

Rail and Transit Report

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Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Biennial Agreements

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with each RTA

- MassDOT has recently finalized the renegotiation and are executing its bilateral MOUs with each of the 15 RTAs.
- These MOUs cover the two-year period beginning July 1, 2025 and cover both FY26 and FY27.
- MOUs represent a commitment of funding from the state and a commitment of quality transit service from each RTA.
- MOUs ensure performance metrics are shared by RTAs to MassDOT.
- Metrics include ridership, customer service and satisfaction, asset management, and financial performance.



A new e-JEST vehicle at Cape Ann Transportation Authority June 19, 2025

Transit in Fair Share Supplemental Budget

Revenue from Fair Share surtax are allocated to transit programs

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*A Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority
"SmartDART" microtransit vehicle*

- Revenues raised from households making over \$1 million is dedicated to education and transportation uses.
- Governor Healey's budget has allocated \$60 million to programs for Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) and transit providers.
- \$25 million for **RTA Workforce and transit Improvements**: grants for workforce and training initiatives
- \$25 million for **RTA Capital Needs**: infrastructure improvements and equipment and facilities upgrades
- \$10 million for **Microtransit open to all transit providers**: grants for capital microtransit initiatives and last mile transportation solutions

Connecticut River Main Line Bridge 7.09

MassDOT nearing completion of final design for bridge rehabilitation

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- This critical rail bridge between Chicopee and Holyoke is in need of rehabilitation.
- The two-track, ten-span bridge carries Amtrak passenger rail service (Valley Flyer and Vermonter) and regular freight service.
- Final design for the estimated \$14-\$18 million project is nearing completion. Advertisement for the planned two-year construction project is under development.



View of the rail bridge, looking northeast, from the Willimansett Bridge over the Connecticut River



Steel deterioration identified during inspection

Thank You

