



MassDOT Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Connectivity Grant State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 Awards

The FY25 state budget included \$10 million for grants to Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) to advance connectivity and identified ridership, coverage, serving low-income individuals, and geographic equity as criteria. MassDOT is pleased to announce 10 awards to 9 RTAs.

RTA Connectivity Awards

Awardee	Project Summary	Grant Award
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority in partnership with Franklin Regional Transit Authority and Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	Connect the 413 with a Commuter and Regionally Interconnected Bus network (413 CRIB) – Commuter service connecting the BRTA, PVTA, and FRTA service areas	\$1,577,607
Cape Ann Transportation Authority	Cape Ann Transit Connections – Extended evening hours on the existing Eastern Ave Route connecting the Gloucester and Rockport MBTA stations with intermediate neighborhoods and destinations	\$406,624
Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority in partnership with Brockton Area Transit and Southeastern Regional Transit Authority	Brockton - Taunton - Fall River Connection – Fixed-route service connecting Brockton, Taunton, and Fall River (connecting BAT, GATRA, and SRTA service areas)	\$1,575,160
Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	MART Emerson Hospital Shuttle – 6 loops a day connecting Fitchburg, Devens, and Emerson Hospital, including on-demand feeder service to the shuttle stops in Fitchburg, Leominster, Shirley, and Ayer	\$278,250

Merrimack Valley Regional Transportation Authority in partnership with Lowell Regional Transit Authority	Frequency is Freedom - Gateway City High Frequency Connector – Increasing frequency on the existing route connecting Lowell and Lawrence	\$1,156,164
MetroWest Regional Transit Authority in partnership with Worcester Regional Transit Authority	The 495 Connector – Peak-hours commuter service along Route 85 from South Acton to Franklin, connecting to 3 commuter rail lines plus MWRTA and GATRA services and extending MWRTA microtransit to Berlin (a WRTA town)	\$1,092,529
Nantucket Regional Transit Authority	WAVE On-Demand – Off-season microtransit to parts of Nantucket that do not get fixed-route service, with a focus on serving low-income riders	\$341,000
Pioneer Valley Transit Authority in partnership with Franklin Regional Transit Authority	Pioneer Valley Connectors – 2 new north-south fixed routes in PVRTA's service area, one of which includes 2 FRTA towns plus microtransit in the 2 FRTA towns (Southampton & Southwick)	\$1,764,922
Southeastern Regional Transit Authority	Micro-transit: South Coast Rail Connector – Piloting microtransit for local connections to South Coast Rail.	\$694,944
Southeastern Regional Transit Authority	Intercity Express - 9x – Express service between New Bedford and Fall River, connecting 2 cities within SRTA's service area for a faster ride than the regular route	\$1,112,800