

Rail & Transit Report

TRANSIT UPDATE

- MassDOT has developed an RTA Performance Dashboard using target, baseline, and reported data collected pursuant to the MOUs. The dashboard will be used as a new analytical tool for MassDOT and the RTAs to assist with performance visualization, analysis, and reporting to guide decision-making. The dashboard allows each RTA to view their performance progress against their baselines and targets. MassDOT will use a statewide dashboard to monitor all RTA progress and enable consolidation and comparison within selected metrics.
- Compliance site visits will take place for six subrecipients of the BusPlus Program.
- Deputy Transit Administrator Tom Schiavone attended the MWRTA Catch Connect transit service ribbon cutting event in Hudson on June 7th
- The Helping Hands mini grant application period ends June 17th.

RAIL UPDATE

- FRA selected the Springfield Area Track Reconfiguration Project for a CRISI grant which will fund 50% of the \$3.5 million cost of preliminary engineering and environmental evaluation to reduce passenger and freight conflicts by improving capacity and efficiency. Once complete, MassDOT Rail will pursue federal funds to support construction.
- 13 applications were received for the FY2023 IRAP program. Awards will be made in July.
- CSX transaction to acquire Pan Am went into effect on June 1. Discussions continue to understand staffing, resource, and service impacts as implementation proceeds
- Berkshire Flyer service begins July 8. Tickets are on sale now at www.amtrak.com and 1-800-USA-RAIL