

# The Resource

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## MARTAP AND HOW IT CAN HELP YOU...

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MARTap is the acronym for Massachusetts (MA) Rural Transit Assistance Program (rtap). This program is a federally-funded, state-administered program that offers training, education and other benefits to public transportation providers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. **Most of what MARTap has to offer is at no cost to you.**

MARTap receives its funding from the Federal Transit Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. In Massachusetts, the state's Executive Office of Transportation (EOT) has contracted with MARTA, the Massachusetts Association of Regional Transit Authorities to administer the MARTap program.

What's really important to you, as a beneficiary of MARTap, is to have an understanding of MARTap services. For the most part, MARTap is designed to meet the needs of transportation providers in rural and small urban regions of Massachusetts, although agencies that serve urban populations are eligible for help as well. We try to make our programs and services easily accessible and simple to use.

MARTap offers: Free Training, Training Scholarships, Lend and Learn Library along with additional services. For more information, visit [www.martap.org](http://www.martap.org).



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## HOLD THE DATES MARTA FALL CONFERENCE



The International  
Bolton, Massachusetts

### September 10 - 12, 2008

The International  
159 Ballville Road  
Bolton, MA 01740  
[www.theinternational.com](http://www.theinternational.com)

Massachusetts Association  
of Regional Transit  
Authorities (MARTA)  
Fall Conference, Annual  
Meeting and MArtap  
Training  
Wednesday, September 10  
through Friday, September  
12, 2008

### Conference Features:

September 10 - 12, 2008  
Conference Sessions  
MArtap Training  
Vendor Displays  
Lodging, Meals & Breaks

September 10, 2008  
MARTA Annual Meeting

September 11, 2008  
Key Note Speaker Address  
OCTOBERFEST Evening

Further Information will be  
available soon but save the  
dates.

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## HOLD THE DATES 2009 NORTHEAST PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE AND EXPO



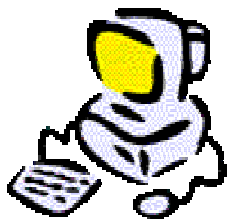
March 18 - 19, 2009

The Marriott Hartford  
Downtown  
[www.cwp.marriott.com/  
bldt/nepta/](http://www.cwp.marriott.com/bldt/nepta/)  
& the Connecticut  
Convention Center  
Hartford, Connecticut

2009 Northeast Passenger  
Transportation Conference  
and EXPO  
co-sponsored by the  
Federal Transit  
Administration, Region 1

### Event Features:

March 17, 2009  
Vendor set up and reception  
March 18, 2009  
Welcoming Session  
March 18, 2009  
Transportation EXPO with  
evening reception  
March 19, 2009  
FTA Sponsored Conference  
visit [www.nepta.org](http://www.nepta.org) for more info



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- Transportation Director
- Other

## SENIOR TRANSPORTATION BROCHURE

Contact: Paula Leary, Executive Vice President, Massachusetts Association of Regional Transit Authorities (MARTA) (508) 325-9571

**MASSACHUSETTS** – The Massachusetts Association of Regional Transit Authorities and Registry of Motor Vehicles are pleased to announce the statewide release of a new Senior Transportation Brochure. The sixteen (16) regional transit authorities, including the MBTA, provide public transportation services throughout the Commonwealth both in the form of fixed route and senior transportation services.

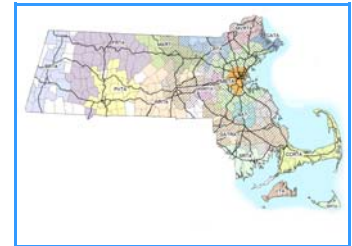
The intent of the brochure is to provide information to various agencies (i.e.: RMV's, Council on Aging, State Police, Medical Facilities), seniors and their families about public transportation when they can't or no longer want to drive. "We wanted to provide information about public transit services that would make it easy for people to find out what transportation services are available to them in their region" said Paula Leary, Executive Vice President of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Transit Authorities.

"This brochure is to assist in the transition from driving to using public transportation, making it easy and take away any concerns seniors may have in being able to continue with their everyday transportation needs, such as errands and medical appointments" stated Leary.

The brochure contains a map of the Commonwealth with the RTA's service areas and a listing of contact phone numbers to which they should call to find out specific information on the transportation services available to them in their own community.

"RMV is thrilled to partner with the RTAs in getting the word out to seniors and others that leaving your car behind doesn't mean leaving fun behind. Through both the bus routes and point to point transportation services you can really get where you need to be and you don't need to drive to do it!" Anne Collins, Former Registrar, Registry of Motor Vehicles.

To receive a brochure contact any regional transit authority or Jeannette Orsino, 617-248-0351.



For information on transportation services available call the Regional Transit Authority in your

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## COMMUNITY UPDATES

*The Resource* is printed throughout the year by the Massachusetts Rural Transit Assistance Program (MArtap) with funds provided to: The Massachusetts Association of Regional Transit Authorities (MARTA) by The Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration.

This publication is a wonderful place to share your news. If you have a story about your agency and/or the people around you, please direct all editorial and advertising questions to: Carol Tally, MArtap, PO Box 155, Foxboro, MA 02035

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WEBSITE FEATURES:  
DRIVER TRAINING  
SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES  
AND MORE

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MArtap invites you to search through our website in hopes that you participate in the programs offered. Visit Driver Training and review the schedule for training classes provided in or around your area. Driver Training is contracted with Jack Mastrangelo of Haverhill, MA. If you have a question for Jack, email us at [info@martap.org](mailto:info@martap.org). MArtap also offers a complete Customer Service Training program for bus and van drivers, contracted through Hardwick Transit Associates (HTA). Complete the Driver Request Form if you would like to set up a training at your facility. Do you plan to attend a transportation workshop or conference in the near future? Scroll through the MArtap Training Scholarship Guidelines and sign up to receive a training scholarship.

If you have any questions about MArtap programs or services, contact Carol Tally at 877-MARTAP1 (627-8271) or email [info@martap.org](mailto:info@martap.org).



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1/8 <sup>th</sup> Page	1¾" (w) x 2½" (h)	Cost	\$ 30.

Five ads any size 15% discount

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MArtap sponsors a Lend and Learn Library where all training material modules are available for a two week free rental period. If you have materials you would like to share, please let us know. More information on front page of this website under LEND AND LEARN.



Thank you for supporting  
the MArtap programs.

Enjoy a safe and happy  
Independence Day