

Interim Secretary & CEO Phillip Eng's Report to the Board

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Accelerated Bridge Replacement in Middlefield

First project completed under FAIR Program



What is FAIR?

FAIR stands for **Funding for Accelerated Infrastructure Repair**.

FAIR will be used to:

- **Reopen** closed bridges
- **Remove and improve** postings for restricted bridges to allow for more traffic
- **Preserve** additional bridges from falling into either category

There are currently **26 bridges in 21 towns** in Western Massachusetts in the FAIR program, with additional locations state-wide to follow.



Project completed in 113 days, eliminates 20 minute local detour

FY27 Budget Legislation Progress

Investing in Long-Term Transportation, Infrastructure and Safety Priorities



Chapter 90 Improvements



Transit Oriented Development



Bridge & Pavement Preservation



Rail Modernization

Investing in Community Mobility

\$5.4 million to 40 recipients supports medical shuttles, rural ride services, travel training



PVTA Travel Training: Learn to Ride the PVTA Buses with confidence



This training course is open to anyone interested in using Pioneer Valley Transit (PVTA) and looking for guidance on how to navigate public transportation. Learn how to read schedules and maps, plan trips, and feel more comfortable using local bus services.

DATE/ LOCATION:
March 26, ServiceNet, 220 Brookdale Dr. Springfield
March 12, Autism Connections, 11 Village Hill, Northampton

TIME: 3:00 - 6:00 PM

PARTICIPANTS: Adults 18+ with Autism

Two identical sessions are available, one in Hampden County and one in Hampshire County, so there is no need to come to both. Both dates also offer a hybrid option.

Please contact Vivian for full event information at vwood@servicenet.org.

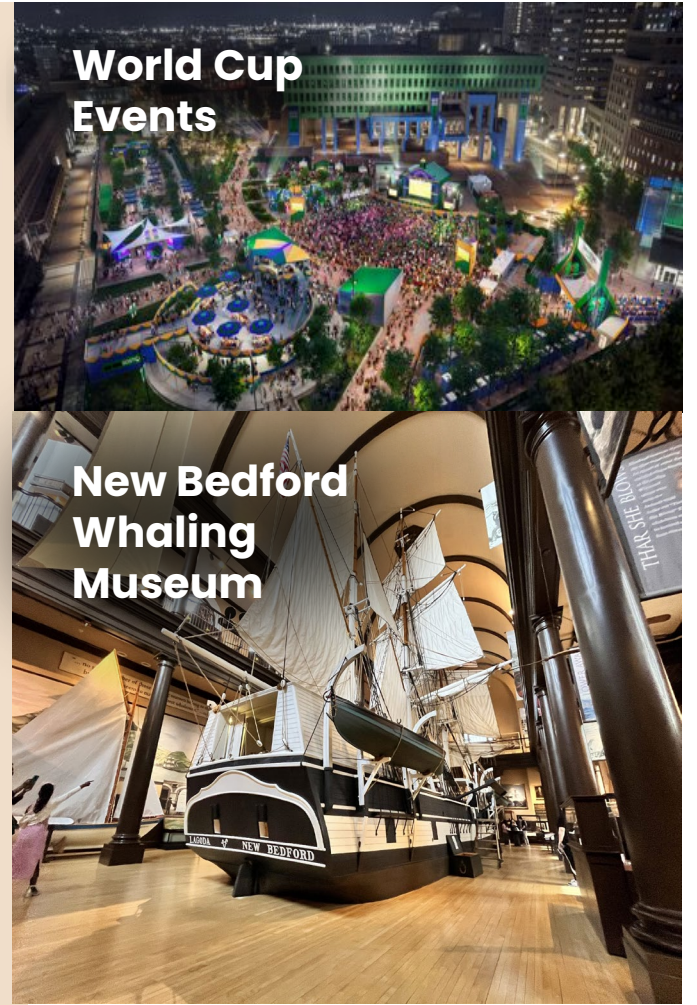
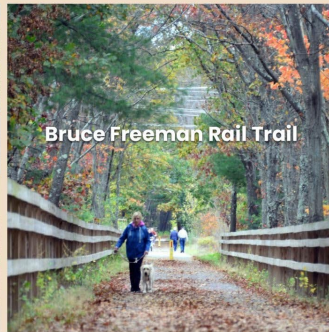
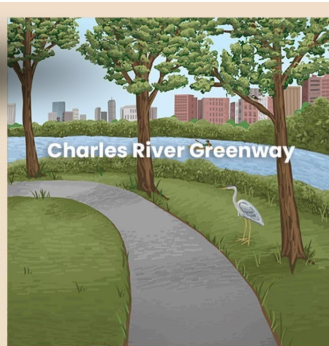
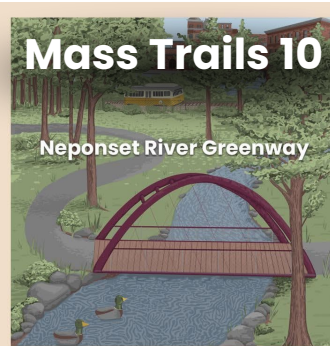


Community Transit Grants Operating and Mobility Management



Summer 2026

Preparing for heightened travel statewide



Summer 2026

Lower costs for daily commuters, convenient choice for summer events

Commuter Rail Summer 2026 Fare Promotions

- Free Fridays
- 50% Discount on Monthly Passes
- Expanded Weekend Travel for Monthly Pass
- \$1 "Summer Companion" on Weekend Service
- Monthly passholders will save between \$321 and \$639 over the summer



413 Day

A Celebration of Western Massachusetts



UMass Transportation Center visit to learn about training, research & workforce programs



Celebrating the \$1.5M ValleyBikes Microtransit grant at Northampton Station with Sen Comerford, Rep Sabadosa, Rep Domb and Mayor Sciarra



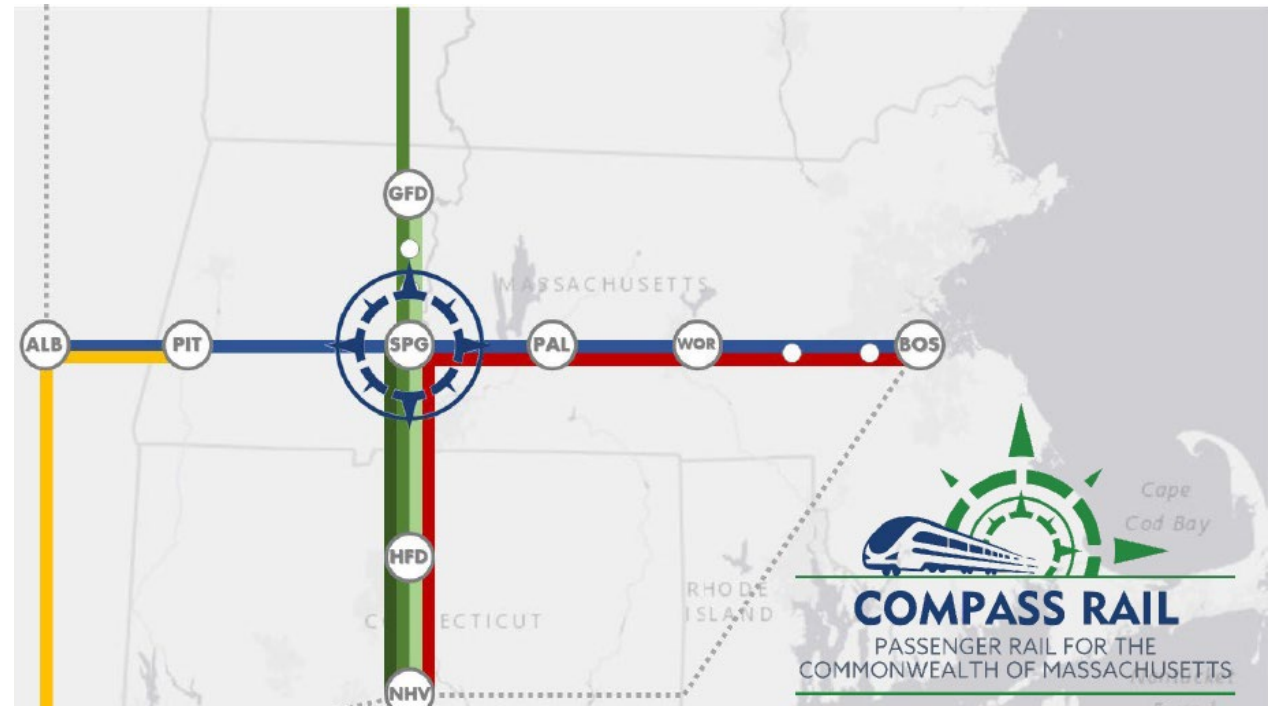
Undersecretary Silverberg, PVTA Administrator Sandra Sheehan & Dep. Transit Administrator Thomas Schiavone tour PVTA fleet operations

Progress on Compass Rail

New federal funding announced supports additional service and safety



Compass Rail Roundtable with Congressman Neal
April 1



- **\$1.2 million** funding announced for positive train control on Knowledge Corridor
- **\$157 million** in federal funding secured since 2021
- **8 projects underway** along the Boston to Albany Corridor

PFC Ralph T. Basiliere Bridge Groundbreaking

Critical upgrades to aging infrastructure

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April 7 Groundbreaking



Proposed Basiliere Bridge

- Improved pedestrian, cycling, and recreation facilities
- Supports coastal resiliency and improves the Merrimack River's water quality
- Adaptive reuse of the existing bridge's tower roofs in the Bradford Rail Trail Park.

Prioritizing Safety and Resiliency

MassDOT and MassWildlife partnership supports conservation and safety

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- Partnership began in 2009 to improve environmental review and incorporate conservation into transportation planning.
- Identify opportunities where infrastructure can support local species
 - **Culverts**
 - **Bridges**
 - **Highways**



Black bear and cubs using a riverbank at interstate bridge crossing

Implementing Environmentally Conscious Design

Improves public safety, greater habitat connectivity



White-tailed Deer approaching a wildlife crossing in Southeastern Massachusetts

The wildlife culvert passage under Route-2 in Concord allows wildlife to safely cross the road. Animals documented using the passage include deer, fisher cat, gray fox, and a bobcat.

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Put the phone down and drive responsibly

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2024 Crashes involving Distracted Driver

Nationwide: 315,167 people were injured with 3,208 fatalities.

Massachusetts: 1,965 people injured with 23 fatalities

National Work Zone Awareness Week: April 20-24

Keep Our Workforce Safe



April 22 is Go Orange Day



MassDOT and MBTA Run the 130th Boston Marathon

Good luck!

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Brian Ducey

Emmett McKinney

Courtney Quirmbach

Maeve Ragusin

Alexa Wheeden

Jonah Williams

250th Low Plate Lottery – 2 Days Left to Enter!



- Last day to enter is April 17th at 5:00pm
- Anyone with an active Massachusetts passenger registration can apply.
- Plate numbers 1-999 and 1776, are included in the lottery.
- Winners will be announced on May 7th.



Enter here!

Thank You

