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FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION AWARDS GRANT TO HELP BOSTON MOVE SPECTATORS TO WORLD CUP GAMES

Federal Transit Administrator Gordon J. Linton today awarded a \$516,000 grant to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), the public transit agency serving the greater Boston area. The funds will be used to facilitate rail access to Foxboro Stadium, one of several sites in the country where upcoming World Cup soccer matches will be played.

"The United States is the proud host of the World Cup this year," Linton said, "and it is incumbent upon us to handle the travel needs of the many visitors who will attend the games with courtesy and professionalism."

Today's grant will help the META improve an existing commuter rail station adjacent to Foxboro Stadium that World Cup fans will use on their way to the games. Platforms will be raised and extended, new lighting and information systems will be installed and the facility will be made accessible for disabled passengers.

"I am pleased to acknowledge the support of Congressman John Joseph Moakley of Boston in helping us award this grant," Linton said. "Not only will these improvements assist visitors attending the World Cup, they will remain as a permanent element of the Boston area's mass transportation network."

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