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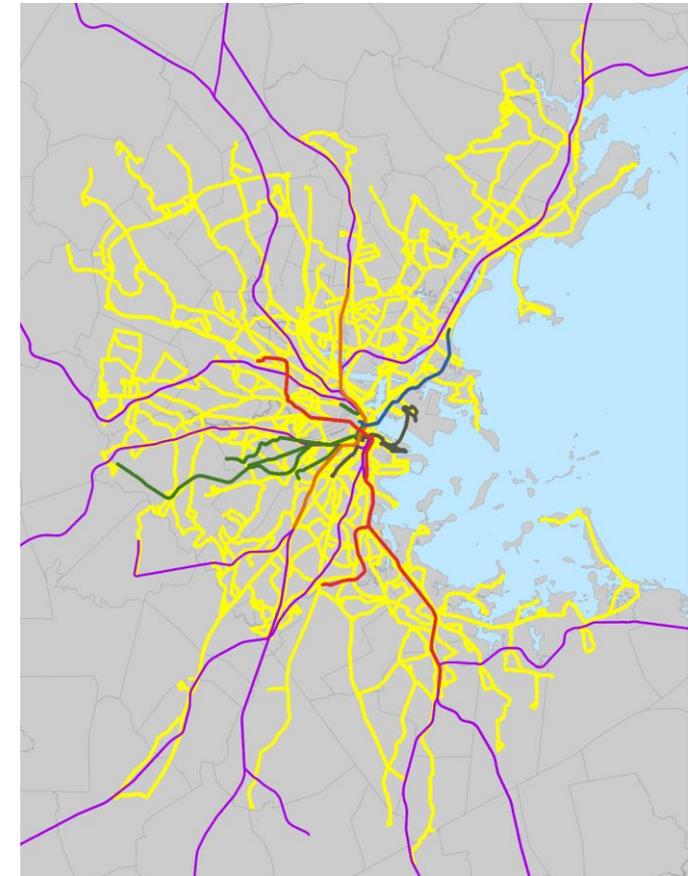
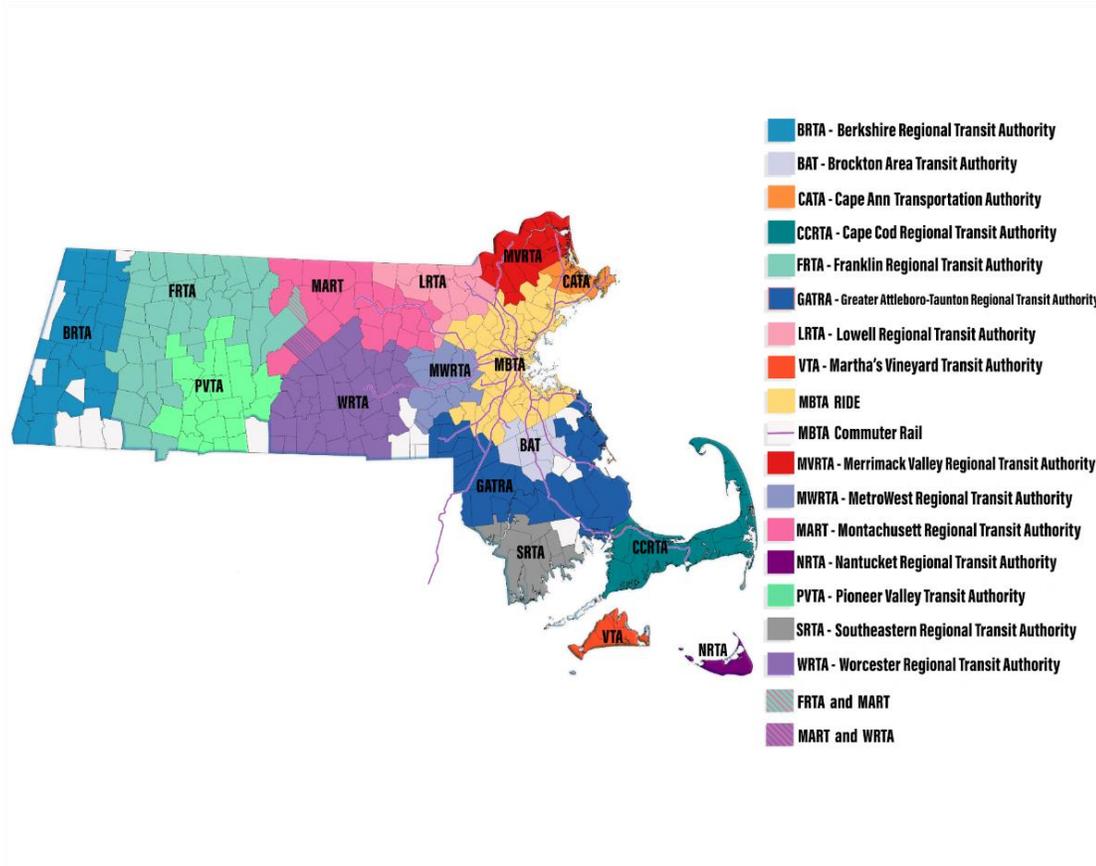


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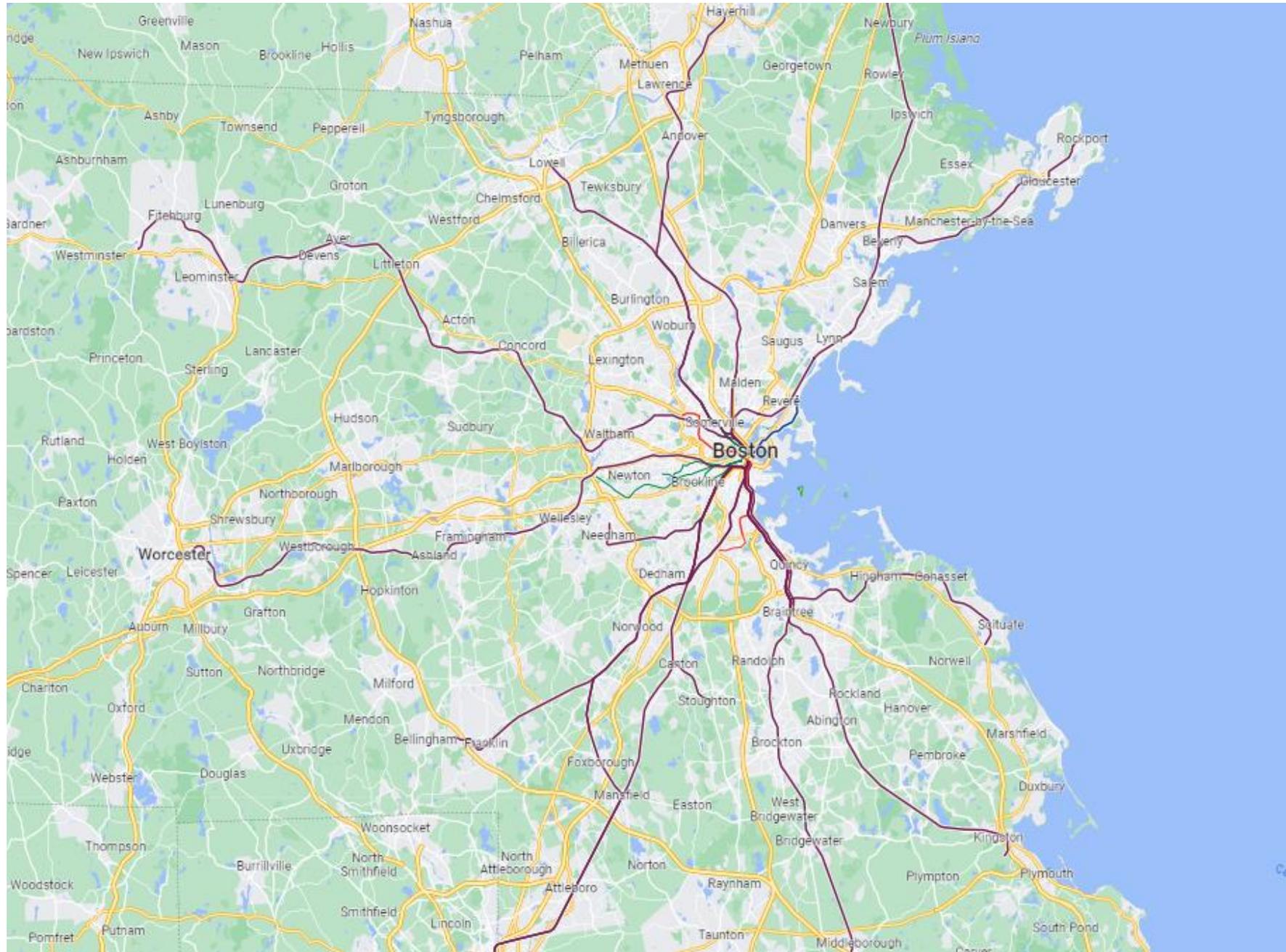
# Jointly Operated Loop System Concept

*Unifying Public Transit in Massachusetts*



Ask yourself:

*“How bad would traffic be if 95 and 495 disappeared overnight?”*



***Public Transit currently has no  
495 or 95***



**What if we created the public transit  
equivalent of 495 and 95?**

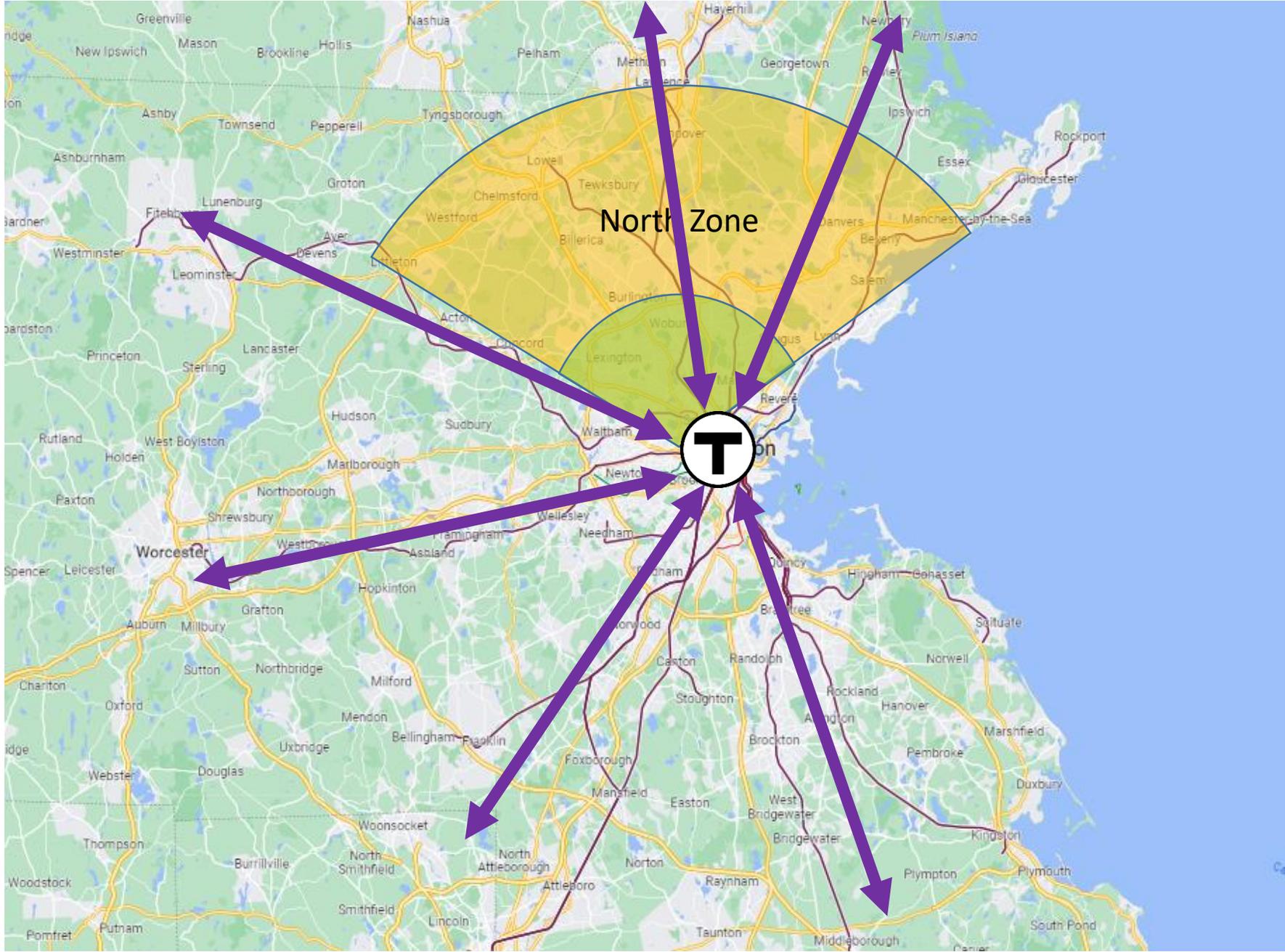


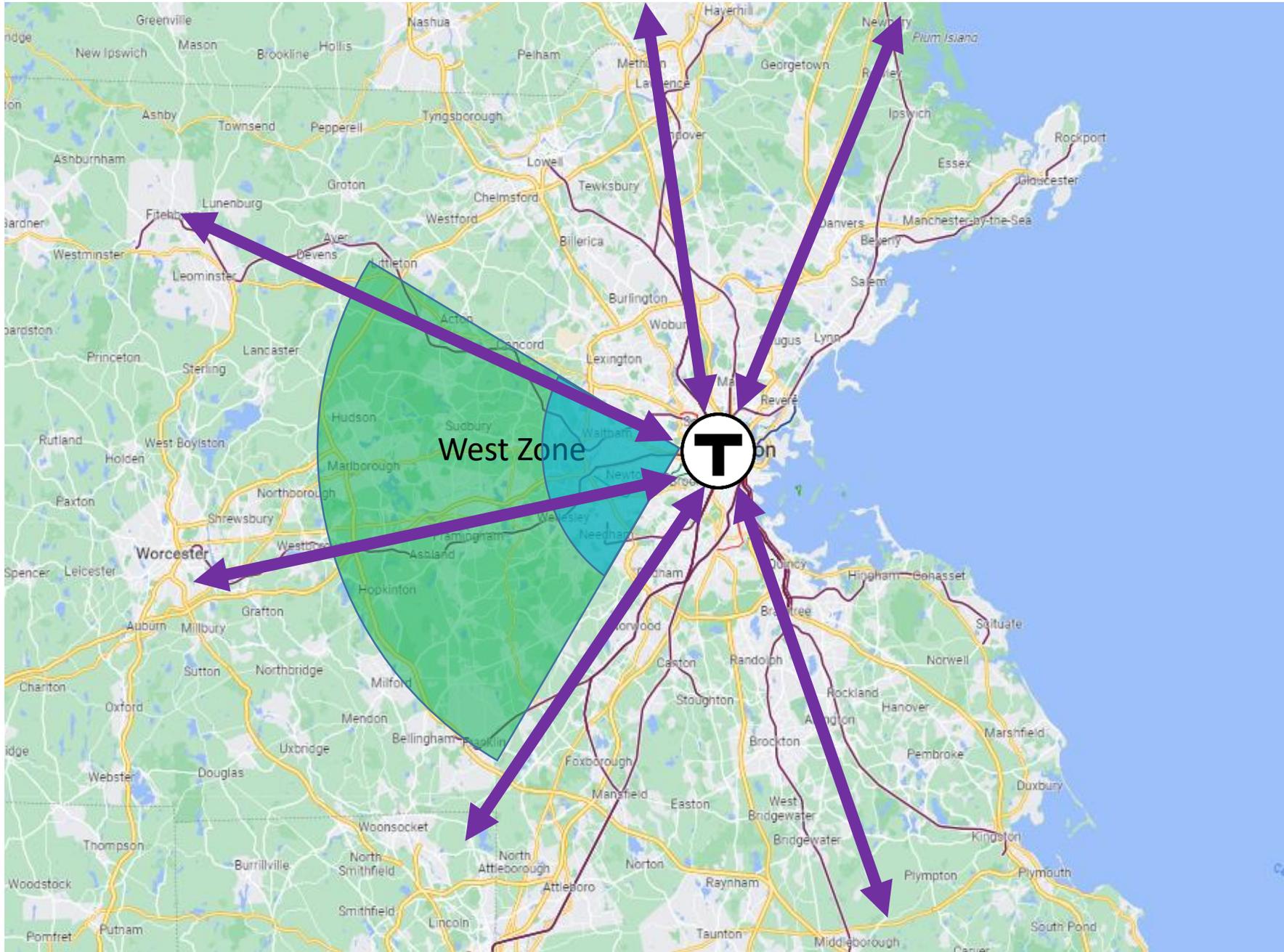
# The key to tackling this issue is creating a public transit Loop around Metro Boston.

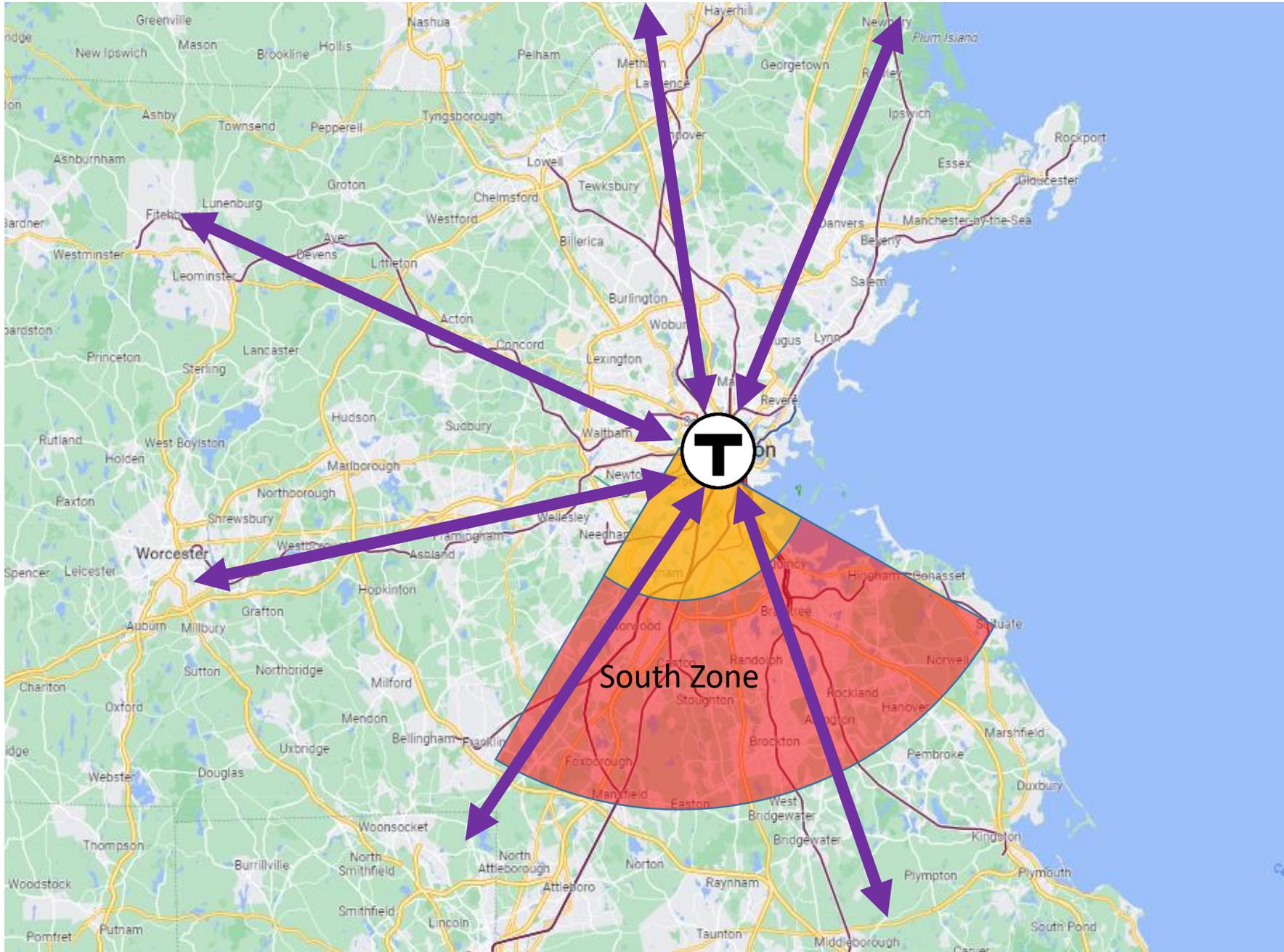
Such a system will serve three purposes:

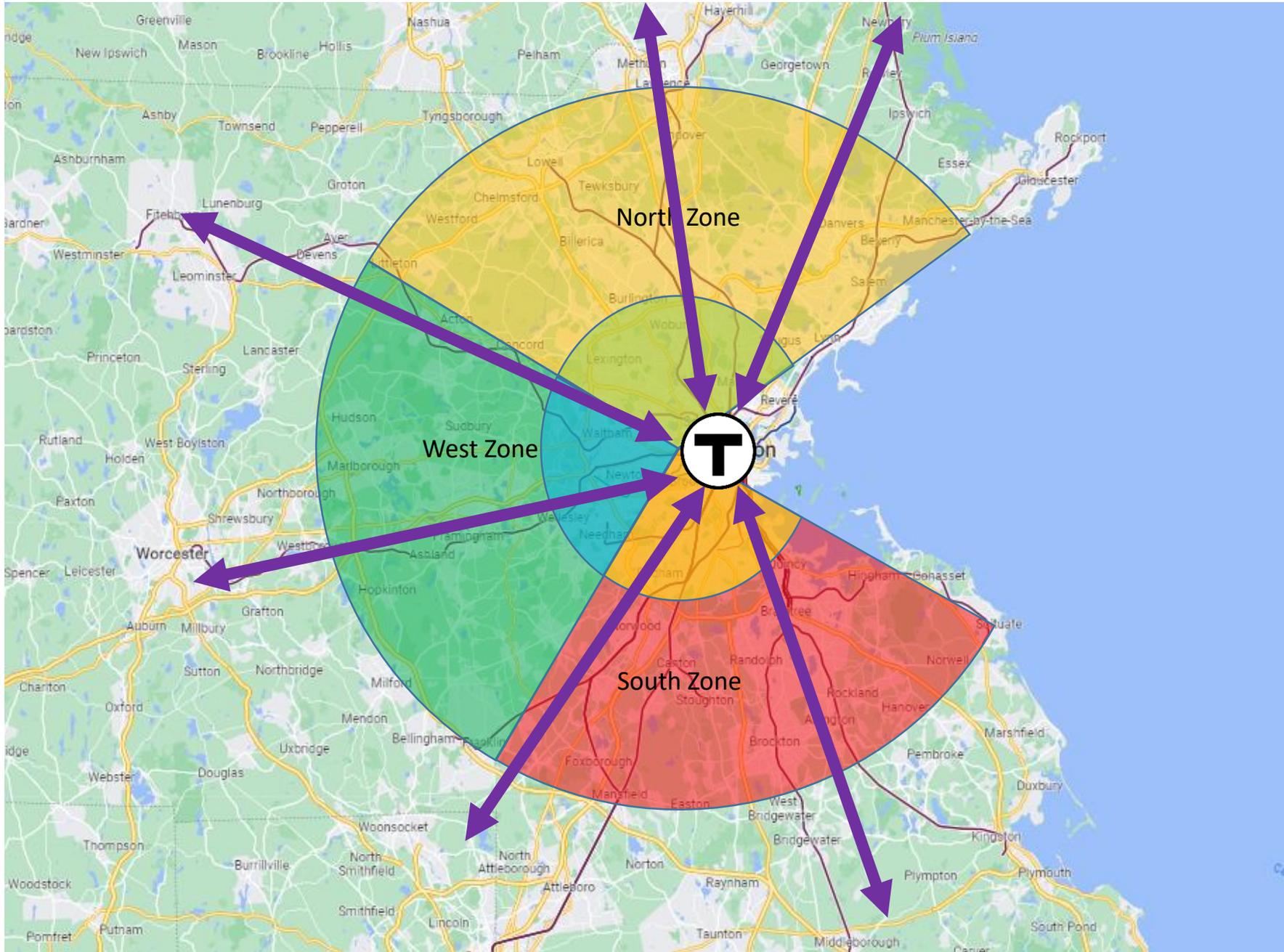
1. Connect All Commuter Rail Lines
2. Connect Metro Boston Transit Authorities
3. Connect Urban, Suburban, and Rural communities around Boston

Such a system could be subdivided into three zones

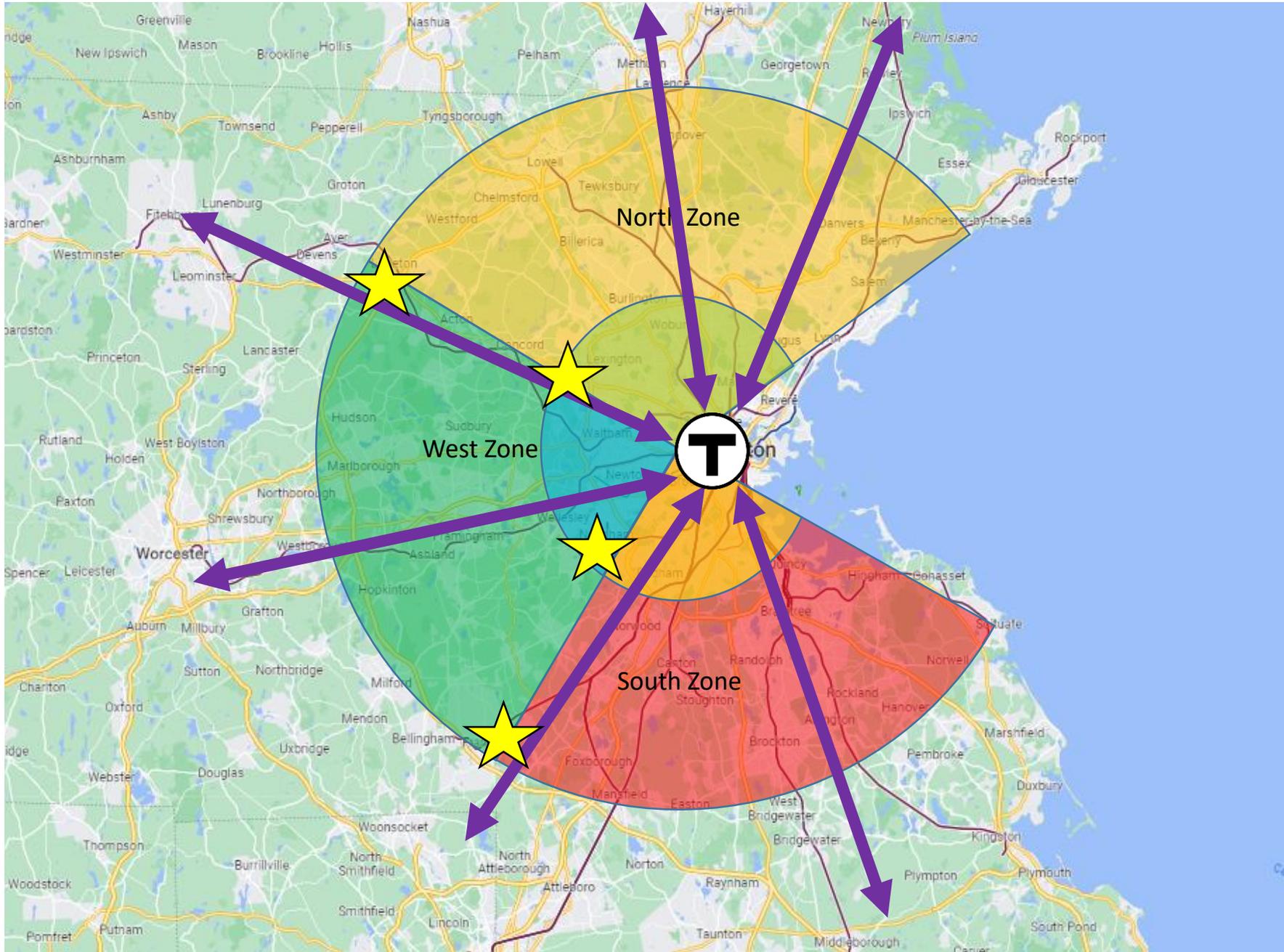








**Zones will need to have key transfer points established  
with coordinated transfer times**



**With transfer locations, the joint zones can be advertised as a single network, like the Logan Express or Green Line**



# Key to Unifying System with multiple providers

## Fare Free on Loop System

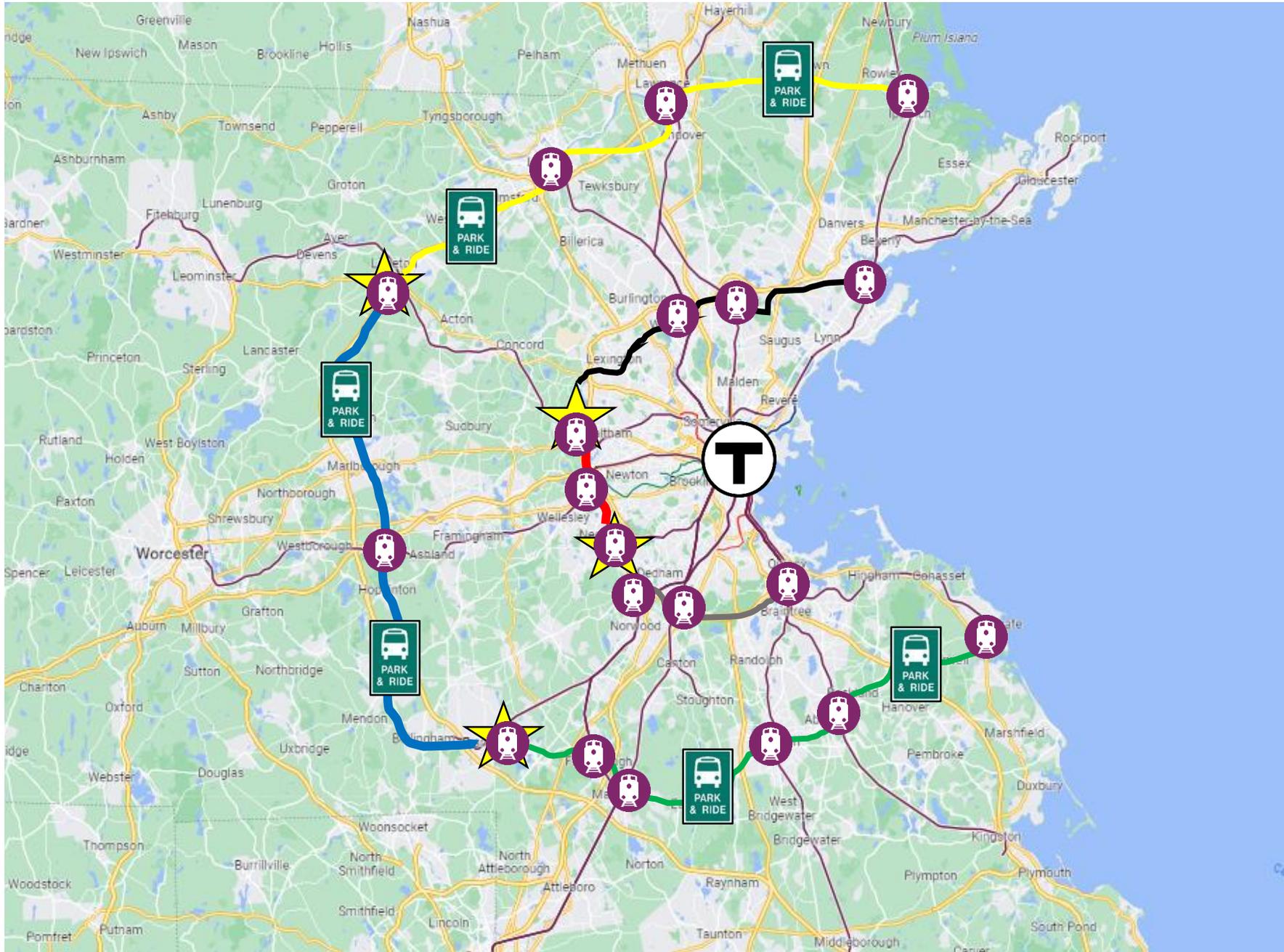


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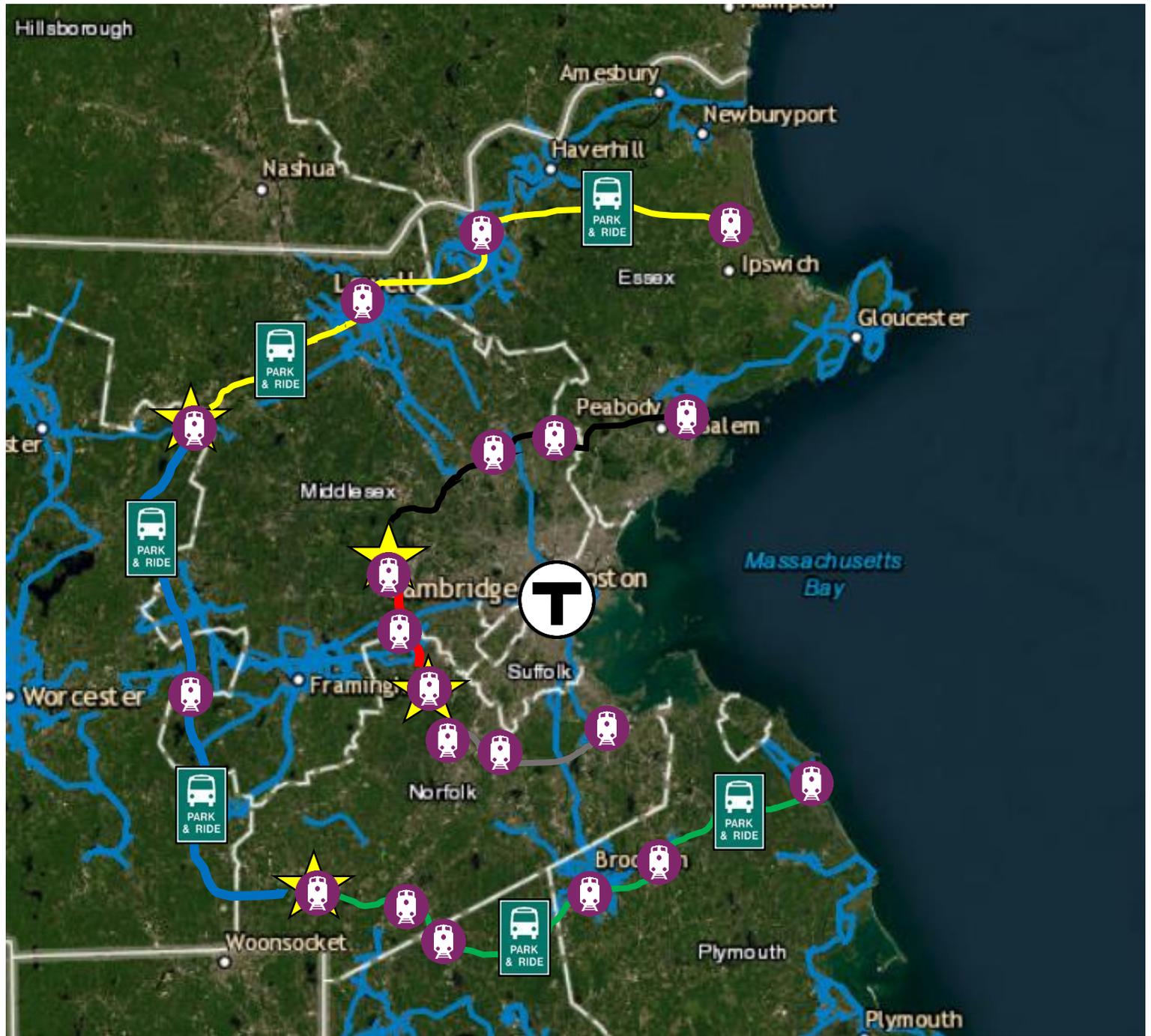
**This will promote ridership by reducing barriers to entry while vastly simplifying the entire boarding and fare collection process**

*Policy should be specific to the Loop System to avoid multi-agency fare policy entanglements*

# Conceptual Full System Map



# **RTA Routes + Loop System**



# **Intercity Bus + Loop System**



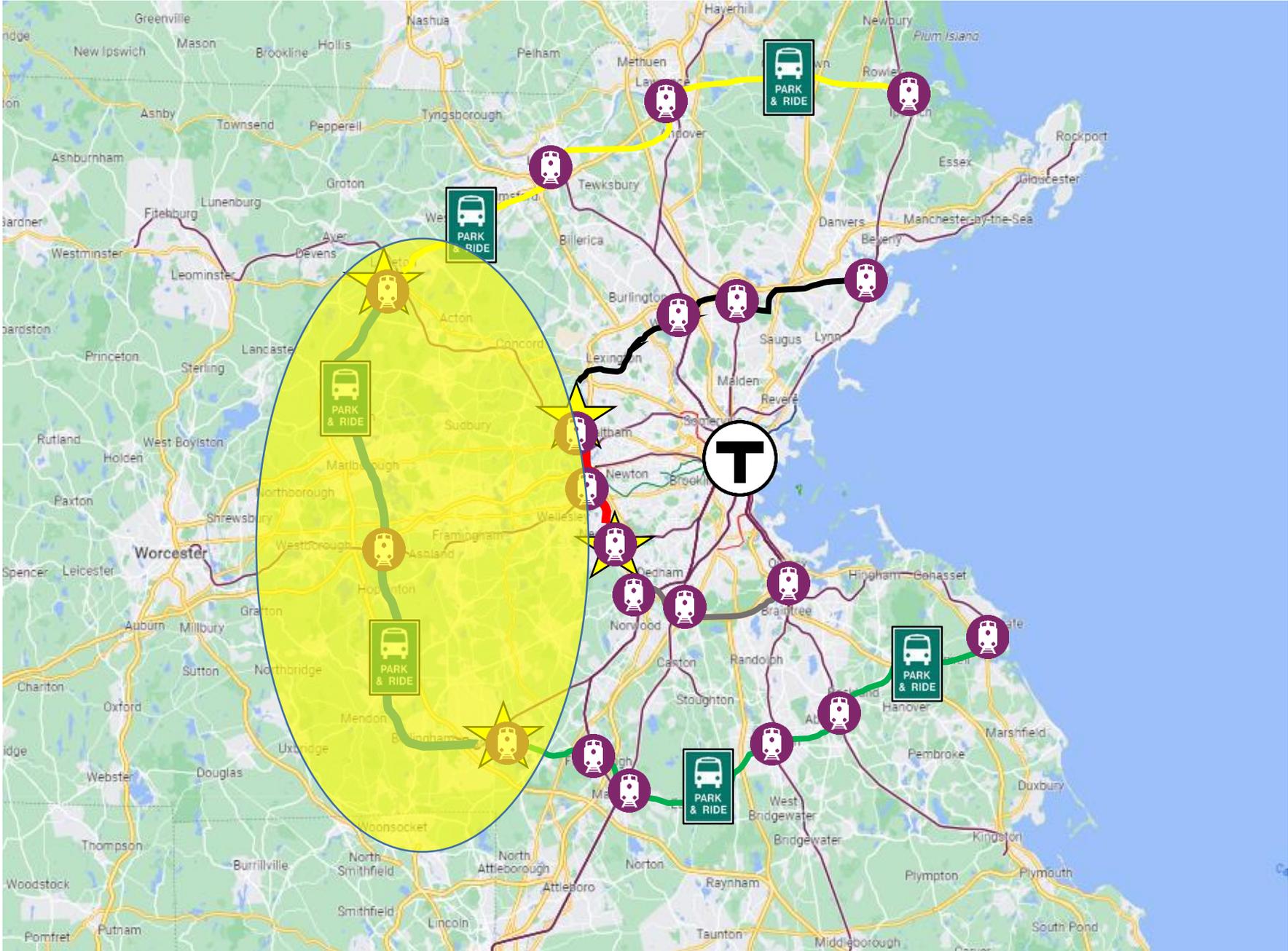


**The 495 Connector is Born!**

State Budget FY25-FY26

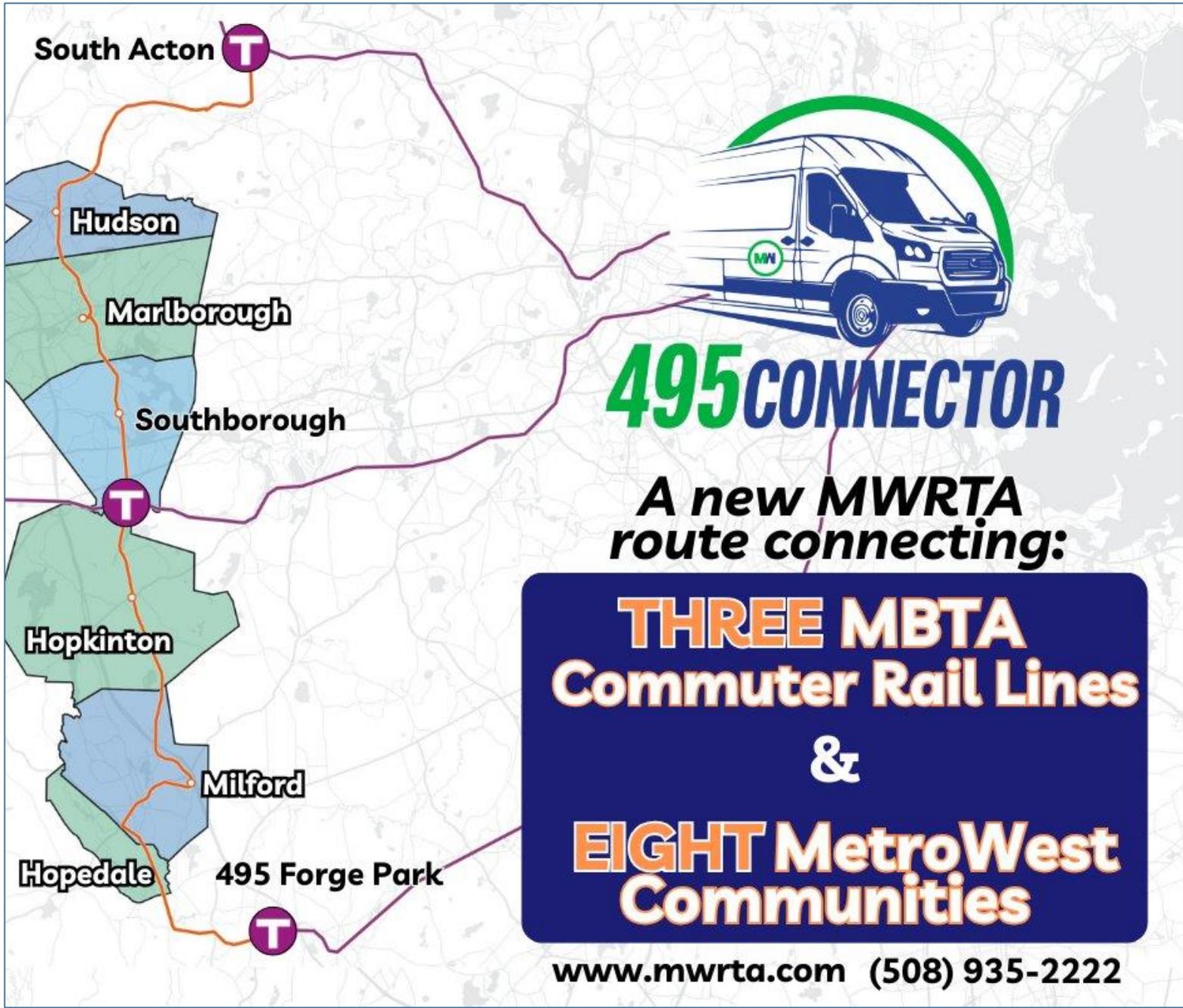
Interconnectivity Grant

MassDOT Award



# Concept to Reality





**South Acton** **T**

**Hudson**

**Marlborough**

**Southborough** **T**

**Hopkinton**

**Milford**

**Hopedale** **495 Forge Park** **T**

**495 CONNECTOR**

**A new MWRTA route connecting:**

**THREE MBTA Commuter Rail Lines**

**&**

**EIGHT MetroWest Communities**

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# AM Schedule

## Southbound

## Northbound

South Acton T	Downtown Hudson*	Newton/ Weed Streets	Southborough at St. Marks	Southborough MBTA T	Route 85 & Route 135 (Hopkinton)	Milford Crossing	Forge Park/495 T
~	~	~	~	~	~	5:35	6:03
~	~	5:30	5:37	5:50	5:57	6:25	7:00
5:55	6:15	6:31	6:38	6:50	7:02	7:25	7:55
7:10	7:30	7:55	8:02	8:12	8:19	8:40	9:10
8:21	8:41	9:00	9:07	9:18	9:25	9:45	~
9:07	9:24	9:43	9:50	10:00	10:07	10:31	~
~	10:12*	10:31	10:38	10:49	10:56	11:18	~
~	11:07*	11:20	11:27	11:38	11:45	12:10	~
~	11:21*	11:40	11:46	11:55	12:02	12:23	~
~	11:52*	12:10	12:17	12:28	12:35	12:50	~

Forge Park/495 T	Milford Crossing	Route 85 & Route 135 (Hopkinton)	Southborough MBTA T	Southborough at St. Marks	Newton/ Weed Streets	Downtown Hudson*	South Acton T
~	~	~	~	~	5:20	5:30	5:51
~	5:20	5:35	5:46	5:51	6:11	6:21	6:47
6:04	6:31	6:46	6:49	6:52	7:05	7:16	7:49
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~	9:50	10:09	10:18	10:23	10:37	10:46*	~
9:15	10:00	10:19	10:30	10:35	10:49	11:00*	~
~	10:38	10:57	11:03	11:08	11:22	11:31*	~
~	11:25	11:44	11:55	12:00	12:14	12:23*	~

# PM Schedule

## Southbound

## Northbound

South Acton Ⓣ	Downtown Hudson*	Newton/ Weed Streets	Southborough at St. Marks	Southborough MBTA Ⓣ	Route 85 & Route 135 (Hopkinton)	Milford Crossing	Forge Park/495 Ⓣ
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~	2:55*	3:20	3:27	3:47	3:51	4:14	4:42
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4:35	4:55	5:19	5:26	5:37	5:44	6:07	6:37
5:42	6:02	6:15	6:22	6:30	6:37	7:15	7:40
6:35	6:54	7:08	7:15	7:25	7:32	7:52	~
7:33	7:53	8:15	8:22	8:43	8:50	9:10	~
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## Next Steps

- Pilot “95 Connector” in MetroWest
- Pilot North/South portions of 495 Connector with neighboring RTAs

