MASSDOT AND MBTA PARTNER WITH TNCS
Partnership for more wheelchair-accessible vehicles launches in Boston, MA
Launched on April 1, 2019 (1 year pilot)

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) have partnered with transportation network companies (TNCs), Lyft and Uber, to launch a one-year pilot program aiming to improve mobility for individuals with disabilities. Through this partnership, MassDOT and MBTA are offering Lyft and Uber fixed subsidies of $24 per hour for every hour that these companies make wheelchair-accessible vehicles (WAVs) available for use by customers within the designated service area. The service area will initially be the same as that of The RIDE (MBTA’s existing on-demand paratransit program). Through this pilot, MassDOT and MBTA hope to quadruple WAV supply hours.

“VIA TO TRANSIT” PILOT LAUNCHES SERVICE
Partnership for dynamic shuttle service in southeast Seattle and Tukwila, WA
Launched on April 16, 2019 (1 year pilot)

King County Metro (the transit authority in King County, WA), Sound Transit (the transit authority for the metropolitan area of Seattle, WA), and the City of Seattle have partnered with mobility service provider, Via, to launch “Via to Transit” — a one-year pilot program to help connect people in southeast Seattle and Tukwila with local transit services. As of April 16, “Via to Transit” will offer on-demand rides to/from five Link light rail stations, where bus and train service is available. Rides can be booked through the Via app or by calling, and paid for using a smart (ORCA) transit card upon boarding. The service costs the same as a Metro bus trip. This pilot is one of the grant recipients of the Federal Transit Administration’s MOD Sandbox Program.
Montgomery County, MD plans microtransit pilot
(Photo by Montgomery County)

JUMP e-scooters roll out service in Baltimore, MD
(Photo by Technical.ly)

Cabell County, WV to launch ridesourcing pilot
(Photo by Cabell County)

Brookline, MA launches e-scooter pilot program
(Photo by Mass Live)

City of Tampa to launch e-scooter pilot program
(Photo by Florida Politics)

Lyft expands its Grocery Access Program in D.C.
(Photo by Food Navigator-USA)

UDOT & UTA partner for autonomous shuttle pilot
(Photo by Deseret News)

Trust for Public Land & Lyft form partnership
(Photo by Lyft)

COTA moves forward w/ plans for “mobility hubs”
(Photo by insit2050)

Blue Duck introduces “safer” e-scooter model
(Photo by Blue Duck)

ITD partners with Lyft for Idaho music festival rides
(Photo by ITD)

Uber launches JUMP e-scooter service in D.C.
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