

MBTA FY 2026-2030 Capital Investment Plan Oversight Report

MBTA Advisory Board

May 16, 2025



Massachusetts General Law Chapter 161a, Section 5

"The [MBTA] shall conduct a series of public meetings within 30 days of issuance of an initial draft of the capital investment program and shall <u>submit a final capital</u> <u>investment program to the advisory board, for its review</u>, no later than May 15 of each year."



The 178 cities and towns in the MBTA service district broadly support the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's ("MBTA" or "Authority") Fiscal Years ("FY") 2026-2030 Capital Investment Program ("CIP"), and recommend its approval by the MBTA Board of Directors.

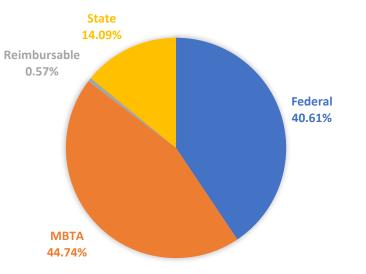
Key Takeaways:

- A "nuts and bolts" CIP
- The plan builds on the success of 2024's track improvement program, and funds a number of State of Good Repair programs
- Emphasis on accessibility and resiliency

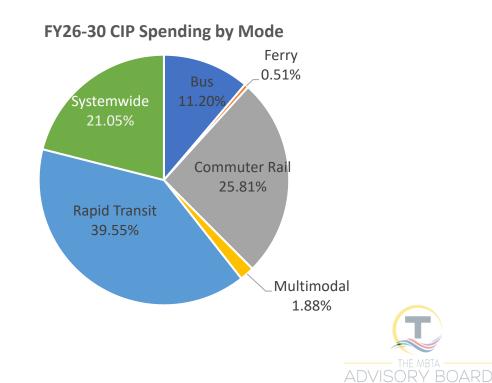
Funding Breakdown:

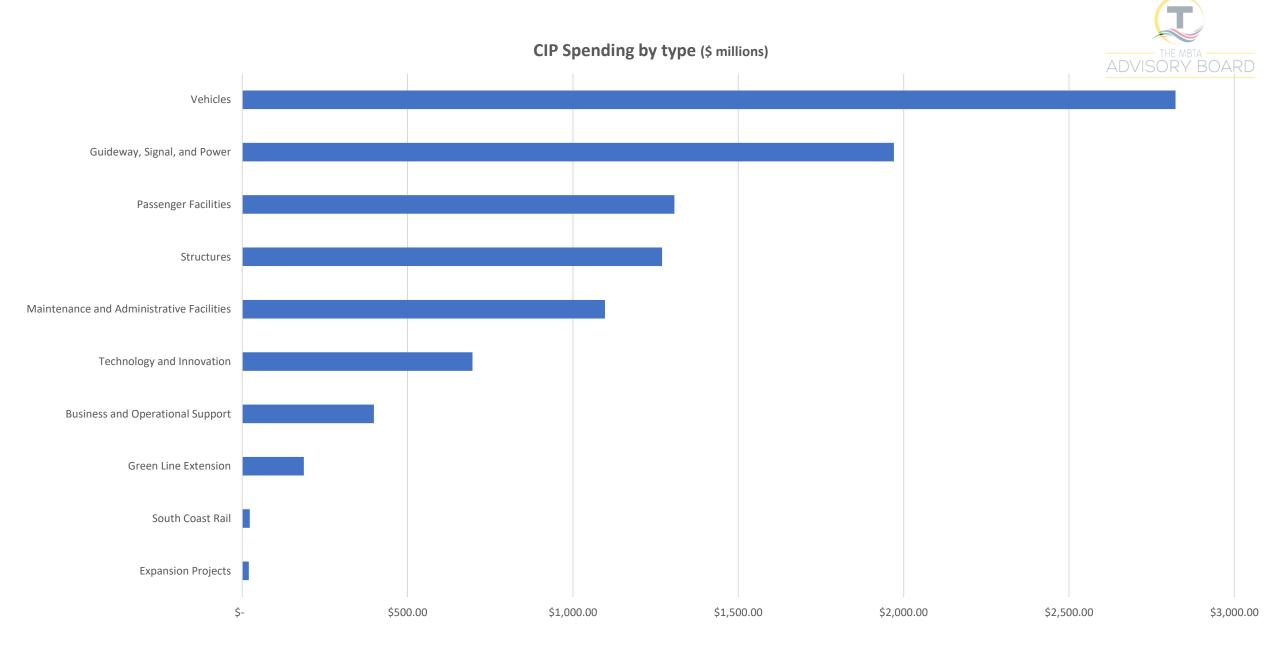
• \$9.8 billion

- 670 discrete capital projects
- 108 new projects



26-30 CIP REVENUE SOURCES







Oversight Report: Conclusions

- The MBTA has done commendable work with insufficient resources
 - The MBTA's funding structure is fundamentally incapable of supporting the Authority's capital needs, and structural reform is imperative
- The CIP planning process lacks strategic vision for our public transportation system
 - The CIP is supposed to be based on the Program for Mass Transportation (PMT), which itself is meant to be based on a strategic vision for the region's public transportation network. The PMT was due March 18, 2024, but Mass.
 DOT will not complete it until at least December 2025