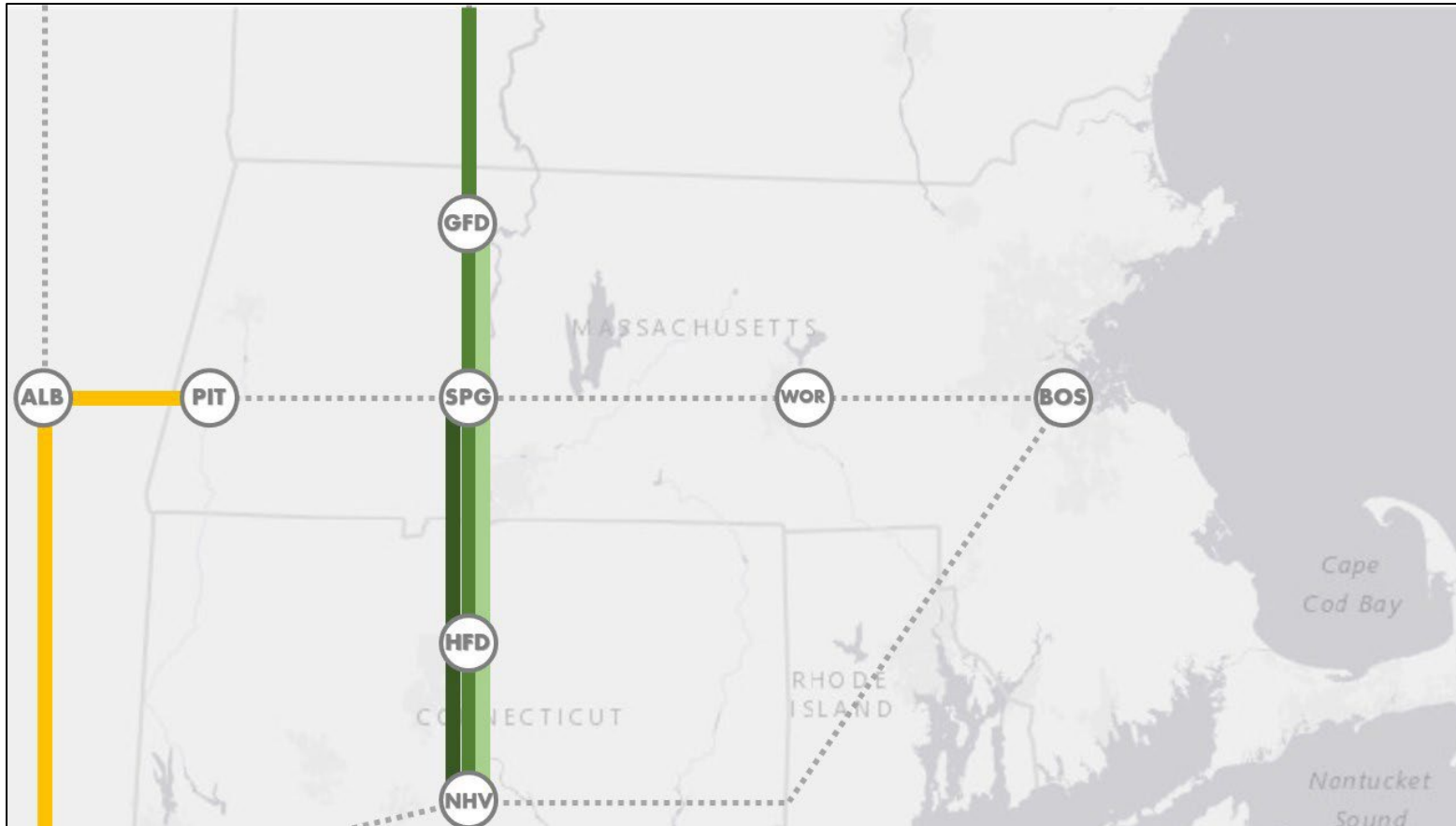
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- East-West Rail capital and service objectives will be achieved through a program of projects.

Existing Services

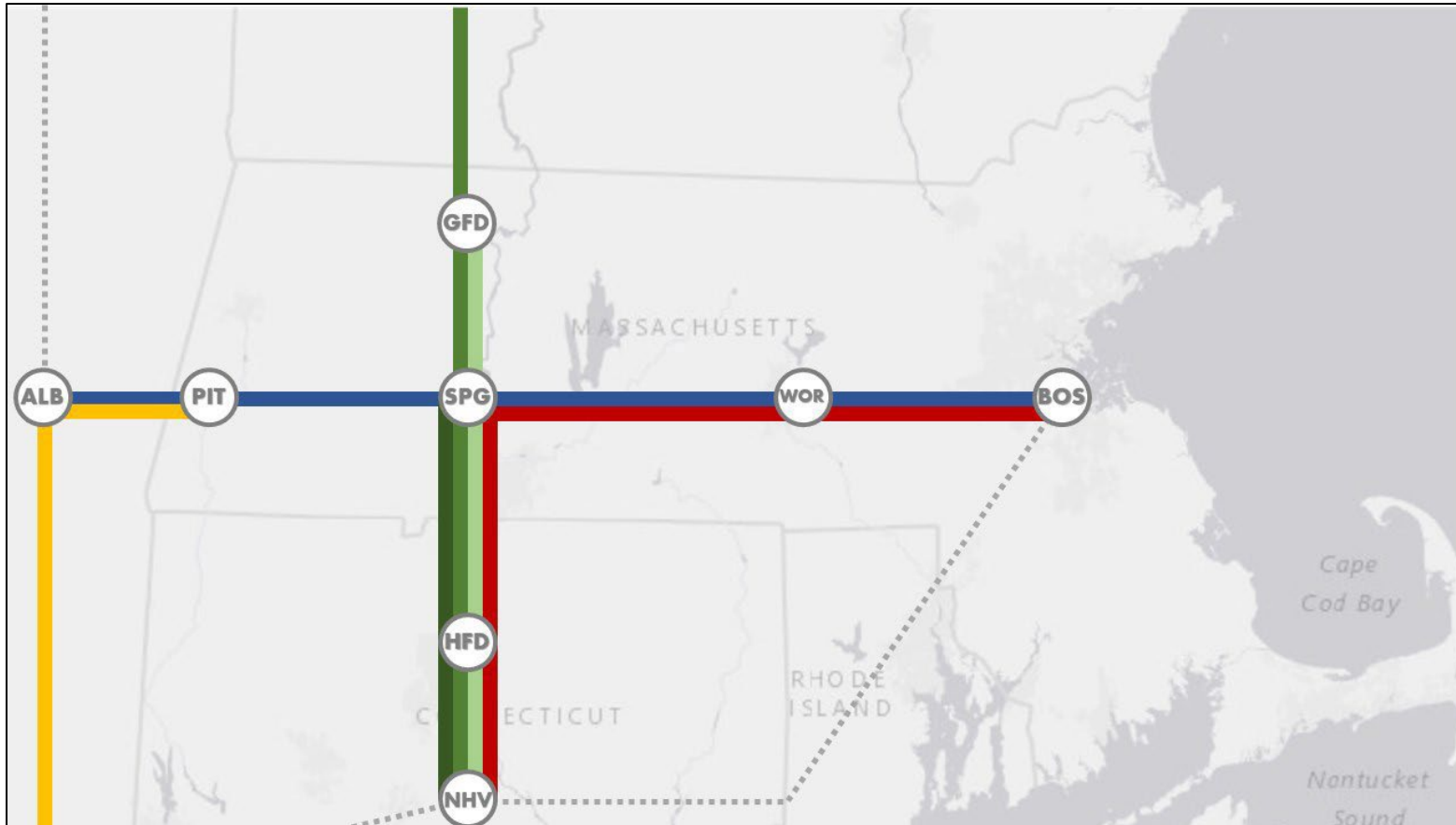
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- North-South services along the Knowledge Corridor: Vermonter, Valley Flyer, and Amtrak Hartford Line and Northeast Regional
- Seasonal Berkshire Flyer service from New York to Pittsfield

Proposed Services

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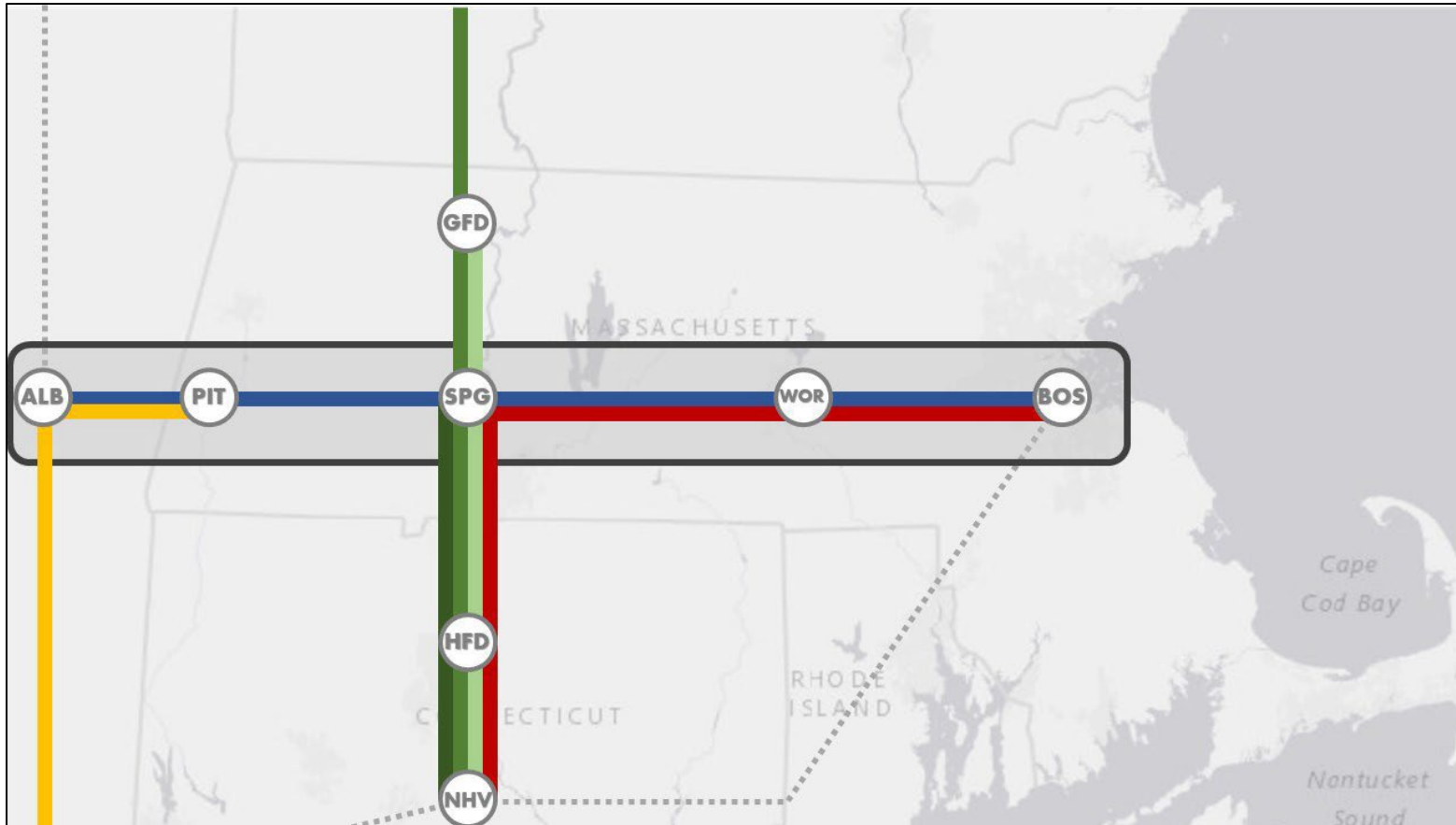


- Proposed “**Inland Route**” from Boston to New Haven, CT via Springfield
- Proposed “**Boston & Albany**” service

East-West Rail Vision

Achieved through Compass Rail

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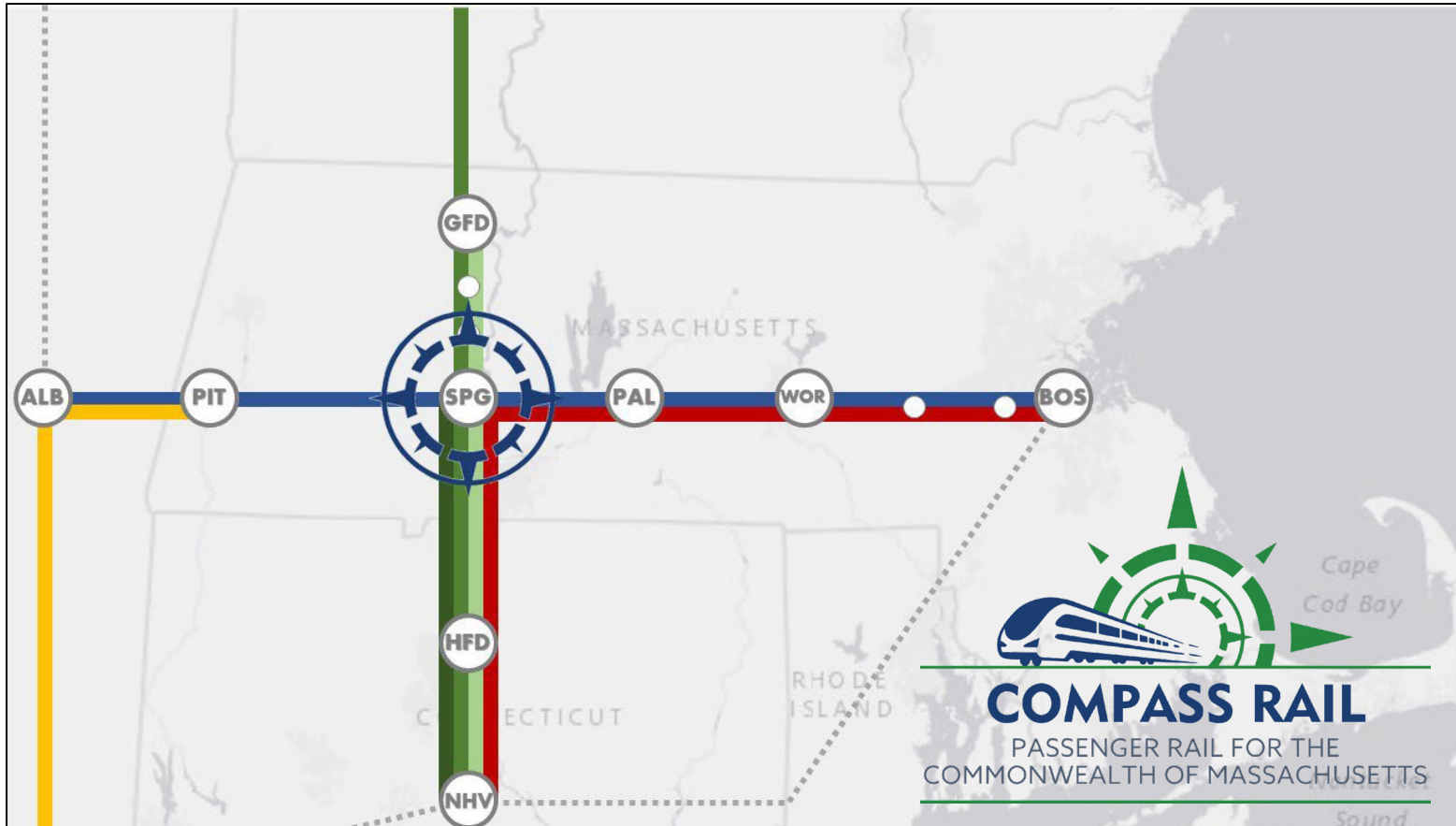


- Overlapping services build to East-West Rail vision.

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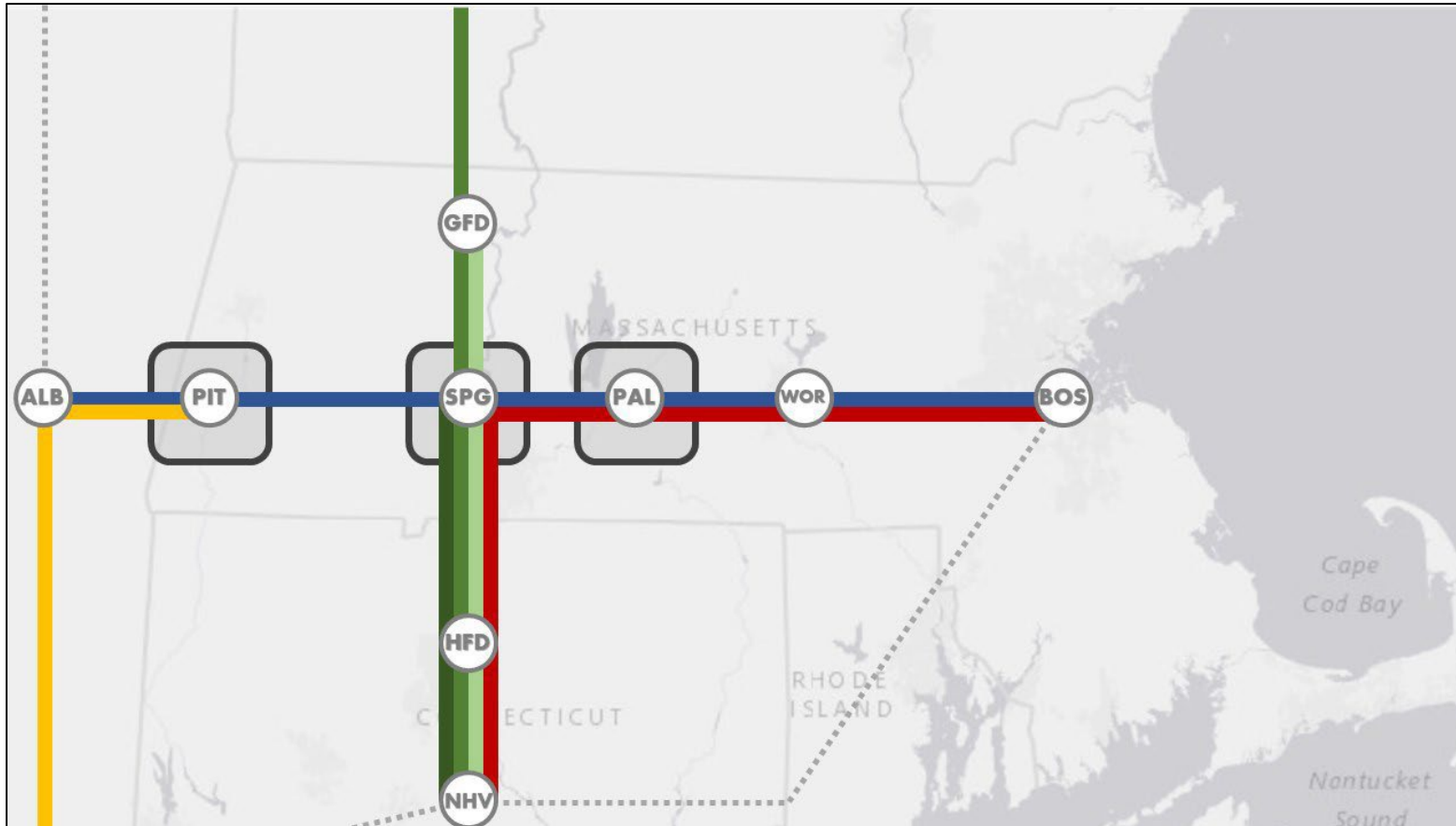


- East-West and North-South services comprise Compass Rail.
- Intercity rail not commuter rail; includes robust Springfield hub
- Administered by MassDOT Rail and Transit Division with partners Amtrak, CSX, CT/NY/VT, and others
- Increases transportation options, supports economic development, improves the freight network, and shifts car trips to greener modes
- Will pursue federal funding from historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Happening Now

Ongoing and upcoming projects in support of Compass Rail

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- State-funded design/construction for track improvements near Pittsfield
- Federally-funded preliminary engineering/environmental for track improvements at Springfield Union Station
- State-funded planning/design for Palmer Station
- Federally-funded **Inland Route** early actions
- Pending federal grants to develop service plans for **Inland Route** and **Boston & Albany** corridors

Thank You

