



State-of-the-Art Facility

For more than 40 years, COAST has been connecting people and communities in the Greater Seacoast region. COAST has provided over 16.7 million rides over four decades, linking people to work, school, doctor appointments, shopping, and social events. In the last 15 years in particular, COAST has experienced its most significant growth. In order to better meet its current operational needs, be responsive to future demand, and reduce its environmental impact, COAST plans to build a new facility on its current property in Dover.

A new, efficiently designed facility will be transformational for COAST and for the workforce, students, older adults, individuals living with disabilities, and lower-income families that rely on public transportation to access work, school, and the community supports they need to thrive and contribute.

Needs Exceed Capacity

COAST's ability to achieve its mission rests upon having a fleet of well-maintained and safe vehicles. The current maintenance and operations facility at 42 Sumner Drive in Dover, NH is now insufficiently sized, reaching the end of its expected lifespan, and is in need of replacement. Based on a lengthy planning and input process, COAST has embarked on a plan to build a new facility on its current property.

As a region, a robust public transportation system is an essential component in our economic growth over time. COAST's ability to maintain current transportation services or expand to meet future need will be determined by the completion of this new facility.

Project Description

At 17,500 square feet, the new operations, maintenance, and administration building is 6,000 square feet larger than COAST's existing and leased space combined. The maintenance area is designed with two additional bays (5 total) to support the current and growing fleet. The new administration area contains space to hold larger meetings, for driver training, as well as sufficient room for dispatchers and supervisors to oversee operations. Another new 28,700 square foot building for indoor vehicle storage is also planned.

Results

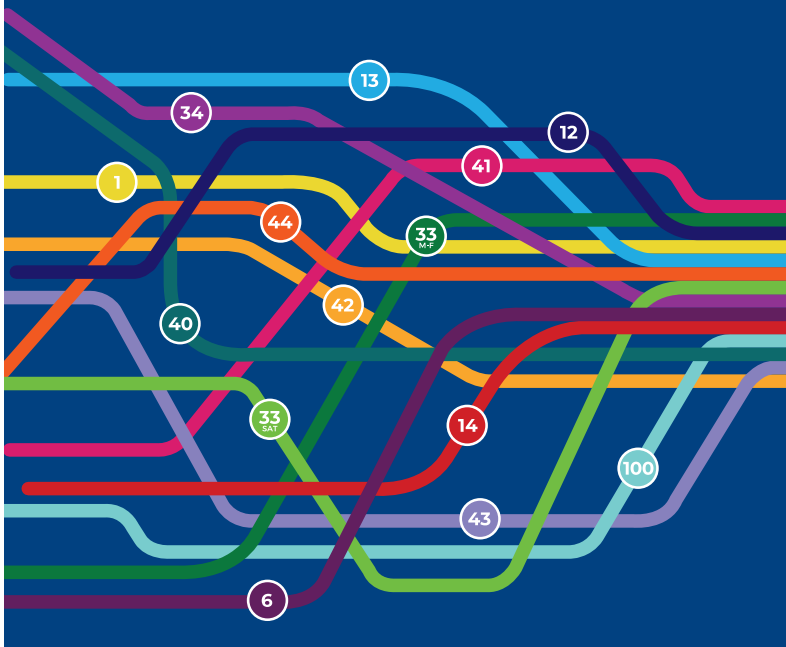
COAST's direct, indirect, and induced effect on spending on the local economy, as well as the economic impact of access provided by their services, is estimated to generate approximately \$4.08 of activity in the local economy for every dollar invested in COAST.

Based on our FY25 operating budget of \$8.3 million, COAST's economic impact for the region is currently estimated at \$33.7 million annually.

A **\$4M** investment in COAST's new facility will unlock

➔ **\$16M**
of federal funding

Learn more at: www.coastbus.org



Investing in the Future of Transportation on the Seacoast

An investment in COAST's new facility is a down payment on the future and has the potential to be transformational for public transit in the region. The new facility will allow COAST to help further drive and support the economic growth of the Seacoast.

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Project Cost: \$ 17.3M

The project will be funded through a combination of federal, state (including CDFA tax credits), local, and private sources. 81% of projected costs have been raised as of August 2024 from:

- SFY22 NHDOT FTA 5339(a) Bus and Bus Facilities Capital Project Grant **\$4,023,716**
- SFY22-23 NH CDFA Tax Credit Program **\$180,000**
- FFY22 FTA 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Capital Project Grant **\$7,736,284**
- FFY23 Congressionally Directed Spending Request (Transportation Infrastructure) **\$2,000,000**
- Cogswell Benevolent Trust **\$25,000**

Project Details

- 17,500 square foot main building (6,000 sq. ft. larger than current facility + leased space combined)
- 28,700 square foot building for indoor vehicle storage
- Administration area with space to hold larger meetings, such as our Board Meetings and for driver training
- Sufficient room for dispatchers and supervisors to oversee future, larger operations
- Maintenance area with two additional bays (5 total) to support current and growing fleet
- Option for COAST to perform maintenance for ACT project partner agencies

Results

The mission-critical new facility's efficiently planned and right-sized space will result in:

- Safer, affordable, and efficient operation for our passengers
- Better customer service
- Increased safety on-site for staff
- Reduced ongoing operating costs (>\$70K annually)
- Extended useful life of our fleet and reduced weather related maintenance
- Reduced environmental impact of fleet through reduced vehicle idle times, lower fuel consumption (vehicle idling in winter will be reduced by approx. 1,500 hrs. annually)
- Lower carbon footprint through incorporation of current energy efficient building standards, including a solar array sufficient to satisfy the electrical demand of the facility
- Prepare for the potential future transition to a hybrid or fully electrified transit fleet in the future

Annual economic impact of COAST's new state-of-the-art facility:

>**\$33M**

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