

**Fact sheet on costs and ridership figures associated with proposed
Fall River/New Bedford rail line**

Ridership. The chart below indicates ridership estimates for each alternative. Note that the 1997-1999 estimates may not differentiate between new riders and existing riders. This is an important distinction: if MBTA is merely taking existing transit riders off one mode of transportation and putting it on another, there is no net benefit.

Alternative	1995 ridership estimates¹ (new riders)	1997- 1999 ridership estimate² (new riders and existing riders may not be differentiated here)	2002 ridership estimate (new riders)³	2009 ridership estimate
Middleboro	2,655	2,030	1,010	1,950
Attleboro	2,545	3,230	1,704	2,350
Bus	2,060	3,890	1,574	1,750
Stoughton	3,520	4,325	2,953	2,500

Costs. The costs associated with the proposed Fall River/New Bedford rail line have skyrocketed over the years. The table below shows state estimates of these costs. Note that the current estimate of \$1.4 billion does not include mitigation, which could raise the final figure to over \$2 billion.

Year	Cost to construct rail line
1995	\$156 million ⁴
1996	\$220 million
1997	\$440 million
2001	\$610 million
2002	\$669 million
2004	\$850 million ⁵
2005	\$1 billion ⁶
2007 to present	\$1.4 billion (w/out mitigation)

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³ <https://www.commentmgr.com/projects/1212/docs/08%20Chapter-3%20Alternatives.pdf>

⁴ All figures MBTA estimates unless otherwise noted

⁵ <http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20040706/NEWS/70409007/-1/SPECIAL31>

⁶ <http://archive.southcoasttoday.com/daily/06-05/06-03-05/a01lo805.htm>