

# Preparing Local Communities for the FIFA World Cup 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 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities, Tall Ships, and summertime events.
- **MBTA is committed to transporting 20,000 match goers** from South Station to Foxboro for World Cup with Boston Stadium train service
- **Coordinating a comprehensive transportation strategy**
  - Regional Transit Authorities on regional transit access to Boston Stadium
  - Boston 26 “Stadium Express” bus service with 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<br><b>NATIONAL FIFA WC<br/>BEGINS</b> | 12   | <b>13 Match Day</b> <br><b>Haiti v Scotland 9pm</b><br><i>Sox game 4:10pm</i><br><i>Tent. Pride Parade</i> |
| 14     | 15   | <b>16 Match Day</b> <br><b>Iraq v Norway<br/>6pm</b><br><i>Sox game 6:45pm</i> | 17        | 18                                       | <b>19 Match Day</b> <br><b>Scotland v. Morocco<br/>6pm</b><br><i>Juneteenth</i>                                     | 20  |
| 21     | 22   | <b>23 Match Day</b> <br><b>England v. Ghana<br/>4pm</b>                        | 24        | 25                                       | <b>26 Match Day</b> <br><b>Norway v. France<br/>3pm</b><br><i>Sox v Yankees 7:10pm</i><br><i>Concert at Xfinity</i> | 27  |
| 28     | <b>29 Match Day</b> <br><b>(R32 – Match 64)<br/>4:30 pm</b><br><i>Sox game 7:10pm</i> | 30  |           |  |  |    |

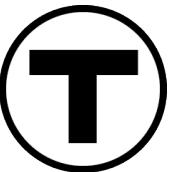
# July 2026

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|---|
|   |   |  | 1<br>Boston Harborfest                            | 2<br>Boston Harborfest                 | 3<br>Boston Harborfest     | 4<br>Boston Harborfest     |
| 5   | 6   | 7  | 8<br>Rest Day – No Matches   | 9<br>Match Day <br>QF- Match 96<br>4pm | 10<br>Sail 250 Tall Ships  | 11<br>Sail 250 Tall Ships  |
| 12<br>Sail 250 Tall Ships <br>Rest Day | 13<br>Sail 250 Tall Ships <br>Rest Day | 14<br>Sail 250 Tall Ships <br>Semifinal (Dallas) | 15<br>Sail 250 Tall Ships <br>Semifinal (Atlanta) | 16<br>Sail 250 Tall Ships <br>Rest Day | 17<br>Rest Day  | 18<br>BRONZE MATCH (MIAMI)  |
| 19<br>CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH NJ/ NY<br>FIFA Fan Festival Concludes  | 20  | 21   | 22   | 23  | 24  | 25<br>                   |

# Boston World Cup

## 2026 Fact Sheet

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



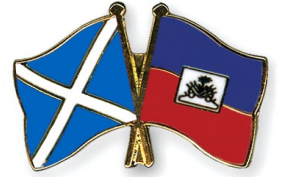
# Daily Match Playbook

- **Fanfest Location – City Hall**
  - Days and times TBD
- **Fan Marches**
  - 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 60 mins
  - *To Foxboro*
    - First train arrives at Foxboro about 4.5 hours prior to kickoff and depart every 15 minutes
    - Final train arrives to Foxboro 90 mins prior to kickoff
  - *To South Station*
    - NOTE: Egress expected to be within approximately 3 hours
    - First train leaves about 30 minutes after final whistle and depart every 15 minutes



# Weekend Match 1: Haiti vs Scotland

Saturday June 13th at 9pm



| Location                        | Activity                    | Time               |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| City Hall Plaza                 | <i>Fan Festival</i>         | <i>TBD</i>         |
| <i>TBD</i>                      | <i>Fan March</i>            |                    |
|                                 | <i>Marchers Congregate</i>  | <i>1pm</i>         |
|                                 | <i>March Begins</i>         | <i>2pm</i>         |
|                                 | <i>March Complete</i>       | <i>3:30pm</i>      |
| South Station > Foxboro Station | Trains Depart South Station | 3:15pm to 6:30pm   |
|                                 | Trains Arrive at Foxboro    | 4:15pm to 7:30pm   |
| <i>Boston Stadium</i>           | <i>Match Time</i>           | <i>9pm to 11pm</i> |
| Foxboro Station > South Station | Trains Depart Foxboro       | 11:30pm to 2:45am  |
|                                 | Trains Arrive South Station | 12:30am to 3:45am  |



# Weekday Match 2: Iraq vs Norway

Tuesday June 16th at 6pm



| Location                        | Activity                    | Time              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| City Hall Plaza                 | <i>Fan Festival</i>         | <i>TBD</i>        |
| TBD                             | <i>Fan March</i>            |                   |
|                                 | <i>Marchers Congregate</i>  | <i>10am</i>       |
|                                 | <i>March Begins</i>         | <i>11am</i>       |
|                                 | <i>March Complete</i>       | <i>12:30pm</i>    |
| South Station > Foxboro Station | Trains Depart South Station | 12:15pm to 3:30pm |
|                                 | Trains Arrive at Foxboro    | 1:15pm to 4:30pm  |
| <i>Boston Stadium</i>           | <i>Match Time</i>           | <i>6pm to 8pm</i> |
| Foxboro Station > South Station | Trains Depart Foxboro       | 8:30pm to 11:45pm |
|                                 | Trains Arrive South Station | 9:30pm to 12:45am |



# MBTA World Cup Preparations

## March 26<sup>th</sup> 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
- Wayfinding and Signage Improvements
- Communications and Customer Experience



# Transportation Options

## To and From Boston Stadium

|                           | Mode  | Route                               | Cost (round trip)  | Trip duration         | Customers Accommodated   |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| Public Transport Options  | MBTA  | South Station to Stadium            | \$80   | 1 hour                | Up to 20,000   |
|                           | Greater Attleboro Transit Authority (GATRA) | Hotels to Stadium                   | TBD  | Various               | Up to 600  |
|                           | Rhode Island                                | Rhode Island<br>(Locations TBD)     | TBD  | 1 hour                | 1,300 (Estimated)  |
|                           | Boston 26 Stadium Express                   | Hotels to Stadium                   | TBD  | Various<br>(1 hour +) | Up to 10,000   |
| Private Transport Options | Rideshare<br>(Uber/Lyft)                    | Various depending<br>on origination | \$85 (one-way typical<br>commute day)                                  |                       | Unknown  |
|                           | Private Vehicle                             | From various hotels/airports        | \$175 (Group stage<br>lowest price)<br>\$220 (R32, QF<br>lowest price) |                       |  |
|                           | Private Limos                               | Pre-planned route                   | Incl   | TBD                   | VVIP, VIP, Media   |
|                           | Charter Buses                               | Pre-booked route                    | Varies + \$600 parking<br>at stadium                                   | Various               | Certain fan groups denote they<br>will charter their own bus from<br>Logan or Hotel to stadium |

# Communication and Outreach

## For Residents and Commuters

### Savings Promotions & Messaging Campaigns

- Commuter Rail Summer Fare Promotions and Discounts – March 30<sup>th</sup>
- MassDOT “Kick the Drive” campaign – beginning in May

### Outreach and Engagement

- Rider facing engagement
- Social media, website, news, and radio presence
- Digital billboards, service plaza messaging
- Partnerships with regional stakeholders – GATRA, RIDOT, Amtrak, Northeast Corridor Commission

### Ongoing Coordination

- Boston 26 “Getting Ready for Kick Off” series
- Webinars for municipalities, elected officials, local business councils
- Partner with RIDOT and RIPTA
- Mass Executive Office of Tourism (MOTT) Grant World Cup Fan Festivals

## 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 alongside Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, MBTA General Manager Phil E. Hanlon, and MBTA Commuter Rail representatives. The promotions that will run on the MBTA Commuter Rail from May through August, including Free Fridays and more. Monthly passholders will receive a 25% discount on their pass for the summer, depending on their rate.



# 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
- Forthcoming press announcements for additional stadium express transportation options

### Rider Facing Engagement

- Plan your trip via MBTA World Cup Guide: [www.mbta.com/worldcup](http://www.mbta.com/worldcup)
- Boston 26 providing information on “Getting Around” <https://bostonfwc26.com/>
- Partnerships with regional stakeholders – GATRA, RIDOT, Amtrak, Northeast Corridor Commission

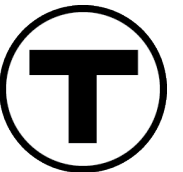
### Ongoing Coordination

- City of Boston, Town of Foxborough, partner law enforcement agencies, Boston 26, and the Kraft Group
- Mapping apps (Google, Waze, etc.)

LOCAL NEWS

## MBTA sets \$80 round-trip train fare for World Cup games

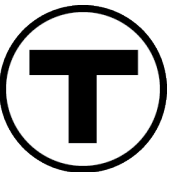
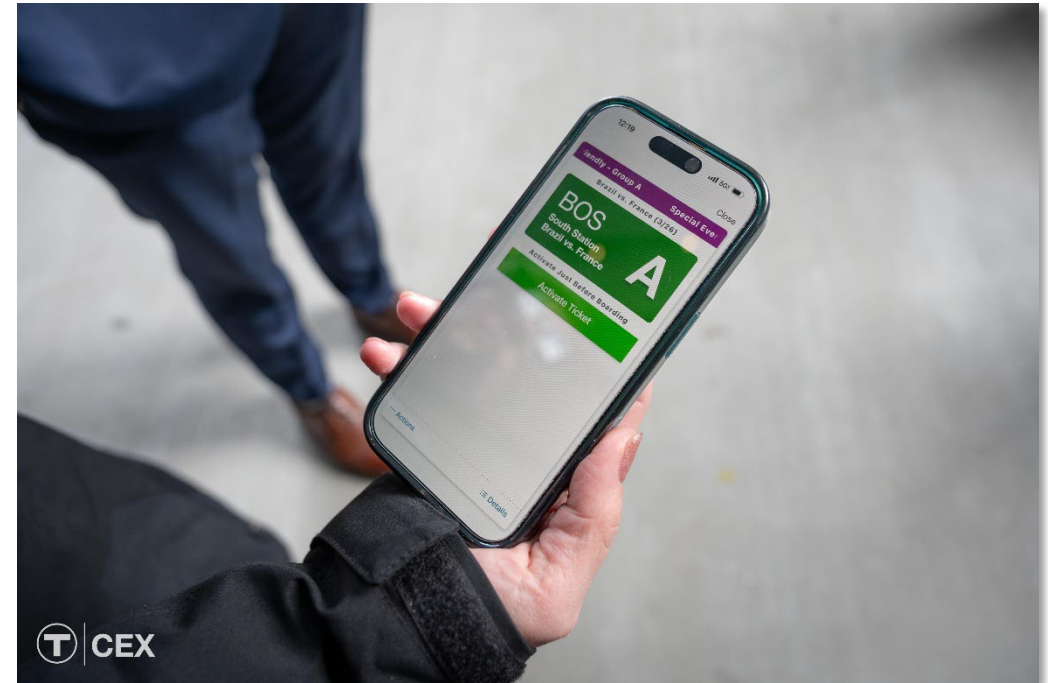
Sold exclusively on mTicket, tickets will be available Wednesday, April 8.



# Boston Stadium Train Tickets

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- Tickets on sale Wednesday, April 8th
- Important Train and Ticket Information
  - **Boston Stadium Commuter Rail Train service is the only MBTA service running to Boston Stadium on match days. No other train/ subway provide direct service to the games.**
  - You must have a same-day World Cup match ticket to buy a Boston Stadium Train ticket.
  - Commuter Rail Summer Fare discounts do not apply to Boston Stadium Event Train service.
  - Passengers must adhere to the Event Train prohibited items list policy. Policy specifically updated for Boston Stadium trains.



For more detailed information:  
[MBTA.com/worldcup](http://MBTA.com/worldcup)

