

Rail and Transit Report

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Amtrak Fleet & Facilities Grant

Massachusetts is a beneficiary to a larger, \$2 billion Amtrak award

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- Amtrak was awarded \$2 billion through the Federal Railroad Administration's National Railroad Partnership Program (NRPP).
- Funding is for new fleet and facility development.
- Amtrak will exercise an option on an existing procurement of Siemens Airo train sets.
- The base order will provide new Airos for select Compass Rail trains in Massachusetts including the Vermonter.
- The new award will replace fleet on remaining Compass Rail services including the upcoming Inland Route between Boston, Springfield, and New Haven, CT.



Amtrak's new Airo trainset as seen in Washington, D.C. in February 2026 destined for service in the Pacific Northwest.

FY27 Grant Funding Opportunities

Strategic Investments to Advance Transit Priorities

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FY27 RTA Connectivity Grants

- MassDOT has up to \$10 million to award grants to Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) for the creation or altering of routes that advance connectivity between existing public transportation routes including, but not limited to, RTA routes, MBTA routes, and local economic hubs.
- Awards will be made on a competitive basis.
- Applications were due September 18, 2026



FY27 RTA
Connectivity Grants

FY27 Community Transit Grant Program Operating or Mobility Management Grant

- The FY27 application opened on September 1, 2026, and closes on October 30, 2026.
- Transit authorities, municipalities, Councils on Aging, non-profit organizations, and private operators of public transit (shared-ride) services can apply for funding to operate transportation services, support mobility management initiatives.



Apply Here:
Community Transit
Grant Program

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