

Rail & Transit Report

MassDOT Board Meeting
April 13, 2022

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Rail Activities

- Amtrak will restore weekday Hartford Line shuttles on April 25
- Continue to work with Amtrak, CSX, and key stakeholders on scheduling initial Berkshire Flyer service this summer
- Continue to participate in the State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee to revise the cost allocation policy for state-supported services which affects the Vermonter, Valley Flyer, and Hartford Line services
- Continue to work with FHWA on Section 130 Grade Crossing Program
- Continue to procure contractors for projects on the Knowledge Corridor
- Prepare for upcoming application period for the Industrial Rail Access Program

Transit Activities

Community Transit Grant Program

- The application period opens on Friday, April 29, and funding is available on a competitive grant basis through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funding programs. Grant money can be used for mobility management, new capital equipment and investments, and for transit operational costs to meet the mobility needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities of any age. Read more about the Community Transit Grant Program online at <https://www.mass.gov/community-transit-grant-program>.
- Two virtual training sessions to help applicants prepare for competitive grants for the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Transit Grant Program (CTGP) will be held on April 21 and April 27.
- RTA Council Secretary Tesler will chair the next meeting of the RTA Council on Tuesday May 10th from 1-3PM.

