Light and Commuter Rail

DESCRIPTION
Light and Commuter Rail extends existing light and commuter rail service, builds new rail lines, and connects existing service lines at strategic locations in the state. Light and Commuter Rail projects increase rail system coverage, capacity, and ridership in Massachusetts.

BENEFITS
The initial investment in light rail creates substantial construction and engineering work. As the state’s public transportation systems expand and become more efficient, they also provide significant benefits to the public in the form of fuel savings, congestion reduction, cleaner air, safer roads, and healthier lifestyles.

RESULTS
Each dollar invested supports nearly twice as many jobs as a dollar invested in the state’s ten largest industries. Additionally, every dollar invested in Light and Commuter Rail saves the Commonwealth $1.10 in fuel savings, travel time savings, and public health benefits.

JOBS PER MILLION INVESTED

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TOP OCCUPATIONS

1. Construction Laborers
2. Carpenters
3. Electricians
4. First-Line Construction Supervisors
5. General and Operations Managers

BENEFITS PER MILLION INVESTED

- **Fuel Cost Savings** $62,800
  - Gasoline and diesel costs avoided by reducing vehicle reliance

- **Travel Time Savings** $132,200
  - Travel time savings from lower traffic congestion and faster public transit

- **Air Pollution Health Benefits** $12,600
  - Saved lives and avoided illnesses from improved air quality

- **Physical Activity Health Benefits** $861,300
  - Saved lives and avoided illnesses from increased walking and cycling

- **Traffic Accidents Avoided** $36,000
  - Avoided traffic accident fatalities or injuries

Total $1,104,800