

Rail and Transit Report

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Climate-Friendly Workforce Transportation

MassDOT awards \$3 million to Transportation Management Associations (TMAs)

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A Better City Guided Bicycle received a grant to support guided bike rides to help the "bike-curious" and "interested but concerned" learn how to navigate downtown streets.

- Nearly \$3 million awarded to twelve TMAs to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate mode shift, and expand mobility.
- 18 projects funded
- This is the first round of awards through the MassDOT TMA Grant Program, which launched this year.
- A TMA is a non-profit, membership-based organization that focuses on improving transportation options and infrastructure within a specific region or community.

Corridor Identification Program Updates

Planning for the Boston & Albany Corridor advances West-East Rail

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An Amtrak train waits to depart Springfield Union Station

- The Corridor Identification Program (CID) is the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) program to expand the nation's intercity passenger rail network.
- The Boston & Albany Corridor was selected to the program in December 2023.
- Step 1 required the scoping of a Service Development Plan (SDP).
- MassDOT has quickly developed and submitted project deliverables to FRA, leading most corridors nationwide.
- SDP scope, schedule, and budget are currently under FRA review which is the final hurdle before advancing to Step 2 to undertake the SDP.
- Rail & Transit Administrator Slesinger participated in a multistate panel, organized by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), 9/25 to discuss CID.

Berkshire Line Bridge Improvements

Recent bridge replacement in Lee with upcoming improvement in Lenox

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- Berkshire Line bridge over Coddling Brook in Lee was replaced.
- Work was completed during a three-day track outage September 20-22.
- The bridge replaced a severely deteriorated five-span timber bridge.
- A new three-span concrete ballasted deck bridge was installed in three days.
- Walkway and site restoration remain to be completed.
- MassDOT is advancing another bridge improvement in Lenox for later this year.



*Bridge replacement over the
Coddling Brook in Lee*

Thank You

