

Transportation Readiness for Summer 2026

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Summer 2026













- **Unprecedented opportunity to showcase the Commonwealth and the MBTA** on a global stage
- Estimates upwards of **2M visitors** descending on the Boston area for **World Cup events**.
 - Additional visitors expected for 250th Anniversary festivities, Tall Ships, and summertime events.
- **MBTA is committed to transporting 20,000 match goers** from South Station to Foxboro for the World Cup with Boston (Gillette) Stadium direct train service
- **Coordinating a comprehensive transportation strategy**
 - Regional Transit Authorities providing access to Boston Stadium and to local Fan events
 - Boston 26 “Stadium Express” bus service including service from Rhode Island
 - Continued coordination with local municipalities, state agencies, federal partners, Boston 26, Healey- Driscoll Administration



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Pride Parade</i>
7	8	9	10	11 NATIONAL FIFA WC BEGINS	12 <i>Fan Festival Begins</i> 2pm to 11:30pm	13 Match Day Haiti v Scotland 9pm <i>Fan Festival</i> 2pm to 11:30pm <i>Sox game 4:10pm</i>
14 <i>Fan Festival</i> 12pm to 9:30pm	15 <i>Fan Festival</i> 11am to 8:30pm	16 Match Day Iraq v Norway 6pm <i>Fan Festival</i> 2pm to 11:30pm <i>Sox game 6:45pm</i>	17 <i>Fan Festival</i> 12pm to 9:30pm	18 <i>Fan Festival</i> 2pm to 11:30pm	19 Match Day Scotland v. Morocco 6pm <i>Fan Festival</i> 2pm to 11:30pm <i>Concert at Xfinity</i>	20 <i>Fan Festival</i> 12pm to 10:30pm
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28	29 Match Day (R32 – Match 64) 4:30 pm <i>Sox game 7:10pm</i> <i>Concert at Xfinity</i>	30				

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	20	21	22	23	24	25 

Boston World Cup

2026 Fact Sheet

Activities	Current Actions
Matches Times/ Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 of the 7 games are weekdays, 5 – group play, 1 round of 32, and 1 Quarter Final Match• Match times are set for between 3pm and 9pm• Two teams will be practicing in Wellesley and Rhode Island
General Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stadium seats ~65k with ~ 35k general purpose seats; reduced parking available
Regional Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordination with partner law enforcement agencies, MassDOT, Kraft Group, municipalities, RTAs, and Healey-Driscoll Administration
Fan Walks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Boston reviews and approves fan walk routes• Not all matches will necessarily have a fan walk
Fan Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Hall Plaza (Government Center Station)• Municipal fan watches – MBTA coordination on road closures, service



Daily Match Playbook

Fanfest Location – City Hall

- Thurs, June 12th to Sat, June 27th
- 15/16 days to end before 11:30pm; on Sat 6/27 until 12:30am

Fan Walks

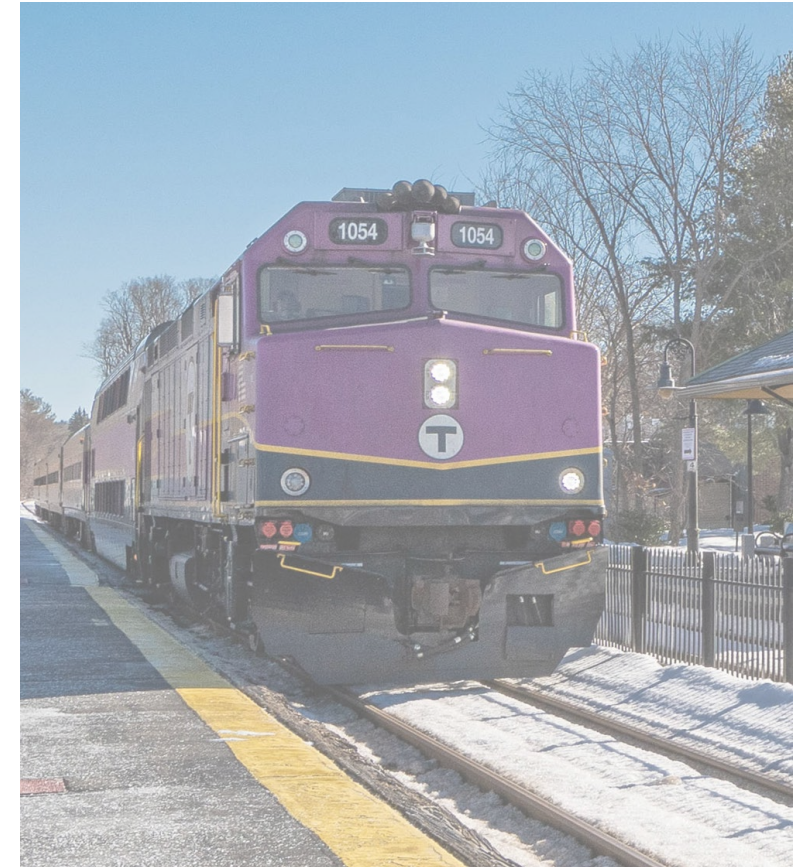
- Days and times and pre-planned routes TBD

“Group Stage” Matches (1-5) Are 90 Minutes

- Anticipated duration: 120 mins (incl halftime and water)
- Round of 32 and Quarterfinal Matches may go to overtime

Boston Stadium Train Service

- **Commuter Rail run times:** South Station to Foxboro – under 60 mins
 - **To Foxboro**
 - First train arrives at Foxboro about 4.5 hours prior to kickoff and departs every 15 minutes
 - Final train arrives at Foxboro 90 mins prior to kickoff
 - **To South Station**
 - NOTE: Egress expected to be within a 3-hour window
 - First train leaves about 30 minutes after the final whistle and departs every 15 minutes
 - Extended Subway and late-night bus services for days when matches / trains are back after normal business hrs.



Summary of Transportation Options to Stadium

MBTA's Boston Stadium Trains offer the fastest (under 1 hour) and most direct option, avoiding roadway traffic

	Mode	Route	Cost (round trip)	Trip duration	Customers Accommodated
Public Transport Options	MBTA Boston Stadium Trains	South Station to Stadium	\$80 (for all day CR travel)	Under 1 hour	Up to 20,000
	Greater Attleboro Transit Authority (GATRA) Stadium Express	Local Hotels to Stadium	TBD	Various	Up to 600
	Rhode Island Stadium Express	Rhode Island Convention Center to Stadium	\$95	1.5 hours	1,300 (Part of the estimate below)
	Boston 26 Stadium Express	Hotels to Stadium	\$95	Various (1.5 hours +)	Up to 10,000
Private Transport Options	Rideshare (Uber/Lyft)	Various depending on origination	\$85 (one-way typical commute day)	Various	Unknown
	Private Vehicle	From various hotels/airports	\$175 (Group stage lowest price) \$220 (R32, QF lowest price)	Various	+ 5,000 vehicles
	Private Limos	Pre-planned route	Varies	TBD	VVIP, VIP, Media
	Charter Buses	Pre-booked route	Varies + \$600 parking at stadium	Various	Certain fan groups denote they will charter their own bus from Logan or Hotel to stadium

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MBTA World Cup Preparations

March 26th Friendly Match “Test Run”

- MBTA operated four (4) trains roundtrip between South Station and Foxboro Station
- Trains operations and passenger behavior was exceptional with no incidents reported
- Lessons learned and refinement for World Cup operations



Preparations for World Cup Games

- Extended Service Operations
- Queuing & Crowd Management (at South Station and Foxboro)
- Accessibility Upgrades at Foxboro Station
- Public Safety and Security Enhancements
- Wayfinding and Signage Improvements
- Communications and Customer Experience
- Marketing



Communication and Outreach

For World Cup Ticket Holders

Announcements on Transportation Options

- Boston Stadium Train Service and Fares – April 6th
- Temporary Schedules for Commuter Rail Service – April 6th
- MBTA Stadium Train Ticket Information – April 9th
- MassDOT “Kick the Drive” campaign – May 4th
- Future communications: press announcements – videos, interviews, etc

Rider Facing Engagement

- Plan your trip via MBTA World Cup Guide:
www.mbta.com/worldcup
- Boston 26 providing information on “Getting Around”
www.bostonfwc26.com
- “What to Expect” and “Know Before You Go” communications

Ongoing Coordination

- Partnership with stakeholders - Keolis, MassDOT, MBTA, Boston 26, Amtrak, Northeast Corridor Commission
- Webinars
- Mapping apps (Google, Waze, etc.)

Governor Healey Announces Summer Savings for Commuter Rail Riders

Posted on March 30, 2026

Governor Maura Healey today announced a series of summer fare promotions and discounts on the MBTA Commuter Rail to lower costs for riders, support regular commuters and encourage more people to choose public transportation as Massachusetts prepares for a busy season of major events across the state.

Governor Healey made the announcement at North Station alongside

Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll and MBTA General Manager Phil Eng this morning. The promotions include fare reductions that will run on the Commuter Rail from July 1 through August 31, including Free Fridays, a 50% discount on off-peak fares, and more. Monthly passholders will save more, depending on their route.



Boston Stadium Event Train Tickets

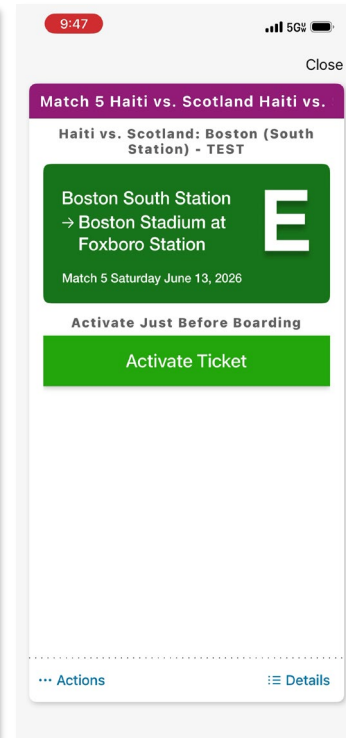
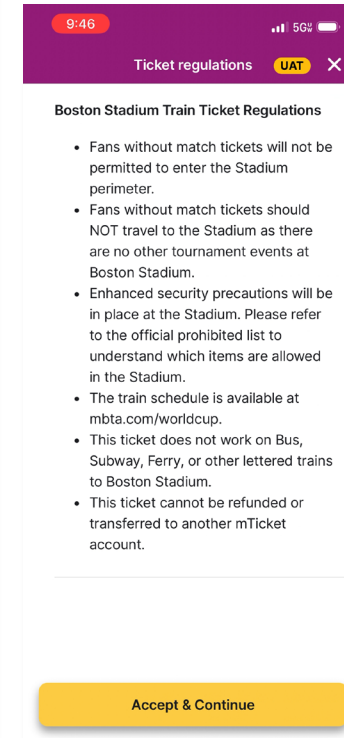
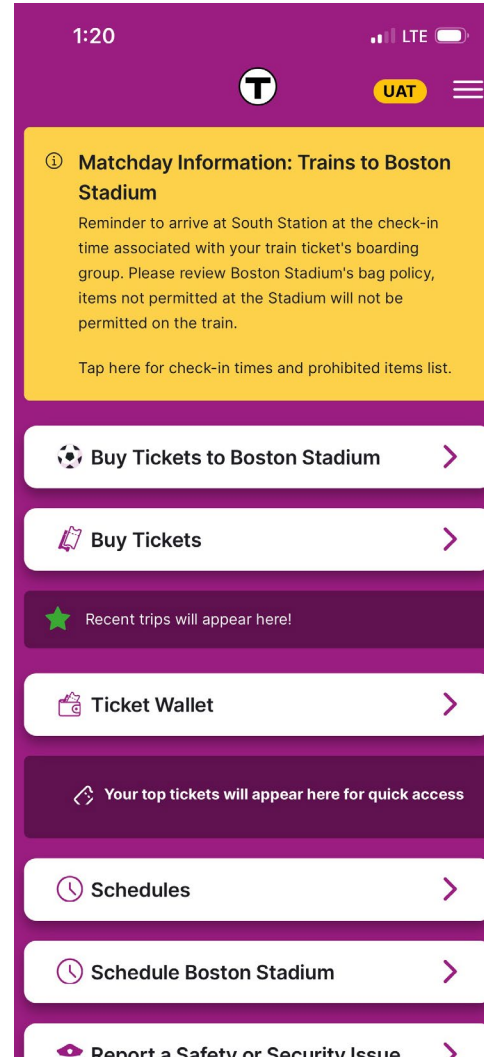
Strong Demand Upon Launch

Tickets went on sale on Wednesday, April 8th

- **17,500 tickets sold 1st day!**
- **Boston Stadium Train service is the only train service running to Boston Stadium on match days. No other train/subway provides direct service to the games.**
- Round-trip Boston Stadium Ticket is valid across the entire Commuter Rail system on the day of ticket validation.

Constant Communication with Customers

- Email communication with train ticket holders.
- Know before you go information (train arrival times, queuing, North + South Station connections, etc).
- Policies and Requirements:
 - Same-day World Cup match ticket to buy a Boston Stadium Train ticket.
 - Passengers must adhere to the Prohibited Items List policy.
 - Bag Check



mTicket Boston Stadium Ticket



Volunteers and Wayfinding

Supporting the passenger journey and experience

Volunteers

- MassDOT and MBTA employees can assist as Transit Navigation Crew (TNCs) alongside Transit Ambassadors and Boston 26 volunteers during summer 2026 events

Key focus areas:

- TNCs will be stationed systemwide to assist riders with:
 - Wayfinding & Directions (multilingual)
 - Ticketing & Customer Assistance
 - Accessibility Assistance
 - Safety & Emergency Assistance



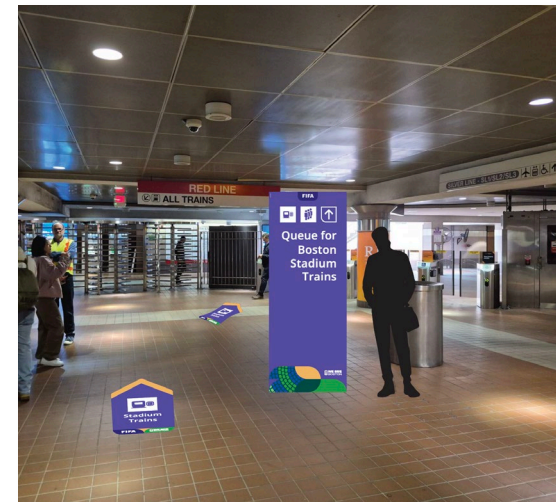
All MBTA staff will wear matching and hi-visibility gear to ensure a unified, easily identifiable appearance for match day operations

Wayfinding

- Enable customers to navigate the MBTA system with ease when traveling to/from World Cup related events

Key focus areas:

- Systemwide guidance for entering, transferring, exiting the system, and on-street wayfinding direction
- Communicate queueing operations at South Station and Foxboro Station
- Upgrade and enhance legacy wayfinding at key stations. Bringing wayfinding up to MBTA standards



Tower Signs and floor decals directing passengers to queue area at South Station



Sign Types

For more detailed information:
MBTA.com/worldcup

