

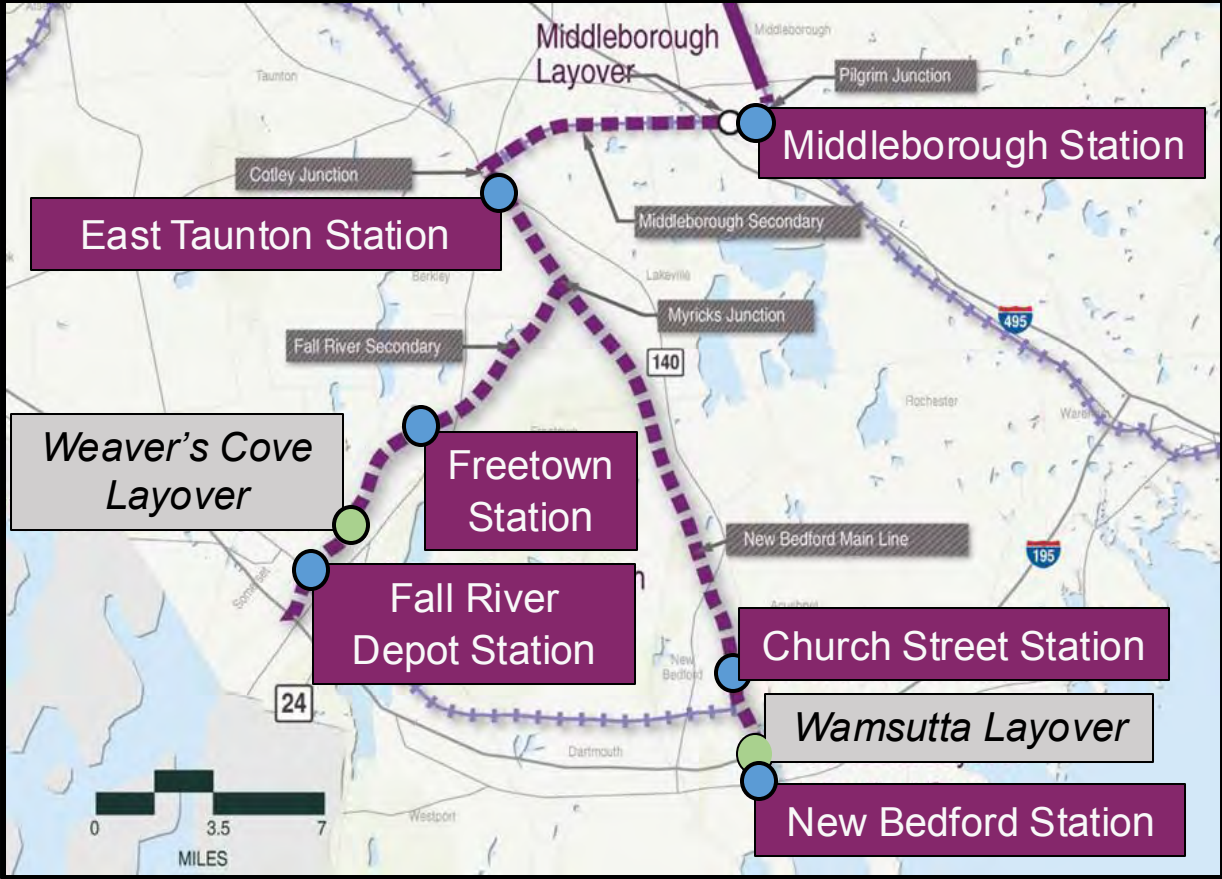
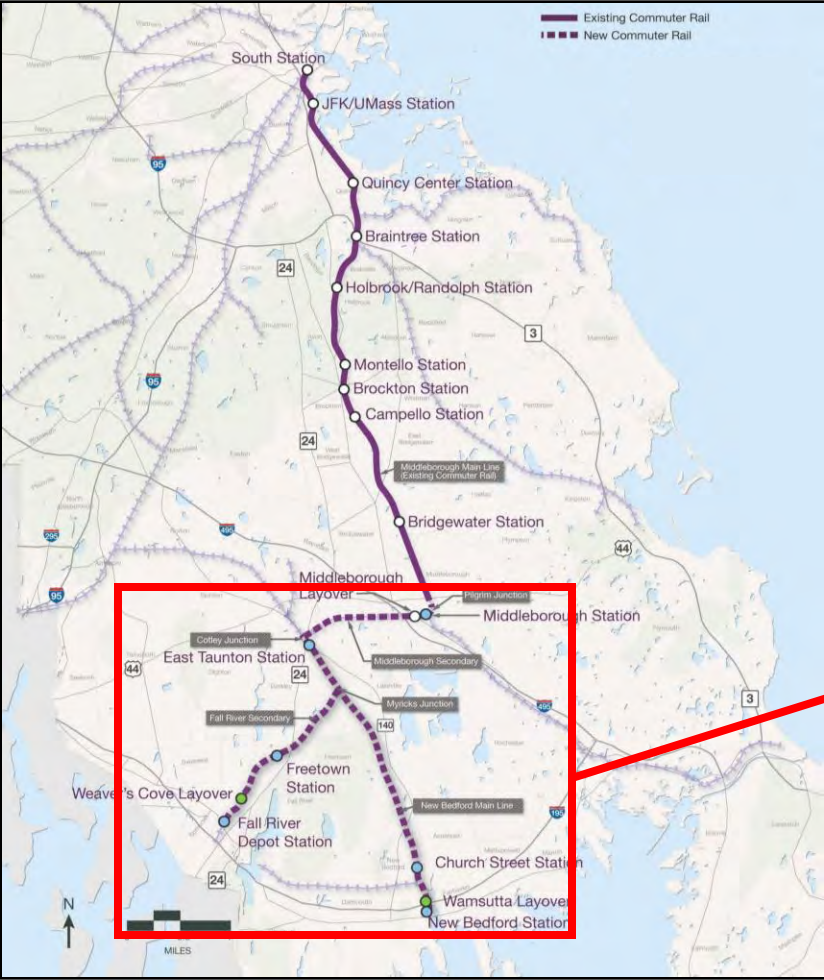


South Coast Rail Public Meeting with MBTA General Manager Phil Eng

February 10, 2025



South Coast Rail Stations and Layover Facilities



- New SCR stations, layover facilities, and 37 track miles

Project Update: Milestone Schedule



Activity	2024						2025							
	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Complete Track & Certification		✓												
Start Test Trains		✓												
Signal Testing-ATC, Xings, & PTC														
Start Keolis Dispatching			✓											
Complete Stations/Layovers					✓									
Start Keolis Operations									✓					
New Starts Process														
Start of Service													◆	

Signal Testing Completed Early

New Starts Process Started Early

◆	Milestone	■	Ongoing process
✓	Completed milestone		

Start of Service



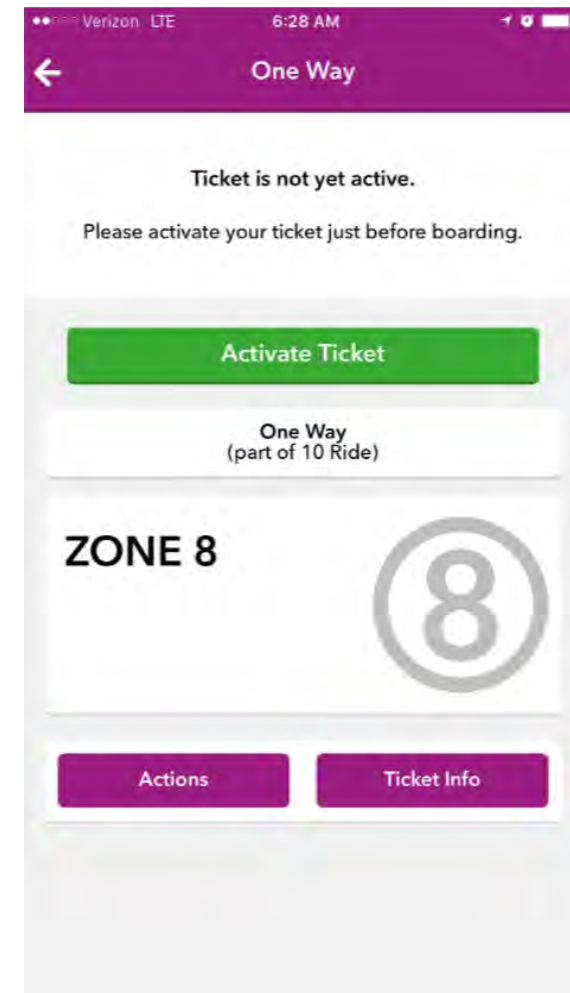
- The target date for the start of Commuter Rail service to New Bedford and Fall River is **Monday, March 24, 2025**
- This date is dependent upon FRA approval



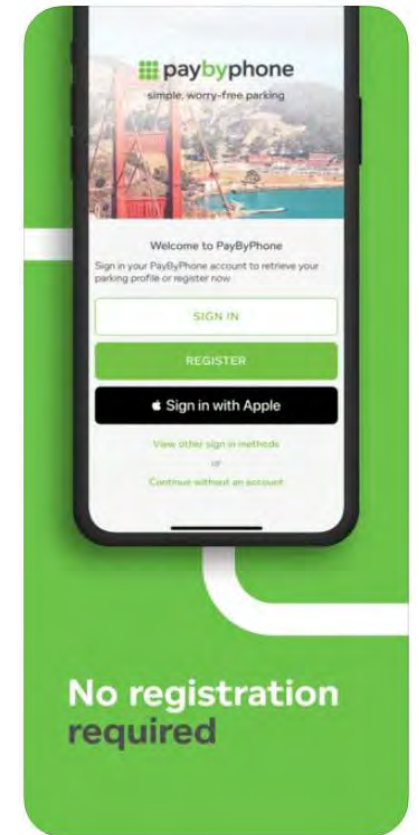
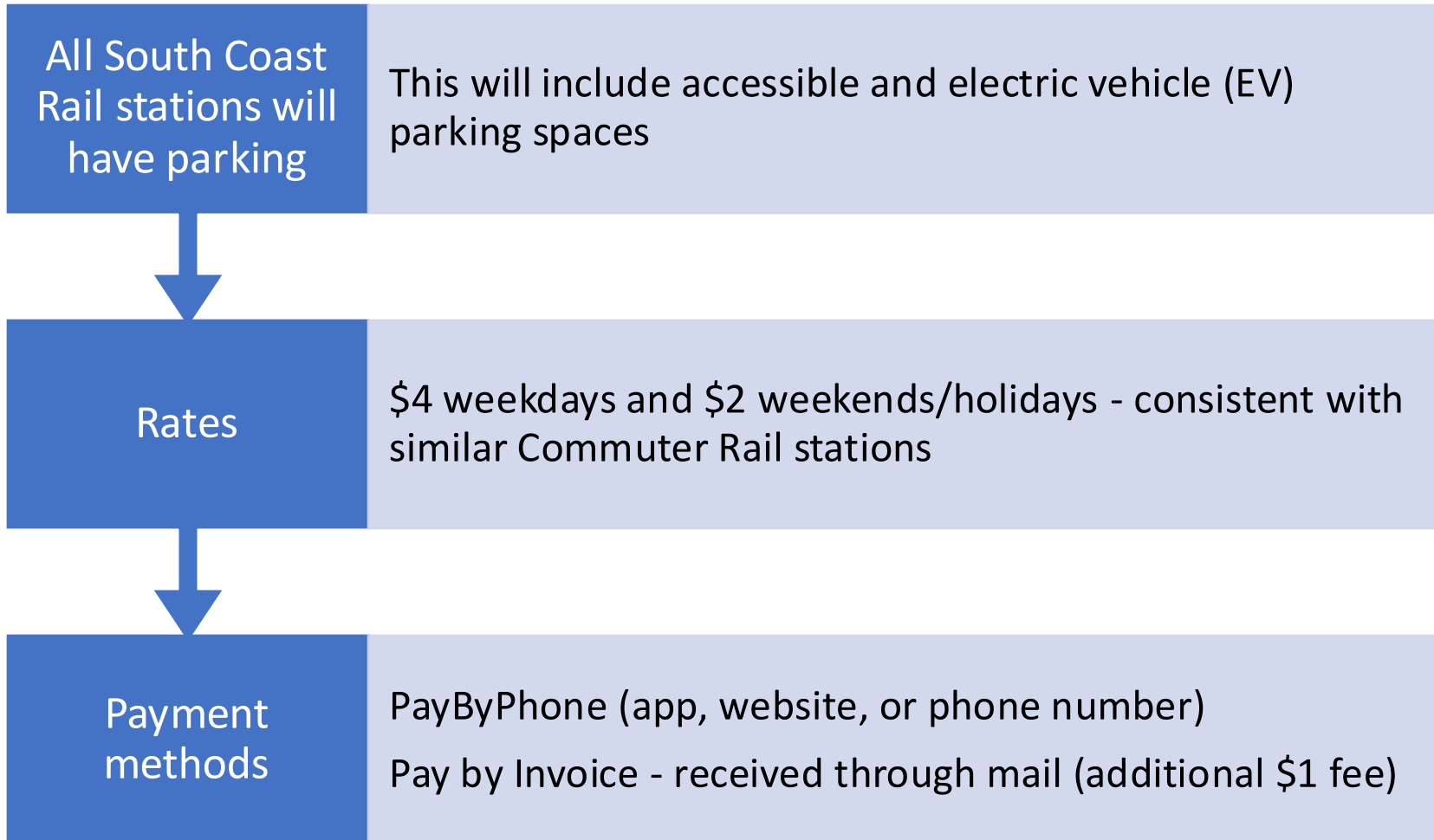
Fares



- All South Coast Rail stations will follow a Zone 8 fare structure
- This is consistent with the current designation of the Middleborough/Lakeville station
- Full fares are \$12.25 each way, and a reduced fare is \$6.00



Parking



Fall River/New Bedford Line Stations Complete



Fall River Depot



Freetown Station



Middleborough Station



Church Street Station



New Bedford Station



East Taunton Station

Signal System Testing – Complete



ATC & PTC Testing:

- The MBTA's Automatic Train Control (ATC) and Positive Train Control (PTC) signal systems are federally mandated safety requirements
- As of January 5, 2025, ATC and PTC system testing is complete and in service on all South Coast Rail lines - over 1,000 functions were successfully tested!



Pedestrian Bridge



- Construction on the New Bedford Station Pedestrian Bridge is about 85% complete
- Contractor is working on completing the elevator
- The bridge will open in time for the start of passenger service
- The old pedestrian bridge is scheduled to be demolished in the spring



New Starts Process



- On January 6, 2025, following successful completion of ATC and PTC signal testing, the South Coast Rail lines were transferred to MBTA Railroad Operations and Keolis, the MBTA's Commuter Rail operator, for completion of the New Starts Process
- The FRA New Starts Process requires:
 - Implementation of a System Safety Program
 - Strict adherence to industry design and construction standards
 - Completion of a comprehensive safety certification process
 - Train Crews will be qualified for operations on the South Coast Rail lines
- FRA will conduct inspections and witness operation of simulated service
- FRA safety certification is required to initiate revenue service

Route and Station Names



- When service begins, the Middleborough/Lakeville Line will be renamed the Fall River/New Bedford Line
- Middleborough/Lakeville Station (125 Commercial Drive, Lakeville) will be renamed Lakeville Station
- Commuter Rail trains will no longer stop at Lakeville Station; it will serve only the seasonal Cape Flyer
- The new Middleborough Station (52 West Grove Street, Middleborough) will serve the Commuter Rail



Schedules – Draft



Service	Original Project Commitment	MBTA Delivery
East Taunton-South Station	26	32
Fall River Line	13	15
New Bedford Line	13	17
Weekends	-	26

- The above chart shows direct trips to/from South Station
- In addition to direct service, there will also be shuttles operating between each terminus point and East Taunton Station; this allows for even more frequent service, which is consistent with the All Day Service model across the rest of the Commuter Rail network
- Weekday Direct service will run approximately every 70 minutes
- Weekend Direct service will run approximately every 120 minutes
- Late Night Service will be offered to South Coast Rail stations with the last train leaving Boston just before mid-night

Reporting Emergencies at Grade Crossings



Blue signs at every railroad crossing provide information for reporting and problems or emergencies

CALL: 1-800-522-8236

MBTA Commuter Rail Safety website:

www.mbta.com/CRSafety



What to Do and *NOT* to Do around Tracks



Expect a train on any track, in any direction, at any time 24/7/365

STOP for gates and flashing red lights

- *Never* walk on or next to the tracks. It's very dangerous. Don't walk your dog, run, hunt or drive an ATV or bicycle along the tracks
- *Remember:* Railroad tracks are private property so being on them is dangerous and illegal
- *Never* take a shortcut over the tracks



Questions?



Community Outreach



Project Website & Email

- mbta.com/projects/south-coast-rail
- SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us

Site Visits and Community Meetings

- SCR team meets with residents, businesses, and elected officials to discuss issues and update stakeholders

Project Updates

- Project updates issued to over 6,500 subscribers

