



Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

2026 FIFA Men's World Cup MBTA Board of Directors Meeting

August 12, 2025

World Cup 2026 | The Role of the MBTA

PLANNING UPDATES

- 3** Hosts: Canada, Mexico, U.S.
- 1** U.S. | Main Country Host
- 48** Teams
- 16** World Host Cities
- 11** U.S. Host Cities
- 104** Total Matches
- 7** Boston Matches









Boston on the World's Stage: June 11th -July 19th, 2026













Boston World Cup 2026 Fact Sheet

Activities	Current Actions
Matches	6 of the 7 games are weekdays, with 1 Quarter Final Match all at Boston Stadium
Match Times	FIFA currently estimates 12p.m., 4p.m., 6p.m., or 9p.m. games; Discussing late game impacts to service with FIFA
General Attendance	Stadium seats 62,000 with ~ 35,000 general purpose seats
Transit Access	MBTA has committed to moving 20,000 passengers per game in and out of Foxboro Station on CR
Match Coordination	On-going coordination planning with the other 11 US Host Cities, 2 from Canada, and 3 from Mexico – fans move with teams
Regional Coordination	Coordinating with our RTA partners, RIPTA, and Amtrak, as well as MassDOT and RIDOT on bus/train access, bus hubs
Fan Festival	Fan Festival is planned for downtown Boston, spanning the duration of the World Cup; Times and location(s) pending

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 NATIONAL FIFA WC BEGINS FIFA Fan Festival Begins	12 FIFA Fan Festival	13 BOSTON MATCH DAY (GROUP – MATCH 5) FIFA Fan Festival Tent. Pride Parade 
14	15	16 BOSTON MATCH DAY (Group – Match 18) 	17	18	19 Juneteenth BOSTON MATCH DAY (Group – Match 30) 	20
FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival
21	22 BPS – Last Day	23 BOSTON MATCH DAY (Group – Match 45) 	24	25	26 BOSTON MATCH DAY (Group – Match 61) 	27
FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival
28	29 BOSTON MATCH DAY (R32 – Match 74) FIFA Fan festival 	30				
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July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 BOSTON HARBORFEST 	2 BOSTON HARBORFEST 	3 BOSTON HARBORFEST 	4 BOSTON HARBORFEST 
			FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival	FIFA Fan Festival
5 FIFA Fan Festival	6 FIFA Fan Festival	7 FIFA Fan Festival	8 Rest Day – No Matches FIFA Fan Festival	9 BOSTON MATCH DAY (QF- Match 97) 	10 FIFA Fan Festival	11 SAIL 250 TALL SHIPS 
12 SAIL 250 TALL SHIPS 	13 SAIL 250 TALL SHIPS 	14 SAIL 250 TALL SHIPS Semifinal (Dallas) 	15 SAIL 250 TALL SHIPS Semifinal (Atlanta) 	16 SAIL 250 TALL SHIPS 	17 Rest Day FIFA Fan Festival	18 Bronze Match (Miami) FIFA Fan Festival
19 Championship Match (NJ/NY) FIFA Fan Festival	20	21	22	23	24	25

MBTA Importance to the Region



The MBTA realizes its commitment to the Commonwealth and that **the greater its commitment to transit, the less impact the games have on regional travel**



Foxboro is one of only 2 US host cities with access to a commuter rail and is one of the farthest from a city center



Commuter Rail has the highest capacity to accommodate the most customers, **alleviating congestion from area roadways**



The MBTA is **working hard to minimize service impacts** to its customers in surrounding regions



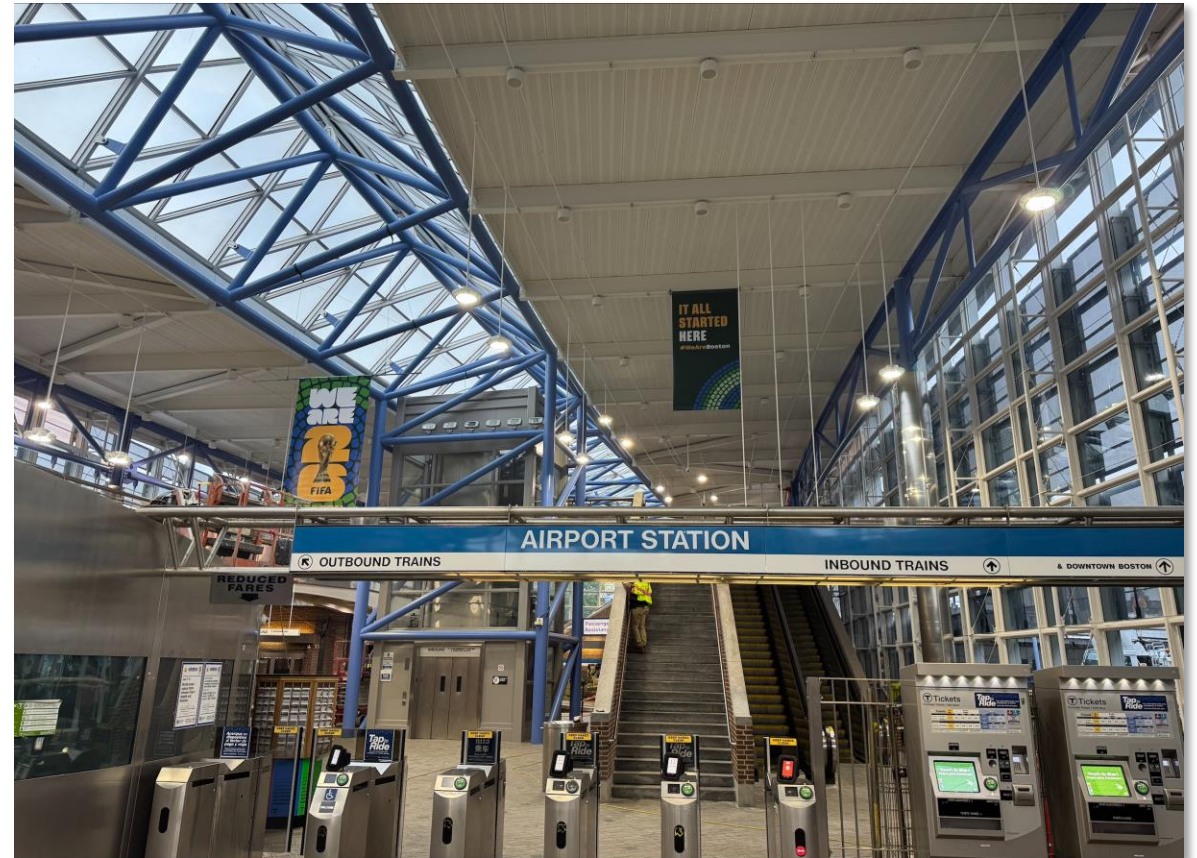
Economic Benefits to region are significant. Legacy benefits as well.



Broad Bipartisan Support for Federal Operating Funding



FIFA Advertising Take Over – South Station & Airport



MBTA Efforts To Date

Committee Participation

With local Boston26 and regional/national efforts

Safety and Security:



Blackout construction period to promote safety & service reliability

Developing a Safety and Security Plan with MassDOT/PD – Highest priority

Operations – Bus/Ferry/Subway:



Identified budget for additional service hours during the WC games – including MA250, Tall Ships, Harborfest, and July 4th

Operations – Commuter Rail:



Service planning for 20K passengers to Foxboro Station

Stations:



Funding Secured for ADA accessible station at Foxboro
Airport Station updates

Wayfinding:



Communication needs in several languages
Enhanced wayfinding at stations – Legacy improvements

Ticketing:



Special Event ticket cost, availability
Access to service – linking apps, unbanked
Coordinating with Keolis and experience in Qatar/Paris

Internal Committees:



Created 14 internal committees for coordination
Establishing an internal monthly progress update in TSTOP



Timeline

