

Rail and Transit Division Update

MassDOT Board Meeting
September 16, 2019

Transit: RTAs and New Workforce Grants



- All 15 Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) have signed MOUs and will now receive the formulaic portion of their FY20 State Contract Assistance
 - \$87m compared to \$82m in FY19
 - Will be supplemented by \$3.5m in discretionary grants.
 - MOUs contain metrics for improvement in areas of ridership, customer service & satisfaction, asset management, and financial performance, including farebox recovery ratio.
 - 12 of the 15 MOUs also contain “stretch goals” such as:
 - Develop on-time performance metric other than the “out of the barn” measurement
 - Increase travel training to attract new riders and decrease reliance on demand response
 - Increase social media outreach
 - GHG reduction
- Second meeting of revived RTA Council scheduled for September 17th in Yarmouth
 - FTA Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASPs) to be primary topic
- Workforce Transportation program application period now open
 - Will award up to \$4.5m to support new travel options for workforce
 - CMAQ and TNC funds
 - 3 training sessions attracted more than 50 attendees
 - Application period scheduled to close September 27, 2019

Rail: Valley Flyer

- 2 year pilot giving Greenfield, Northampton and Holyoke more frequent service to CT, NYC and beyond
- Serves same stations in Massachusetts as the Vermonter (operating between VT and Washington, DC)
- Triples weekday service to Greenfield, Northampton, and Holyoke
- Goal is to nearly double ridership at Greenfield, Northampton, and Holyoke on existing Vermonter service
- Introductory discount to be followed by locally led marketing program
- First day of service August 30

Amtrak Valley Flyer

Effective August 30th, 2019

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Southbound	Monday - Friday			Weekends & Holidays		
	495 Amtrak Valley Flyer	471 Amtrak Valley Flyer	55 Amtrak Vermont	461 Amtrak Valley Flyer	57 Amtrak Vermont	499 Amtrak Valley Flyer
Greenfield, MA	5:45A	7:35A	1:36P	9:15A	1:36P	8:10P
Northampton, MA	6:10A	8:00A	2:01P	9:40A	2:01P	8:35P
Holyoke, MA	6:25A	8:15A	2:16P	9:55A	2:16P	8:50P
Springfield, MA ^{AR} _{DP}	6:53A	8:43A	2:35P	10:23A	2:23P	9:18P
Windsor Locks, CT	7:24A	9:14A	3:12P	10:54A	3:12P	
Windsor, CT	7:29A	9:19A		11:00A		
Hartford, CT	7:39A	9:29A	3:27P	11:09A	3:27P	
Berlin, CT	7:49A	9:40A		11:20A		
Meriden, CT	7:58A	9:49A	3:49P	11:30A	3:48P	
Wallingford, CT	8:06A	9:57A		11:37A		
New Haven, CT State Street Station	8:19A	10:10A		11:50A		
New Haven, CT Union Station	8:27A	10:18A	4:15P	11:57A	4:15P	
Connecting Amtrak Trains in New Haven	AMTK 95 8:38A	AMTK 171 10:37A	Through to NYC	AMTK 161 12:05P	Through to NYC	
Arriving New York Penn Station	AMTK 95 10:22A	AMTK 171 12:21P	Vermont 6:25P	AMTK 161 1:51P	Vermont 6:25P	

Northbound	Monday - Friday			Weekends & Holidays		
Departing New York Penn Station	Vermont 11:33A	AMTK 94 5:38P	AMTK 178 7:50P		Vermont 11:30A	AMTK 88 3:00P
Connecting Amtrak Trains in New Haven	Through from NYC	AMTK 94 7:27P	AMTK 178 9:40P		Through from NYC	AMTK 88 4:50P
	56 Amtrak Vermont	494 Amtrak Valley Flyer	478 Amtrak Valley Flyer	400 Amtrak Valley Flyer	54 Amtrak Vermont	488 Amtrak Valley Flyer
New Haven, CT Union Station	1:30P	7:35P	9:55P		1:30P	5:00P
New Haven, CT State Street Station		7:37P	9:57P			5:02P
Wallingford, CT		7:49P	10:09P			5:14P
Meriden, CT	1:50P	7:58P	10:18P		1:50P	5:23P
Berlin, CT		8:07P	10:26P			5:32P
Hartford, CT	2:11P	8:20P	10:40P		2:11P	5:46P
Windsor, CT		8:26P	10:47P			5:53P
Windsor Locks, CT	2:22P	8:33P	10:53P		2:22P	5:59P
Springfield, MA ^{AR} _{DP}	2:55P 3:15P	8:59P 9:15P	11:18P 11:30P	7:50A	2:55P 3:15P	6:24P 6:45P
Holyoke, MA	3:41P	9:41P	11:56P	8:16A	3:41P	7:11P
Northampton, MA	3:57P	9:57P	12:12A	8:32A	3:57P	7:27P
Greenfield, MA	4:22P	10:23P	12:38A	8:58A	4:22P	7:53P

Note: Train schedule to/from NYC is provided for information. Check Amtrak schedules for train arrival/departure times for stations between New Haven, NYC and south of NYC.

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New Round of IRAP Applications

- 20 projects requesting \$7.8m that would leverage \$11.3m

