

Overview

- Covid-19 has impacted transit operations throughout the Commonwealth
- For all Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs):
 - Ridership and associated revenue is down
 - Service is being provided at reduced schedules
 - Operational changes have been made to protect employees and customers that need to travel
- Federal funding (CARES Act) will provide significant support for the RTAs and the MBTA
 - MassDOT is working with the RTAs and MBTA to distribute

RTA COVID-19 Impacts

- Ridership is down
- Operating on modified service schedules (i.e. Saturday service levels)
- Providing PPE (gloves, masks, sterilization equipment) to drivers when available
- 11 RTAs have implemented rear door boarding
 - 4 RTAs with non-rear door vehicles have implemented no fare enforcement policies or have installed driver barrier shields
- RTA employee impact:
 - 10 RTA employees are known to have tested positive for COVID-19
 - BAT, LRTA and PVRTA
 - 1 case is presumptive positive
 - No deaths, 5 hospitalizations
 - 11 employees are known to be self-isolating/self-quarantining due to contact, out of state travel or are high risk
 - 15 employees are on Family Leave/FFCRA

Federal CARES Act of 2020

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 provides \$25 billion in funding to support the transit industry's response to COVID-19
 - \$22.7 billion for the Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307)
 - Funding for transit agencies in large and small urbanized areas (UZAs)
 - i.e. Boston, Barnstable, Worcester, Springfield, etc.
 - \$2.2 billion for Formula Grants for Rural Areas (5311)
 - Funding for transit agencies in rural areas and for intercity bus
 - Includes \$30 million for Tribal Transit formula program
 - Beginning January 20, 2020, funding is available for all activities normally eligible under 5307 and 5311 at 100% federal share
 - Operating expenses (including lost revenue, administrative leave of personnel)
 - Capital expenses (preventative maintenance, rolling stock, equipment, etc.)
 - Planning
- This week, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will be rolling out a toolkit to assist agencies in projecting the economic impacts of COVID-19 as they prepare to apply for CARES funds

Federal CARES Act of 2020: FFY20 Apportionment in Massachusetts

➤ Total CARES Act Funding to MA – 5307/5340, 5337, 5311

Agency	Total CARES Act Apportioned to MA	Total FFY20 Apportionment to MA	Difference: FFY20 vs. CARES Act
Boston (MA/RI/NH) UZA (MBTA, BAT, CATA, GATRA, LRTA, MART, MVRTA, MWRTA)	\$875,853,557	\$310,460,640	\$565,392,917
Barnstable UZA (CCRTA, GATRA)	\$31,933,539	\$11,298,798	\$20,634,741
Worcester (MA/CT) UZA (WRTA, MART)	\$36,356,649	\$10,024,021	\$26,332,628
Springfield (MA/CT) UZA (PVRTA)	\$36,615,416	\$13,007,389	\$23,608,027
Nashua (MA/NH) UZA (LRTA)	\$356,013	\$126,870	\$229,143
Providence (MA/RI) UZA (GATRA, SRTA)	\$22,776,312	\$8,076,402	\$14,699,910
Governor's Apportionment (SRTA, MART, BRTA)	\$27,371,666	\$9,723,974	\$17,647,692
Rural Apportionment (VTA, NRTA, FRTA, BRTA)	\$12,619,719	\$4,219,613	\$8,400,106
	\$1,043,882,871	\$366,937,707	\$676,945,164

Federal CARES Act of 2020:

Summary of CARES Funding for MA RTAs

- Total CARES Act Funding to MBTA: \$883,963,957
- Total CARES Act Funding Available for RTAs:

Agency	5307 Apportionment under CARES	5311 Apportionment under CARES	5307 FFY20 Apportionment	5311 FFY20 Apportionment	Total CARES Act Apportionment	Total FFY20 Apportionment	TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE
Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)	\$9,048,637	-	\$3,244,526	-	\$9,048,637	\$3,244,526	\$12,293,163
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA)	\$5,678,543	\$908,620	\$2,016,383	\$304,249	\$6,587,163	\$304,249	\$8,907,795
Cape Ann Transportation Authority (CATA)	\$1,587,875	-	\$569,356	-	\$1,587,875	\$569,356	\$2,157,231
Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA)	\$29,857,859	-	\$8,485,189	-	\$29,857,859	\$8,485,189	\$38,343,048
Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA)	-	\$3,795,380	-	\$1,270,874	\$3,795,380	\$1,270,874	\$5,066,254
Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)	\$15,634,793	-	\$4,853,391	-	\$15,634,793	\$4,853,391	\$20,488,185
Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA)	\$11,556,540	-	\$4,144,558	-	\$11,556,540	\$4,144,558	\$15,701,098
Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA)	-	\$2,924,620	-	\$979,302	\$2,924,620	\$979,302	\$3,903,922
Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA)	\$16,914,813	-	\$6,065,063	-	\$16,914,813	\$6,065,063	\$22,979,876
Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MART)	\$10,318,871	-	\$3,664,717	-	\$10,318,871	\$3,664,717	\$13,983,588
MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA)	\$6,738,647	-	\$2,416,244	-	\$6,738,647	\$2,416,244	\$9,154,891
Nantucket Regional Transit Authority (NRTA)	-	\$1,836,169	-	\$614,837	\$1,836,169	\$614,837	\$2,451,006
Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVRTA)	\$36,615,416	-	\$13,286,493	-	\$36,615,416	\$13,286,493	\$49,901,909
Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA)	\$22,499,317	-	\$7,484,261	-	\$22,499,317	\$7,484,261	\$29,983,578
Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA)	\$37,504,146	-	\$10,686,232	-	\$37,504,146	\$10,686,232	\$48,190,378
	\$203,955,457	\$9,464,789	\$66,916,413	\$3,169,262	\$213,420,246	\$70,085,675	\$283,505,921