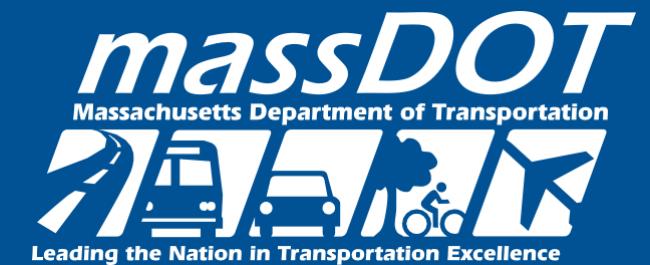


# Rail and Transit Report

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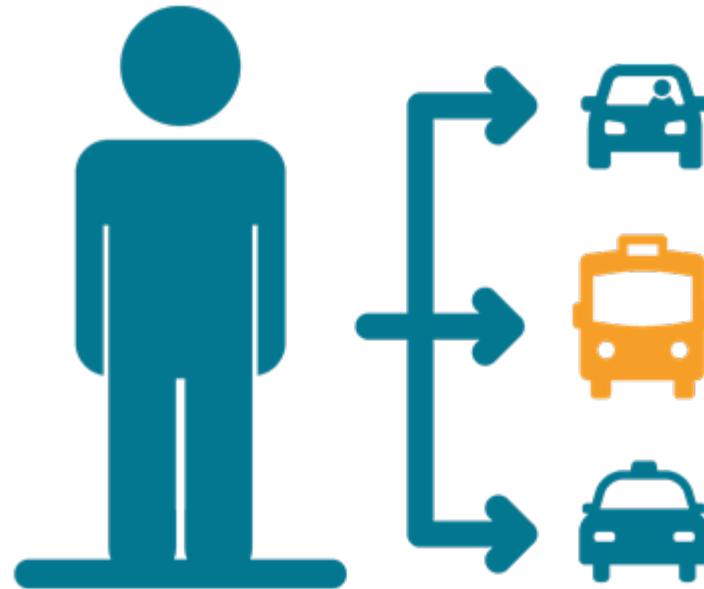


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# Mobility Management Pilot Program

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

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*Mobility managers work to connect people to transportation options.*

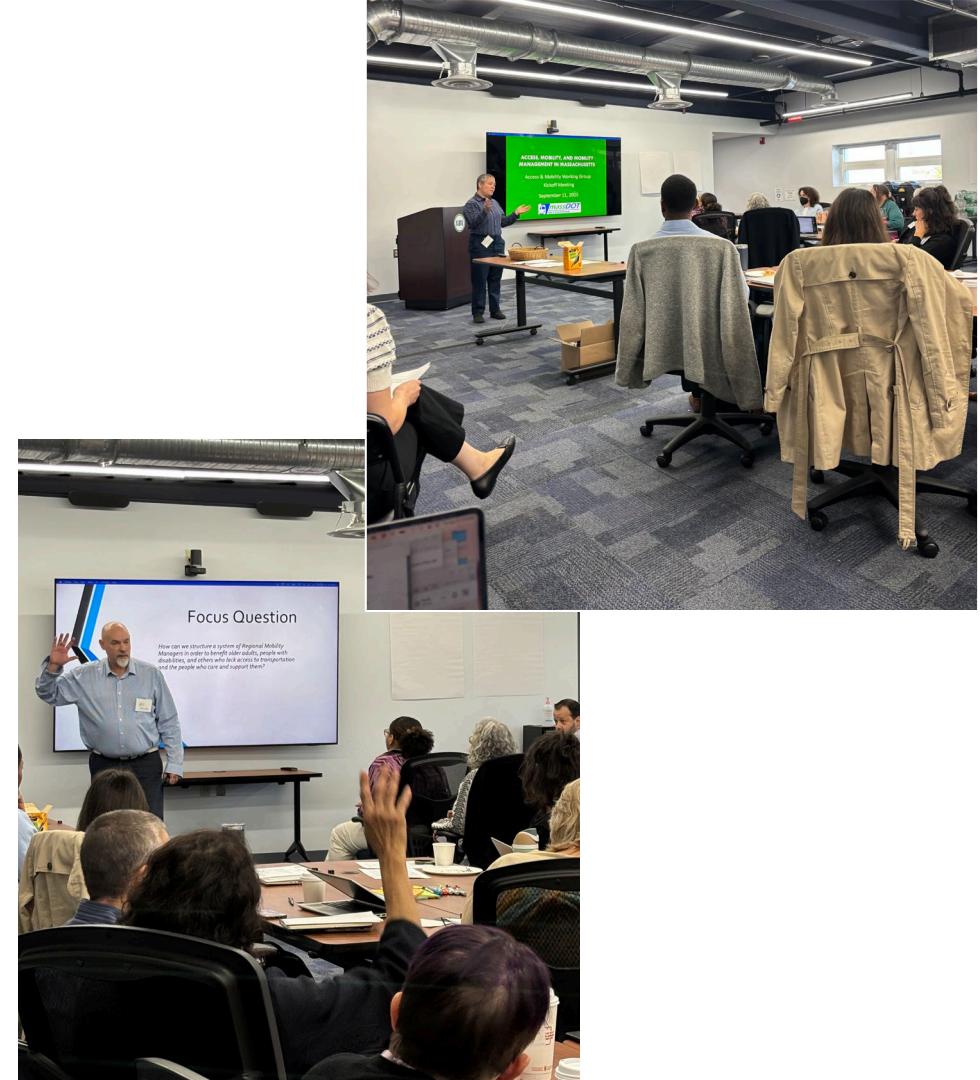
- In 2024, MassDOT received a \$360,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Innovative Coordinated Access & Mobility (ICAM) Program to undertake a two-year statewide mobility management pilot.
- This work builds on a 2023 study in which MA transportation providers and aging & disability 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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- **\$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.

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

# 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

