



Name: Fitchburg Commuter Rail Extension & Wachusett Station
Location: Fitchburg, MA
Sponsor: Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MART) with the City of Fitchburg
Total Cost: \$72,200,000
TIGER Funding: \$55,500,000

Project Description:

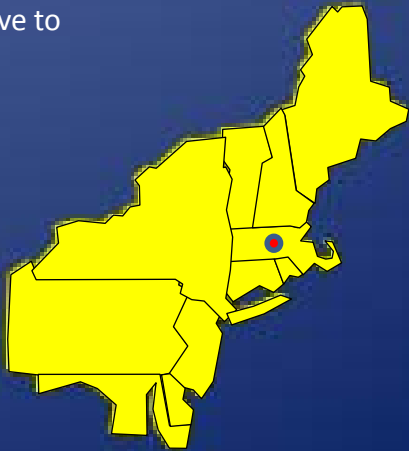
The project will extend existing commuter rail service west from Fitchburg an additional 4.5 miles on the Pan Am Southern railway corridor. Commuter rail service currently connects Fitchburg with Boston, 50 miles to the southeast. The project will also include construction of a new station in Wachusett and a new layover facility. A new parking facility will be constructed, track and train control improvements will be made, and a separate track for boarding at the station will be included.

Highlights:

- ❑ Extends commuter rail service 4.5 miles west on the existing Fitchburg Commuter Rail Line
- ❑ Benefits both passenger rail service and freight operations
- ❑ Provides a new commuter rail station, layover facility, and infrastructure and track improvements
- ❑ Reduces auto travel, offers a new travel option and reduces commute times to Boston

Project Benefits:

The project will provide new transit options and reduce commute times for the citizens living in and around Fitchburg, a suburb 50 miles northwest of Boston. The reduced travel times will improve the region’s economy by providing more people with enhanced access to the Boston job market and will also promote the use of transit as a more sustainable alternative to congested State Route 2.



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