

Rail and Transit Report

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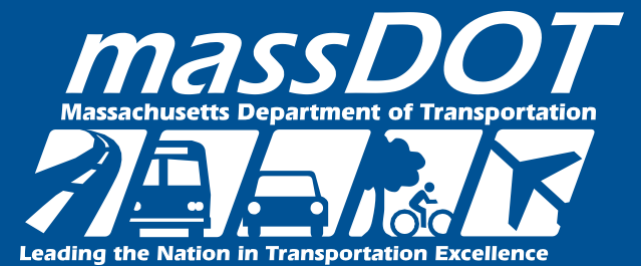


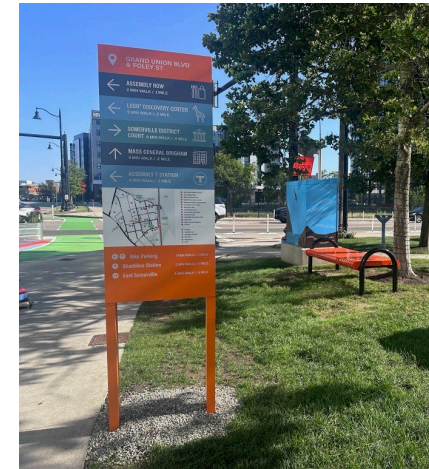
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FY27 TMA Grant Program opens

\$3M to support transportation demand management

- The FY27 Transportation Management Association (TMA) Grant application opened February 10, with applications due April 10.
- Grants are available to TMAs for initiatives that reduce single occupancy vehicle travel, reduce emissions, facilitate mode shift, and expand mobility.
- The TMA Grant Program launched in FY25, with \$25M through the transportation bond bill spread out over several years. We awarded \$3M in the FY25 cycle, another \$3M in the FY26 cycle, and have \$3M programmed in the CIP in each of the FY27 and FY28 cycles.
- Past awards have funded operations of shuttles connecting transit hubs to employment centers, guided bike rides to support commuters in trying active commutes, studies to better understand commuter behavior and needs, and other transportation demand management efforts.
- New this year: TMAs have the option to apply for FY27 and FY28 funding for multi-year projects.
- www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-transportation-management-association-grant



Wayfinding, bus stop, and bike improvements as part of an Assembly Connect mobility hub pop-up funded through an FY25 TMA Grant

Link413 launches

Spotlight on a new service

- Link413 – a new family of transit services linking the Berkshires, Pioneer Valley, and Franklin County – launched January 28.
- This joint initiative of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA), Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA), and Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) is funded through an FY24 Regional Transit Innovation Grant and an FY25 Transit Connectivity Grant – two new grant programs in the state budget made possible through Education and Transportation Funding.



Link 413 Information

bit.ly/Link413 1-800-292-2782

Ticket Prices	
\$10.00 Full Fare	Pay with Blue+ or cash on the bus. Each person must have a ticket and each ticket is only valid for a single one-way trip. No refunds.
\$5.00 Reduced Fare	Reduced Fare tickets only available to customers 60+ years old with a picture ID, with a Mass. Statewide Access Pass, and with a Medicare Card. Pay with Blue+ app or cash on vehicle. No refunds.
\$0.00 Free Fare	Free travel is only available to children younger than 5 years old when accompanied by an adult or customers with a Mass. Commission for the Blind ID card.



901 Pittsfield - North Adams	
To North Adams (northbound)	To Pittsfield (southbound)
Pittsfield ITC 6:30 am 3:15 pm	North Adams Center 11:15 am 7:45 pm
North Adams Center 7:15 am 4:00 pm	Pittsfield ITC 12:00 pm 8:30 pm
Transfer to: 903 BRTA	Transfer to: 904 BRTA PVTA



903 North Adams - Greenfield	
To Greenfield (eastbound)	To North Adams (westbound)
North Adams Center 7:30 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 6:15 pm	JWO Transit Center 7:30 am 9:30 am 4:30 pm 6:15 pm
Adams Ctr (E) 7:45 am 9:45 am 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Charlton Park&Ride 7:55 am 9:55 am 4:55 pm 6:40 pm
Savoy Ctr (E) 8:00 am 10:00 am 4:45 pm 6:45 pm	Ashfield Ctr (W) 8:10 am 10:10 am 5:10 pm 6:55 pm
Plainfield Ctr (E) 8:10 am 10:10 am 4:55 pm 6:55 pm	Plainfield Ctr (W) 8:20 am 10:20 am 5:20 pm 7:05 pm
Ashfield Ctr (E) 8:20 am 10:20 am 5:05 pm 7:05 pm	Savoy Ctr (W) 8:30 am 10:30 am 5:30 pm 7:15 pm
Charlton Park&Ride 8:35 am 10:35 am 5:20 pm 7:20 pm	Adams Ctr (W) 8:45 am 10:45 am 5:45 pm 7:30 pm
JWO Transit Center 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:45 pm 7:45 pm	North Adams Center 9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm 7:45 pm
Transfer to: FRTA PVTA	Transfer to: 901 BRTA

904 Pittsfield - Northampton	
To Northampton (eastbound)	To Pittsfield (westbound)
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Dalton Ctr (E) 7:45 am 9:45 am 5:45 pm 7:45 pm	Main/Masonic (W) 7:40 am 9:40 am 5:40 pm 7:40 pm
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Transfer to: FRTA PVTA	Transfer to: 901 BRTA PVTA

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Springfield Maintenance Modernization Project

Construction funding application submitted to Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

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Springfield Union Station track configuration as seen from the adjacent parking garage in May 2024.

- A modern maintenance facility with expanded layover space in Springfield is necessary to support existing and future Compass Rail services including West-East Rail.
- MassDOT has submitted a construction funding application to the FRA through the National Railroad Partnership Program (NRPP).
- MassDOT has completed preliminary engineering for the Springfield Area Track Reconfiguration Project which includes this facility as Phase I.
- Final design is funded through an upcoming \$36.8 million federal grant.
- The facility is necessary to accommodate the new Amtrak Airo fleet.

Ware River Secondary Improvements

MassDOT project will upgrade track and right-of-way on state-owned line

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- The MassDOT-owned Ware River Secondary runs approximately 23 miles from Palmer to Barre.
- MassDOT's licensed freight operator, Mass Central Railroad, performs regular maintenance while MassDOT is responsible for larger capital projects.
- MassDOT has assembled a project with various components, including repair or replacement of 25 turnouts, ~3.5 miles of track resurfacing or replacement, and a joint bar and fastener replacement program for 11 track miles.
- The project is anticipated to break ground in April 2026 with completion in 2027.



The Ware River Secondary track in Ware.

Thank You

