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BOSTON, MA - The [Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority](#) last week announced plans to begin construction on the South Attleboro Station accessibility improvements project in fall. Commuter-rail service at the station has been suspended since February 2021 due to the pedestrian bridge's deteriorated condition.



The \$7 million project calls for the replacing the facility's pedestrian bridge, constructing new high-level and accessible platforms, and the installing three new elevators.

Built in 1990, the station does not meet accessibility standards and is in need of extensive repairs, MBTA officials said in a press release. Commuter-rail service at the station has been suspended since February 2021 due to the pedestrian bridge's deteriorated condition. The bridge is scheduled for demolition in fall.

The transit agency is working to acquire funding for the full reconstruction of the station, MBTA officials said.

"We're excited to see these upcoming station upgrades reach 100% design and look forward to acquiring the necessary construction funding to make these critical repairs and important accessibility improvements at South Attleboro so that we can return commuter-rail service to the station," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak.

CLEVELAND, OH - The Ohio Department of Transportation was recently awarded \$8.0 million in funding to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority for rail-car replacement, according to an August 25th report from Progressive Railroading.

An \$8 million award from ODOT's Ohio Transit Partnership Program will go toward GCRTA's rail-car replacement program. This is the third year that ODOT has awarded a grant to the rail-car program, bringing the total funding to \$21.4 million, said Mike Schipper, GCRTA's deputy general manager of engineering and project management, in a press release.



Car 808, one of 48 cars built by Breda in 1980-1981 to replace the PCC cars formerly used on the Shaker Heights lines.

Overall, the transit agency has raised \$197.5 million of the \$300 million budgeted for rail-car replacement.

ODOT also awarded GCRTA \$3.5 million for bus improvements.

"This funding will assist GCRTA in moving forward in our plans to upgrade our rail and bus fleets," said GCRTA General Manager and CEO India Birdsong. "Funding opportunities such as these underscore the importance of public transportation to our region and subsequent investment in our communities."

SAN DIEGO, CA - Progressive Railroading reported that on August 16th the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (SDMTS) reported that its trolley ridership rose 52% in fiscal-year 2022 compared with ridership levels a year previous.



Between July 2021 and June 2022, trolley ridership totaled 29.7 million trips compared with 19.5 million trips in the previous fiscal year, MTS officials said in a press release. The transit agency has recorded more than 5 million trips a month since March 2022 on both trolley and bus service — about 75% of pre-pandemic ridership levels.

The largest increase in trolley ridership was registered on the University of California-San Diego Blue Line, which climbed 66% from 10.4 million rides in FY21 to 17.4 million in FY22. MTS operates three trolley lines in 10 cities and unincorporated areas of San Diego.

In November 2021, the agency opened an 11-mile extension to the university campus, pushing the largest ridership increase in a single year in the transit agency's history, MTS officials said. Since May this year, MTS has offered free rides to people aged 18 years or younger under the Youth Opportunity Pass Pilot program, created in partnership with the North County Transit District and San Diego Association of Governments.

Note: San Diego has called its new LRV system the "San Diego Trolley" since it opened in 1981 despite the fact that they never used trolley poles

OTHER TRACTION ITEMS:

3D Printed Models from Interurban Models!

For some time now, Custom Traxx has been making more and more decal sets for the 3D printed models being made available through Shapeways and sources. 3D printed models are rapidly filling the traction model gap left when the brass imports disappeared.

In this issue, we are providing a list of available models provided by Interurban Models (Volkmar Meier). Any questions should be directed to Volkmar at meier.volkmar@gmail.com.

INTERURBAN MODELS PRODUCT LIST

HO	N	SKU	DESCRIPTION	HO DRIVE	N DRIVE	HO product link	N Product link
			version 1.0 August 2022				
							
INTERURBAN & STREETCARS							
	160	1002	LVT LIBERTY BELL 1000		Tomytec	not available in HO	http://shpws.me/1002
	160	1004	CRANDIC ex RED DEVIL		Tomytec	not available in HO	https://shpws.me/1004
87	160	1005	C&E RED DEVIL Phase 1	Bowser	Tomytec	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/87-1005	https://shpws.me/1005
87		1006	C&E RED DEVIL Phase 2	Bowser	Tomytec	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/87-1006	not available in N
		1030	MILWAUKEE articulated Streetcar 1030			work in progress	
87	160	1053	CAPITAL TRANSIT pre-PCC St.LouisCC	Bowser	Tomytec	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/87-1053	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-1053
	160	1102	INDIANA HIGHSPEED Coach-Baggage		Tomytec	not available in HO	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-1102
87	160	1111	WINDSPLITTER car body	NWSL		https://www.bowser.com/shops/interurbanmodels/160-windsplitters	not for sale in N
87	160	1201	FT.WAYNE-LIMA LIGHTWEIGHT	Bowser	Tomytec	http://shpws.me/1201	not for sale in N
87	160	1202	INDIANA SERV. CORP. LIGHTWEIGHT	Bowser	Tomytec	https://shpws.me/1202	not for sale in N
87	160	1241	CURVED SIDE Speedrail	Bowser	Tomytec	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/87-1241	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-1241
	160	1271	BRILL BABY BULLET		Tomytec	not available in HO	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-1271
	160	1275	BABY BULLET Never built W-Barre Hazleton		Tomytec	not available in HO	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-1275
87	160	1291	WISCONSIN, LIGHT & POWER LIGHTWEIGHT	Bowser	Tomytec	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/87-1291	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-1291
87	160	1292	AURORA, ELGIN & FOX RIVER	Bowser	Tomytec	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/87-1292	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-1292
87	160	1293	SHAKER HEIGHTS 300	Bowser	Tomytec	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/87-1293	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-1293

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87	160	1301	CHICAGO + SEDAN + PETER WITT	Bachmann	Tomytec	https://materialise.com/en/shop/item/39b2c3d-938a-4880-8ada-5973b8cc9fa	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-1301
87	160	1401	ELECTROMOBILE SCRANTON	Halling	Tomytec	https://shpws.me/D8G1	https://shpws.me/D3YH
87	160	1402	ELECTROMOBILE ALTOONA	Halling	Tomytec	https://shpws.me/Edmn	https://shpws.me/MXGh
87	160	1403	ELECTROMOBILE NEW BEDFORD	Bowser	Tomytec	not for sale in HO	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-1403
87		1406	PITTSBURGH 6000	Bowser		https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/collections/the-scale-interurban-at-at-retailers/products/17-1406	not available in N
	160	1480	NORTHERN OHIO 1916 JEWETT		Tomytec	not available in HO	https://shpws.me/PSRg
87		1601	OHIO RAILWAY MUSEUM OPS 21	NWSL		https://shpws.me/EwGK	not available in N
87	160	1621	INTERURBAN WOODEN COMBINE CCCo	NWSL	Tomytec	not for sale in HO	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-1621
87		1651	YAKIMA VALLEY YVT 100 Combine	NWSL		https://shpws.me/MQdZ	not available in N
87		1671	SHORE FAST LINE 100	Bowser		https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/17-1671	not available in N
87		1701	NORTHERN INDIANA 61' CCCo Combine	NWSL		https://materialise.com/en/shop/item/interurban-wooden-combine-northern-indiana-carbody-ccc1001	not available in N
87		1741	UNION TRACTION 427	NWSL / Tenshodo		work in progress	not available in N
	160	1751	UNION TRACTION CLASS 400		Tomytec (modified)	not available in HO	not for sale in N
		1791	ILLINOIS TERMINAL STREAMLINER (3 car train)			work in progress	
INTERURBAN BOX MOTORS & LOCOMOTIVES							
87	160	1501	C&E BOX MOTOR	NWSL	Tomytec	https://shpws.me/C1ef	not for sale in N
	160	1511	BOX MOTOR w/ clerestory roof		Tomytec	not available in HO	https://shpws.me/Pp5W
87		1801	BALDWIN-WESTINGHOUSE Class B	NWSL		https://shpws.me/T7h2	not available in N
INTERURBAN FREIGHT TRAILERS							
87	160	3301	INTERURBAN CERA TRAILER	Kadee arch bar	MT arch bar	https://shpws.me/RZge	https://shpws.me/RZgf

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87	160	3321	INTERURBAN BOX CAR w/ clerestory roof	Kadee arch bar	MT arch bar	not for sale in HO	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-3321
87	160	3352	INTERURBAN FLAT CAR	Kadee arch bar	MT arch bar	not for sale in HO	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-3352x2
LIGHT RAIL and MODERN STREETCARS							
87	160	4001	SIEMENS S70 car bodies	Bowser	Tomytec	https://shows.me/D6/nl	not for sale in N
87	160	4103	SEPTA NS ABB car	Bowser	Tomytec	not for sale in HO	https://shows.me/Qb/5l
87	160	4201	BROOKVILLE LIBERTY STREETCAR	Bowser	Tomytec	not for sale in HO	https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-4201
MAINLINE PASSENGER CARS							
160	5102	ANTHRACITE RR Passenger car bundle			no parts needed		https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-5102x1
TRACTION PARTS							
160	8756	BALDWIN 40-756 NSL Reefer Truck			14.3mm pointed		https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-8756x5
160	8890	Simple TROLLEY POLES (dummy)					https://interurban-models.myshopify.com/products/160-8890x10