

Rail and Transit Report

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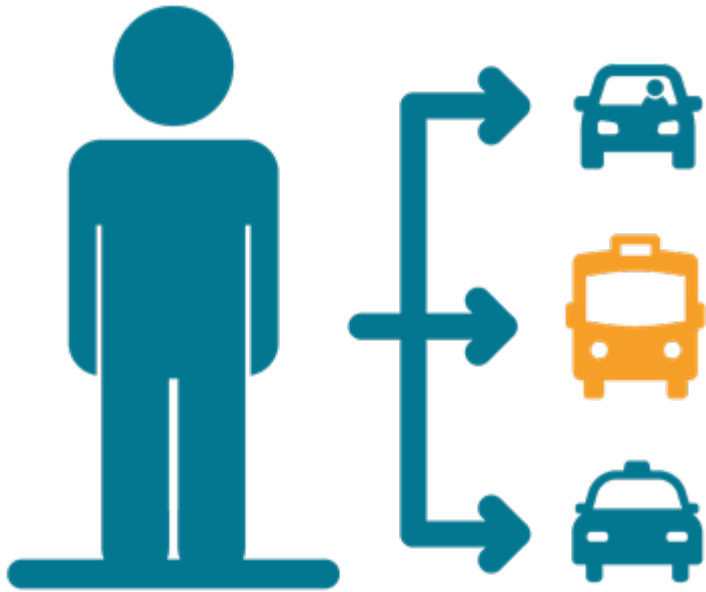
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Mobility Management Pilot Program

Updates from MassDOT's Innovative Coordinated Access & Mobility (ICAM) Program grant

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Mobility managers work to connect people to transportation options.

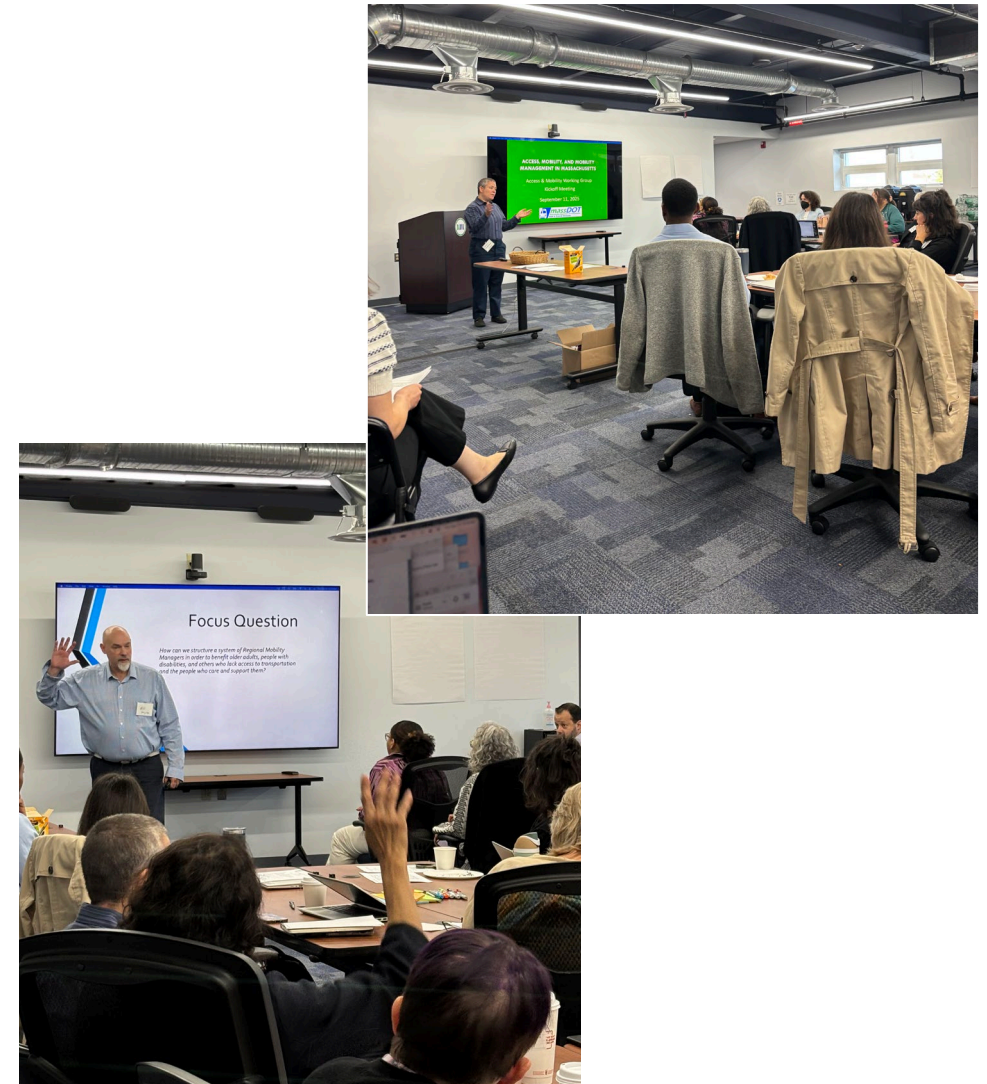
- In 2024, MassDOT received a \$360,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Innovative Coordinated Access & Mobility (ICAM) Program to undertake a two-year statewide mobility management pilot.
- This work builds on a 2023 study in which MA transportation providers and aging & disability services staff found that a statewide system of Regional Mobility Managers would be beneficial.
- Regional Mobility Managers expand mobility by connecting potential riders to a wide range of transportation services and bringing organizations together to address gaps in the transportation network.

Mobility Management Pilot Program (continued)

Access & Mobility Working Group Kickoff

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- MassDOT is developing an implementation plan for a statewide system of Regional Mobility Managers.
- On September 11, MassDOT kicked off the Access and Mobility Working Group with an all-day working meeting with Regional Transit Authorities, Regional Planning Agencies, community transportation providers, riders, and statewide partners.
- Staff of the national FTA-funded Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Technical Assistance Center (CCAM-TAC) facilitated the meeting.
- Participants heard from CCAM-TAC about example regional mobility management projects and discussed topics relevant to the upcoming MA implementation plan.



Industrial Rail Access Program (IRAP)

\$1.1 million awarded to two projects in fiscal year (FY) 2026

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CSX – Coke Works Project FY 2023 IRAP Award – Rehabilitation of tracks leading to metal recycling and cement distribution facility (Everett).

- **\$408,474 award to the City of Lawrence** for rehabilitation of existing industrial spur track to increase the volume of freight rail shipments. In addition, an estimated six jobs will be created.
- **\$700,000 award to the East Brookfield & Spencer Railroad** for expansion of the set-out track at the New England Automotive Gateway in Spencer that will improve reliability of 26,000 railcars annually. An estimated ten jobs will be created.

Palmer Station Conceptual Design

MassDOT unveils draft conceptual design at October 7 public meeting

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- MassDOT has been leading a planning and design study for a potential Palmer Station.
- Site selection occurred in January, and a conceptual design was recently developed.
- Further study elements include environmental scoping and a market analysis.
- This station concept will be further refined and advanced through the Boston & Albany Corridor Service Development Plan.



Images depicting a potential Amtrak station in Palmer, MA

Thank You

