

Rail and Transit Report

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Rail Grants Under Review

MassDOT has several grants under review by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

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National Railroad Partnership Program (NRPP)

- Springfield Maintenance Modernization Project – \$173,200,000
- Amtrak Airo Fleet Procurement – \$2.6 billion (Amtrak lead)

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program

- Springfield Maintenance Modernization Project – \$173,200,000 (resubmission)
- Springfield Rail Hub Modernization Project – \$130,080,000

Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program

- Front Street and First Street Grade Crossing Elimination Project – \$30,330,000



Springfield Union Station track and platform level

Rail Research & Technology

MassDOT continues to pursue research to improve project delivery

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Staff test rail technologies in Palmer

Evaluating new technologies

- Staff reviewed track data collection devices on the Mass Central Railroad.
- The tools can be used to collect survey data, assess asset conditions, and prepare as-built plans.

SMART grant evaluating rail embankment vulnerability

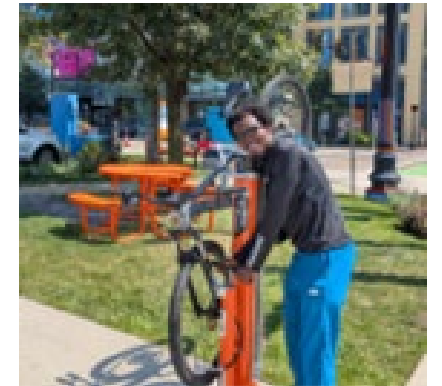
- MassDOT continues to evaluate threats to embankment stability when adjacent water bodies rapidly lose water.
- Four evaluation sites on the Cape Main rail line feed real time data and “factor of safety” analyses to MassDOT in this pilot project.
- The pilot seeks to better understand factors that can lead to destabilization elsewhere in Massachusetts.

FY27 TMA Grant Awards

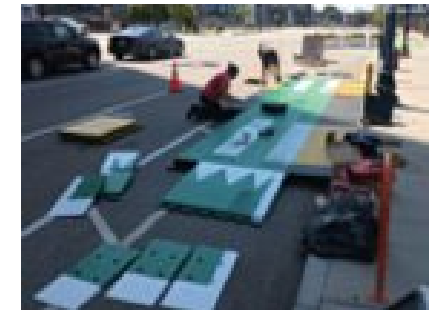
\$3M to support climate-friendly workforce transportation

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- Grants to support Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) in reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, facilitating mode shift, and expanding mobility
- TMAs provide coordinated solutions to shared commuter challenges
- Fourteen TMAs and one statewide association of TMAs are receiving awards, with some funds reserved to provide technical assistance to grantees.
- Awarded projects include funding to operate and publicize shuttles, improve wayfinding, support commuters in biking to work, and more.
- 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*



Thank You

