

Rail and Transit Report

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Community Transit Grant Program

Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Operating and Mobility Management Cycle

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Photo of a travel trainer working with a trainee.

Credit: MetroWest Regional Transit Authority, via the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center photo gallery

Community Transit Grant Program (CTGP)

- Annual grant program to enhance mobility for older adults & people with disabilities funded through Federal Transit Administration.
- This year, we also had \$4 million in state ETF funds through the FY25 budget that allowed inclusion of projects enhancing mobility for low-income individuals.
- Record-breaking interest: we received 79 applications from 59 organizations totaling over \$14 million in request
- We are awarding \$5.81 million in funding awards to 44 RTAs, municipalities, and nonprofits for 56 projects
- Projects include long-distance medical shuttles to help older adults get to specialty appointments, travel trainers to help people with disabilities learn to ride the bus, and more

Rail Federal Grants

Status updates for rail projects funded by federal discretionary grants

Early Actions for the Inland Route - \$108 million

- Grant obligated January 2025. Establishing contracts to initiate design.

Springfield Area Track Reconfiguration Project (two grants)

- Preliminary engineering and environmental review (PE/NEPA) phase, \$1.75 million federal, is finalizing design in March. NEPA to conclude later this year.
- \$36.8 million Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) grant for final design has not been obligated yet (pending completion of PE/NEPA phase).



Governor Healey speaks at Springfield Union Station announcing Inland Route award on September 22, 2023

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Boston & Albany Corridor Identification (Corridor ID) - \$3.5 million

- Scope, schedule, and budget approved by FRA in January. Grant is pending obligation.
- Grant funds for Step 2 of Corridor ID Program for a Service Development Plan.

East Deerfield Intermodal Yard Project - \$4.48 million

- MassDOT has awarded construction contract in March 2025 to Railworks.

Longmeadow Passive Crossing Improvement Project - \$1.2 million

- Grant is pending obligation.



Amtrak's Springfield Line viewed from passive crossing within Fannie Stebbins Memorial Wildlife Refuge in Longmeadow

Compass Rail Ridership

Intercity passenger rail ridership updates



Greenfield's timber platform which is served by Amtrak's Vermonter and Valley Flyer services.

Knowledge Corridor Ridership

- Stations include Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton, and Greenfield
- Amtrak operated services include Vermonter, Valley Flyer, and Hartford Line

Ridership Update

- 58,800 Riders during 3-month period (Oct-Dec. 2024)
- Within 2% of last year's ridership (maintaining 15% growth over same period in 2022)
- Strong growth seen on intercity trips connecting to New York City



Thank You

