

World Cup Update

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Special Event Assessment Rating

Federal Scale Ranges from SEAR 1 to SEAR 5

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FIFA World Cup designated as a SEAR 1 and SEAR 2 level event.
Rating varies based upon teams playing each match.

Significance, Attendance, Risk Assessment, Infrastructure Impact, Visibility

SEAR 1 includes events of significant national and/or international importance and may require *extensive* federal interagency support.

Examples: Boston Marathon, Superbowl

SEAR 2 includes events with national and/or international importance and may require some national level federal support.

Examples: Kentucky Derby, Indy 500

Interagency Coordination

Transportation Network Security Working Group Partners

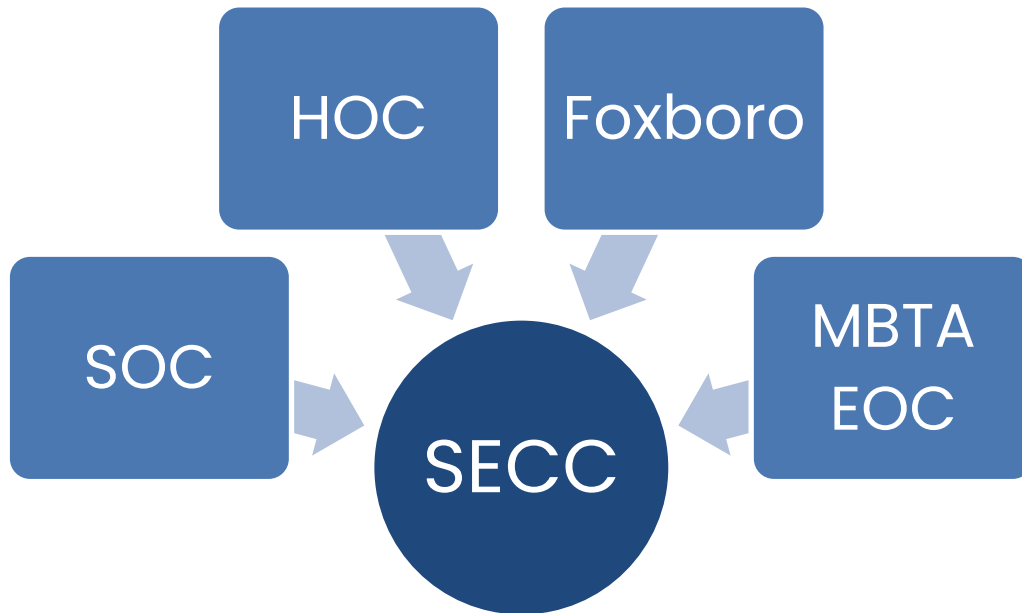
Primary Work Group Objectives

1. Conduct Risk & Threat Assessments
2. Develop Security Infrastructure & Physical Protection Measures
3. Ensure Route & Facility Readiness
4. Enhance Intelligence & Situational Awareness
5. Coordinate Interagency Operations & Communications



Executive Office of Public Safety & Security (EOPSS), Rhode Island Dept of Transportation (RIDOT), Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA), Massachusetts State Police (MSP), Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), FIFA Boston World Cup 2026 (BWC2026)

Incident Command



International Event Risks	Crowd Protections	Operational Security
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- Support established coordination structures through the **Special Event Coordination Center (SECC)**
- Operate within SECC **activation windows**
- Establish **communication channels** with other EOCs
- Provide **regular situational updates** to transportation personnel staffing the SECC to support shared situational awareness/decision-making.
- **Adjust operational posture** as required for overtime, penalty kicks, weather impacts, or early/unscheduled crowd surges.

Security Operations Center (SOC), Highway Operations Center (HOC), MBTA Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Security Operations Exercises

South Station Walkthrough – February 27, 2026

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Aligning on operational safety and security protocols for World Cup with key stakeholders



MBTA, MassDOT, Keolis, City of Boston (BTD and BPD), Amtrak, Keolis, Rose Kennedy Greenway

- **Staging at Dewey Square**
 - Crowd management and communications
 - Space activation and permitting required
- **Queue Management Plan**
 - Ticketing and access control
 - Prohibited items policy and disposal process
- **Crowd Flow and Safety**
 - Queueing barriers and infrastructure
 - Medical and welfare facilities
- **Wayfinding – Signage and Staffing**
 - On-site directional signage (redirecting passengers outside of South Station)
 - On-site staff for wayfinding and information
 - Trailblazer destination signage
- **Roadway Impacts**
 - Downstream impacts on ramp and road closures
 - ADA accessibility, taxi and rideshare options

Friendly Match Plan

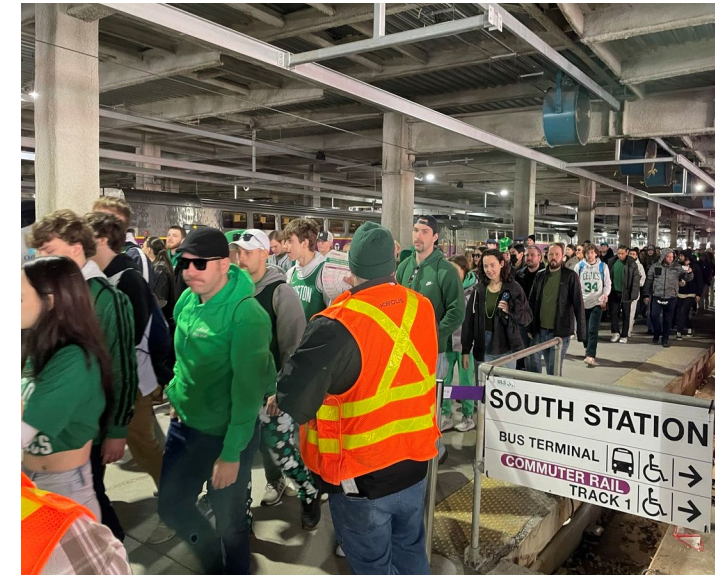
Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 4PM

MassDOT

- Anticipating higher volumes of traffic to the stadium based on the day and time of the match
- Route 1 Traffic Management Plan to follow typical setup for the stadium

MBTA

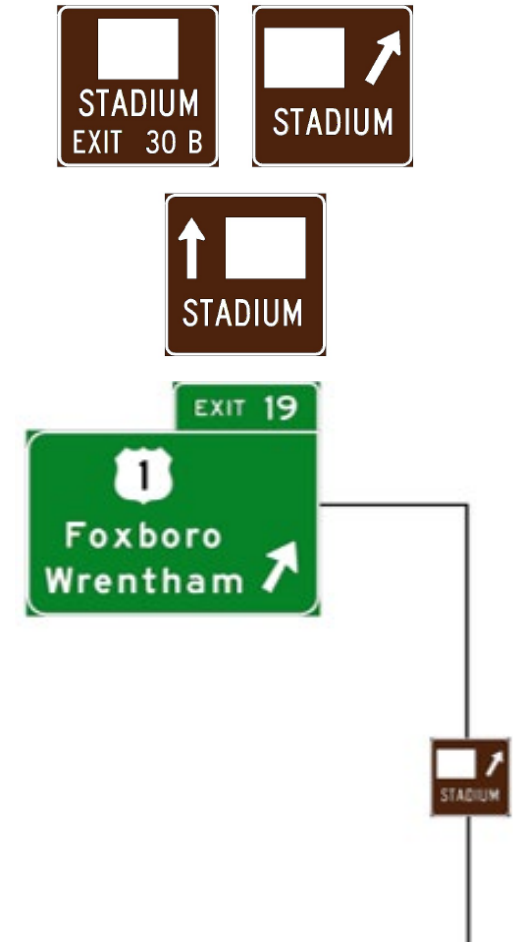
- Schedule follow-up walkthrough for the March 26 friendly dry run
- Test plans and coordination with stakeholders
- Opportunity to practice and fine-tune queuing, station operations, wayfinding, and customer experience



Traffic Management Enhancements

Operational Supports for World Cup Match Days June 13–July 9

- **Tow trucks** for quick clearance
- **Message boards** to enhance communication
- **Portable cameras** to monitor traffic conditions
- **Wayfinding signage** to the stadium
- **Southeast Expressway Zipper Lane** schedule adjustments



Upcoming World Cup Updates

2026 Monthly Lookahead

Month	Anticipated Topics
April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Park & Ride and RTA Support• Special Event Train ticket sales• Communications and outreach
May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wayfinding and volunteers• Highway maintenance activities• Aeronautics support
June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recap of June matches

Schedule subject to change.

Thank You















Appendix

Boston World Cup Calendar – June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 NATIONAL WC BEGINS	12	13 Haiti v Scotland 9pm <i>Sox game 4:10pm Tent. Pride Parade</i>
14	15	16 TBD v Norway 6pm <i>Sox game 6:45pm</i>	17	18	19 Scotland v. Morocco 6pm <i>Juneteenth</i>	20
21	22	23 England v. Ghana 4pm	24	25	26 Norway v. France 3pm <i>Sox v Yankees 7:10pm Concert at Xfinity</i>	27
28	29 (R32 – Match 64) 4:30 pm <i>Sox game 7:10pm</i>	30				

Boston World Cup Calendar – July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  Boston Harborfest	2  Boston Harborfest	3  Boston Harborfest	4  Boston Harborfest
5	6	7	8 Rest Day – No Matches	9 Match Day  QF- Match 96 4pm	10  Sail 250 Tall Ships	11  Sail 250 Tall Ships
12  Sail 250 Tall Ships Rest Day	13  Sail 250 Tall Ships Rest Day	14  Sail 250 Tall Ships Semifinal (Dallas)	15  Sail 250 Tall Ships Semifinal (Atlanta)	16  Sail 250 Tall Ships Rest Day	17 Rest Day	18 BRONZE MATCH (MIAMI)
19 CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH NJ/NY Fan Festival Concludes	20	21	22	23	24	25