

# Rail and Transit Report

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# Transit Grant Updates

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## FY25 Community Transit Grant Program (CTGP) vehicle awards

- Awarded 115 fully accessible vans & minivans to 30 Regional Transit Authorities, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations.
- The vehicle grants enhance mobility for older adults and people with disabilities across the Commonwealth.
- Awards total \$14.8 million from state and federal sources.
- In total, MassDOT received requests for 250 vehicles from 54 organizations.

## FY26 Transportation Management Association (TMA) Grants

- Applications were due April 10 for the second year of TMA grant funding.
- Only TMAs are eligible to apply.
- Goals are to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips, reduce emissions, promote mode shift, and expand mobility.
- MassDOT received 22 eligible applications totaling \$4.1 million requested for \$3 million available.
- Applications are under review.



*Secretary Tibbits-Nutt and Administrator Slesinger helped celebrate two new electric-powered vans for the Salem Council on Aging, November 2024*

# Industrial Rail Access Program (IRAP)

Application period for fiscal year 2026 funding is open

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- IRAP is an annual, public/private partnership program that funds rail improvement projects connected to the Massachusetts freight rail transportation network,
- Awards have been made through the program to a mix of freight railroads, shippers, receivers, and municipalities looking to create, reinstate or expand the shipment of goods by freight rail.
- \$3 million is available annually for projects that show public benefit.
- Public benefits include promoting economic growth, creating new jobs, improving the operation and efficiency of freight rail service, and reducing regional truck trips on Massachusetts roadways.
- The application period for fiscal year 2026 opened April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and it closes May 22<sup>nd</sup>.



*An IRAP project, located in Everett, completed in November 2024.*

# Berkshire Flyer 2025 Season

MassDOT announces a new season of New York – Pittsfield service

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*A Berkshire Flyer train arrives in Pittsfield*

- The Berkshire Flyer will return for another season, beginning on June 20.
- This seasonal service operates from New York City – Albany – Pittsfield on Friday evenings and returns on Sunday mornings.
- This is a state-supported service operated by Amtrak and developed in partnership with New York State Department of Transportation and host railroad CSX.
- Due to ongoing construction projects in New York, this year's schedule will be modified from previous years.
- Tickets are on sale now.



# Thank You

