

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

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Transportation Investments for the Commonwealth

Healey-Driscoll Administration Testifies in Support of FY27 Budget



WAYS AND MEANS

February 11



CHAPTER 90

March 3

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March 10

Modernizing Rail

Rail & Transit, MBTA working on a vision for the future

Achieving the Commonwealth's Goals:



Housing



Economic development



Sustainability & resilience

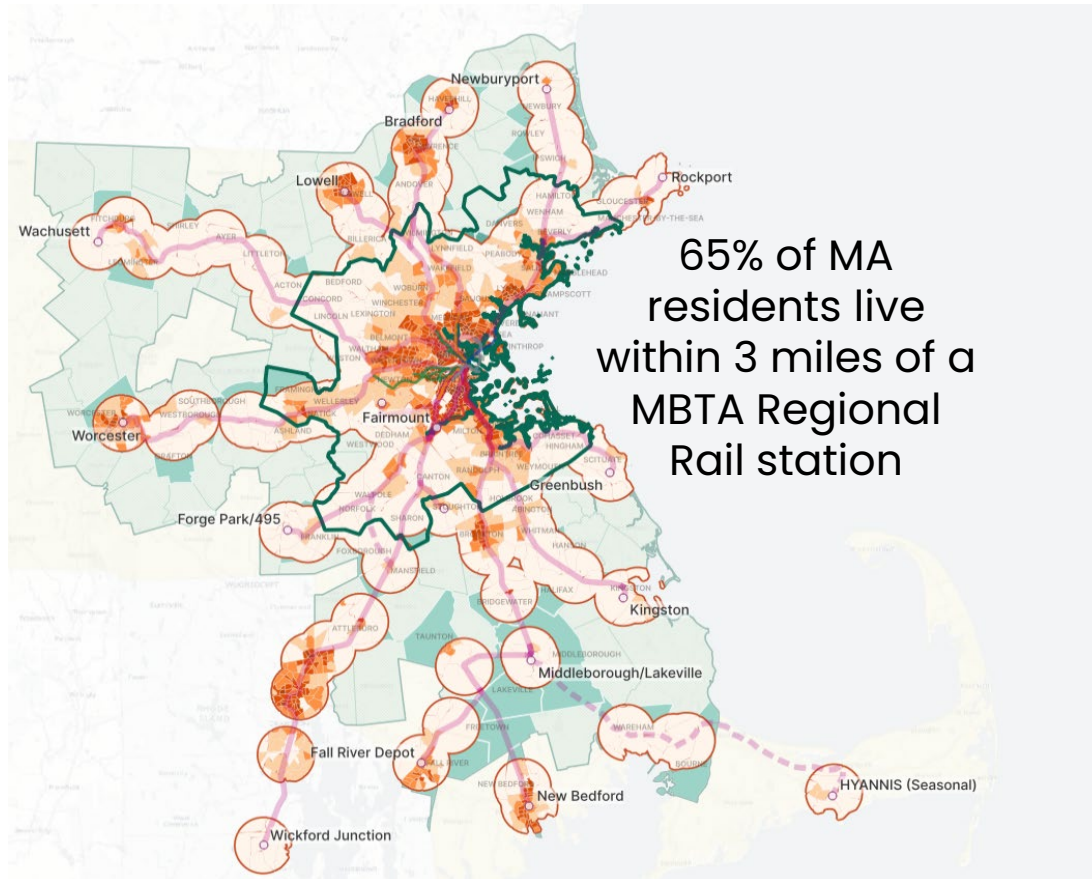


Mobility

- **Deploying** electrified, decarbonized service
- **Advancing** Compass Rail through projects to support future West-East Rail service
- **Improving** connections between MBTA regional rail service and Worcester, groundwork for future West-East Rail
- **Fostering** economic and housing development around the state through reliable, frequent, and accessible rail

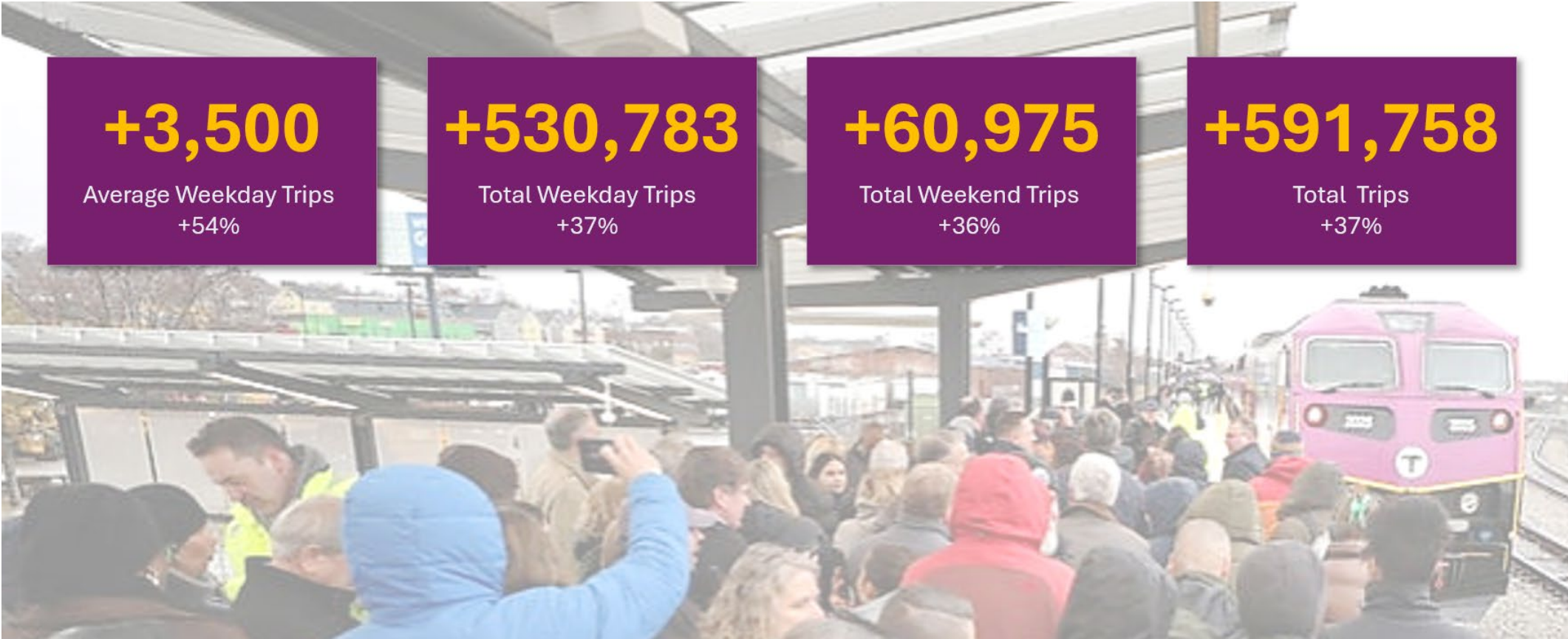
Modernizing Rail

Prioritizing investments in frequency, reliability, and decarbonization



South Coast Rail: One Year of Service

Ridership April through December 2025



Ridership surges with extension of the former Middleborough/Lakeville Line to Fall River/New Bedford

North Station Draw One

Advancing transportation goals and developing local workforce



- \$1B project cornerstone of rail modernization
- Over 15,000 well-paying union jobs
- Improve safety, reliability, and customer experience
- Highly skilled workforce

Microtransit and Last-Mile Transit Grants

Meredith Slesinger, Rail and Transit Administrator

Microtransit and Last Mile Transit Grants

Expanding flexible, technology-enabled transit options across the Commonwealth

\$10 million in the FY25 supplemental budget



Program Priorities

- Mobility options that link riders to transit hubs and key destinations
- Improve access to jobs, housing, education and essential services

Highly Competitive

- **24** applications
- nearly **\$43 million** in requests
- **9** awardees



Learn more

Sagamore Bridge Project Milestones

Rapid Progress Continues on Cape Cod Bridges

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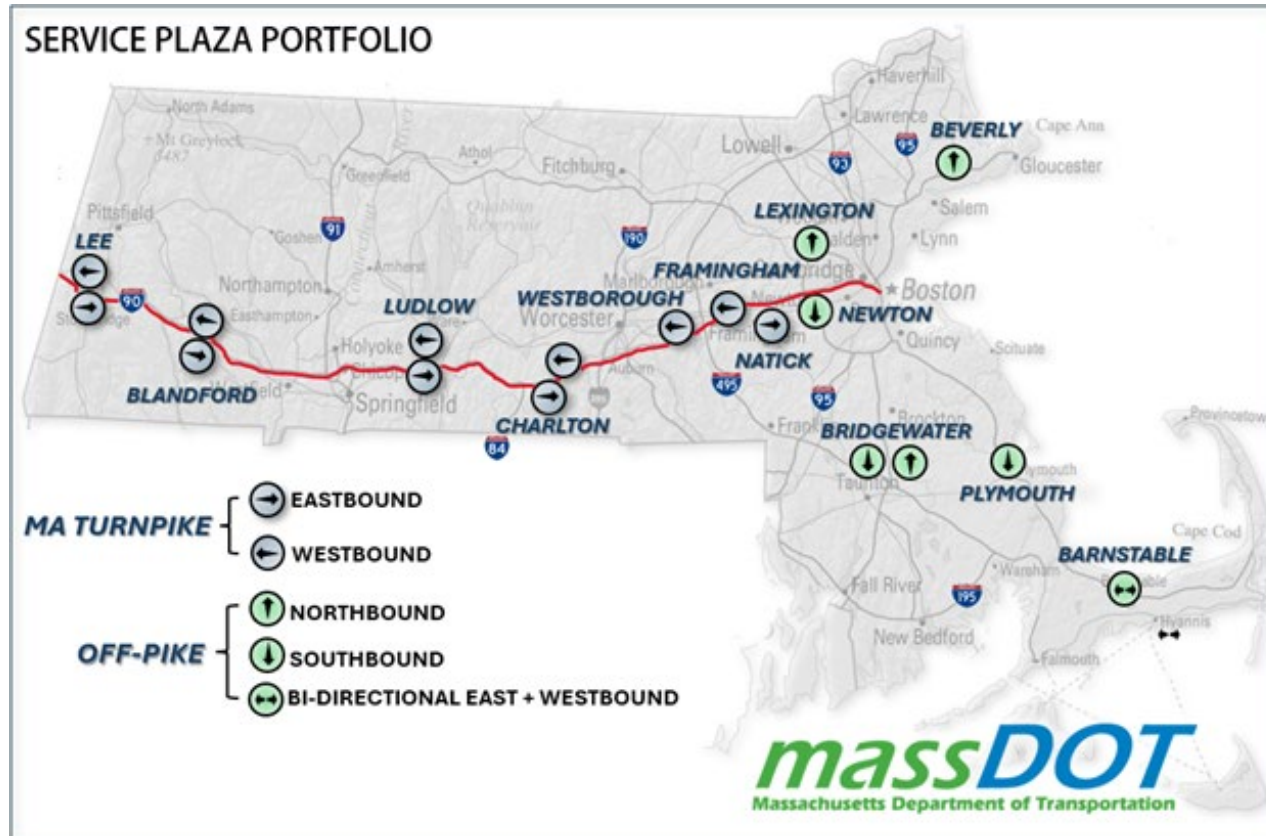
- Filed final Environmental Impact Report – March 12

NEXT STEPS

- Request for Letters of Interest – Late March
- Request for Qualifications – June 2026
- Permitting Completed – Summer 2026
- Request for Proposals – Fall 2026

Service Plazas Update

supporting mobility, accessibility, and connectivity across the Commonwealth



Relaunch RFP

- Provide independent oversight through P3 Commission
- Bundle plazas into three groups
- Industry Day and public survey
- Attract qualified bidders
- Conduct a fair and transparent procurement
- Ensure a best-in-class experience for residents and travelers



Complete the survey

Transportation Priorities Fuel Competitive Strength

Advancing economic growth throughout the Commonwealth



- Leadership priorities
- MassDOT capital investments
- Rail modernization
- Transportation funding
- Statewide economic competitiveness
- Preparation for MA250, Tall Ships, and World Cup

Interagency World Cup Coordination

Planning for a safe and efficient matchday

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- Planning ahead of March 26th friendly match between Brazil and France
- Commitment to safe, secure operations throughout the event
- Preparations for nearly 20,000 fans per matchday and 14 special event trains

Women's History Month

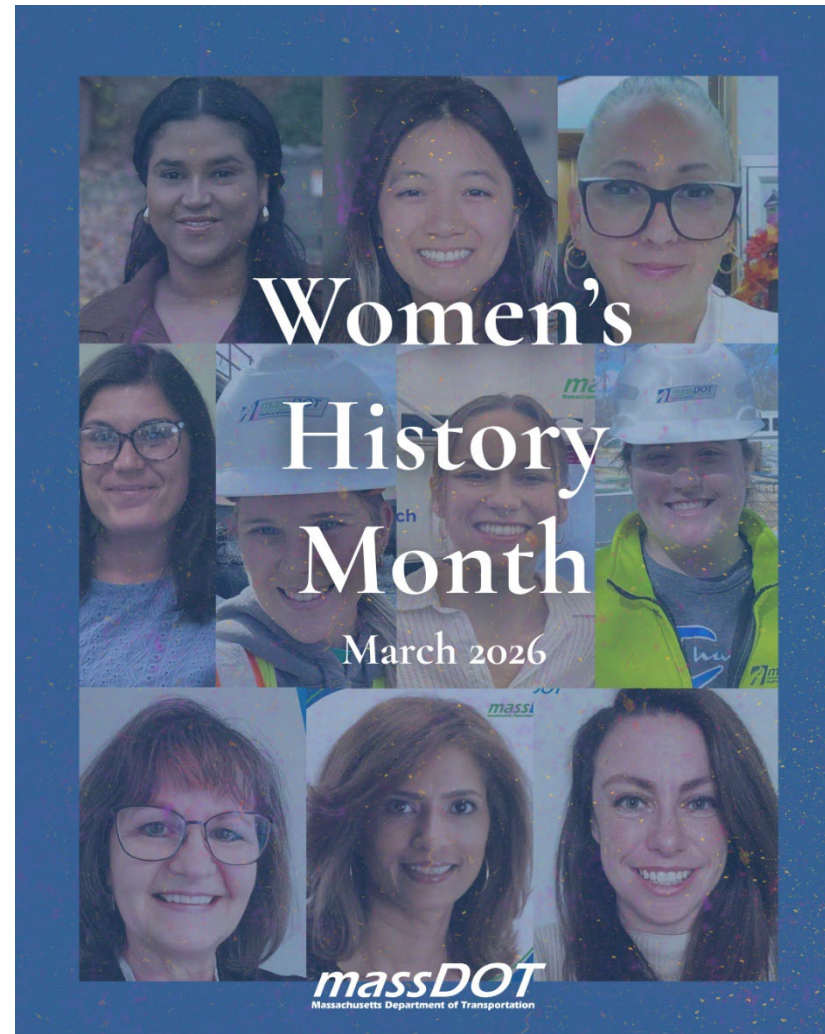
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National Work Zone Safety Awareness Billboard Contest

Safe Actions Save Lives

MassDOT 4th Annual Work Zone Safety
**DIGITAL BILLBOARD
DESIGN CONTEST**
FOR ALL MASS
COLLEGE STUDENTS

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
APRIL 17TH, 2026**

1st place: \$1,000 & 3-months billboard display
2nd place: \$600 & 2-months billboard display
3rd place: \$400 & 1-month billboard display

For contest details, visit
mass.gov/work-zone-billboard-contest-2026



WINNING DESIGNS
2024 MassDOT Work Zone Awareness Billboard
Design Contest for Massachusetts College Students

1
Work Zones are temporary,
ending a worker's life is *forever*.
National Work Zone Awareness Week 2024
MAAPA massDOT
First Place: Emma Greenblatt - Endicott College, 2027

2
Work Zones are Temporary.
Actions Behind the Wheel Can Last *Forever*.
2024 National Work
Zone Awareness Week massDOT MAAPA
Second Place: Erik Vandergrift - Clark University, 2025

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WORK ZONE SAFETY MATTERS
DRIVE SAFE. WORK SAFE. SAVE LIVES.
2024 NATIONAL WORK ZONE
AWARENESS WEEK
massDOT NWZAW MAAPA
Third Place: Samantha VanZandt - UMass Amherst, 2025

Contest Info: www.mass.gov/work-zone-billboard-contest



Contest open
until
April 17



Contest details

Sixth Annual Crossing Guard Appreciation Campaign

Partnering with Safe Routes to Schools to Honor Those Helping to Keep Kids Safe



March 25: Crossing Guard Appreciation Day



Nominate a Guard by March 25



Thank You

