



WASHINGTON, DC—Today, Congressman John Olver and Senator John Kerry announced an additional \$3.73 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant to supplement the extension of the existing commuter rail line in Fitchburg, as well as the construction of a new Wachusett train station. The project received an initial \$55.5 million TIGER grant in 2010 after the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which created the TIGER grant program.

“This funding brings commuters in Fitchburg and the surrounding towns a step closer to an easier commute,” said Congressman John Olver. “The extension of the Fitchburg line, in combination with a new Wachusett station, will cut people’s travel time and, hopefully, encourage more people to take the train to work, leaving us with less congestion on the roads at rush hour,” Olver added.

“This investment modernizes rail and connects more commuters to Boston. That’s a boost to Fitchburg’s economy when we need every job possible,” Senator Kerry said.

The project will give residents of Fitchburg and the surrounding area enhanced access to the Boston job market as well as improve freight operations once track improvements are complete.

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