

# **Lowell Regional Transit Authority**

**FISCAL YEAR**

**2027**

**BUDGET**



**LRTA BUDGET SUMMARY**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET**  
**July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027**

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Net Cost</u>
Administrative	1,147,154	35,000	1,112,154
Professional	151,150	0	151,150
Gallagher Terminal	1,341,344	675,000	666,344
Transit Service	18,697,452	0	18,697,452
Bus Advertising	0	150,000	(150,000)
Other Income	0	10,000	(10,000)
Interest	331,100	175,000	156,100
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>21,668,199</b>	<b>1,045,000</b>	<b>20,623,199</b>

**Net Cost Funding Sources:**

1. Federal Government FTA	
Section 5307	<b>\$2,770,784</b>
ARPA	<b>\$400,000</b>
CARES	<b>\$820,102</b>
2. Commonwealth of Mass. via Contract Assistance	<b>\$9,215,668</b>
FY'26 Carryover Fare Free Grant (2 months)	<b>\$331,129</b>
FY'27 Fare Free Grant (10 months)	<b>\$1,821,208</b>
Nashua Connectivity Grant	<b>\$1,227,772</b>
Community Transit Grant	<b>\$67,056</b>
3. Assessments to LRTA Member Communities	<b>\$3,969,479</b>

**Total Funding Sources** **\$20,623,199**

**LRTA ADMINISTRATIVE  
FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET  
July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027**

***ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES***

Salaries	679,449	
Fringe Benefits	205,587	
Directors & Professional Liability Insurance	30,745	
Lowell Retirement Assessment	167,073	
Telephone	12,500	
Maintenance/Equipment Lease	1,000	
Supplies	5,500	
Postage	1,000	
Stationery/Printing	1,200	
Dues & Subscriptions	30,900	
Advertising and Marketing	4,200	
TVM/Charlie Card Fees	500	
Training & Travel	5,000	
Advisory Board Expenses	2,500	
		<b>1,147,154</b>
	<b>Total Admin.</b>	
	Less Revenues	35,000
	<b>Net Administrative</b>	<b>\$1,112,154</b>

***PROFESSIONAL SERVICES***

Financial and Audit	98,150	
Legal	28,000	
IT Support Services	20,000	
Miscellaneous	5,000	
		<b>\$151,150</b>
	<b>Total Professional</b>	

**CHARLES GALLAGHER TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL**

**FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET**

**July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027**

**Payroll Expenses**

Facility Manager	126,084	
Security / Maintenance	584,393	
Payroll Tax	63,346	
Health Insurance	138,240	
401K Plan	28,800	
Life Insurance	5,000	
Uniforms	4,000	
Total Payroll Expenses		949,864

**Operating Expenses**

Equipment/Building Repairs and Service	35,000	
Credit Card Processing (NOVA)	27,500	
Electricity	103,000	
Gas {Heat}	45,000	
Insurance (Property)	117,180	
Janitorial Supplies & Bulbs	22,000	
Rubbish Removal	2,000	
Grounds Landscaping & Maintenance	2,300	
Snow Storms { Sand & Chemicals}	15,000	
Vehicles {Gas & Maintenance}	8,000	
Water {City & Drinking}	13,000	
Painting & Signage	1,000	
Miscellaneous	500	
Total Operating Expenses		\$391,480

**Grand Total Expenses** **\$1,341,344**

Terminal Revenue \$675,000

**Grand Total Revenues** **\$675,000**

**CAGTT Net Cost of Service**

**\$666,344**

**FIXED ROUTE BUS SERVICE**

**FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET**

**July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027**

Operating Expense

Operators Salary	6,503,200	
Garage Salary	1,005,000	
Dispatchers/Office Salary	995,000	
Sub Total Salary & Wages Expense		8,503,200
Safety Program/Employee Relations	15,000	
Medical Insurance	1,725,000	
FICA	650,495	
Unemployment	120,000	
Retirement Plan	220,000	
Advertising	35,000	
Uniforms/Tool allowance	65,000	
IT Tech Support and Equipment	45,000	
Data Processing	15,000	
Drug Testing	14,000	
Licenses & Registration	1,500	
Professional Services (Marketing, Financial)	48,000	
Security	3,000	
Safety Training (SMITH)	15,000	
Equipment Rental	18,000	
Fare Collection Equipment Maintenance	0	
Fuel	1,400,000	
Office Supplies	22,000	
Plant Maintenance (Building)	105,000	
Printing	40,000	
Repair Parts/Maintenance	240,000	
AVL/GPS Annual Maintenance	100,000	
Shop Expense/Supplies	55,000	
Tires	30,000	
Telephone	32,500	
Gas, Water, Sewer (Utility)	55,000	
Electric (Utility)	45,000	
Insurance (Vehicle)	840,500	
Workers Comp	355,000	
Miscellaneous	1,750	
Travel	2,500	
Sub Total Expense		<u>6,314,245</u>
Total Operating Expenses		14,817,445
Management Fee (Paid Direct to First Transit)		<u>231,043</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>15,048,488</b>
Less: Farebox Revenue (State funded Fare Free pilot through FY27)		0

**Net Cost of Service**

**\$15,048,488**

## ROAD RUNNER SERVICE

### FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

#### Operating Expense

Operator's Salary	773,520	
Dispatchers/Office Salary	305,000	
Garage Salary	185,000	
Sub Total Salary & Wages Expense		1,263,520
Mobility Outreach Coordinator	60,500	
ADA Eligibility Review	30,000	
Uniforms/Tool allowance	17,000	
Dental Expense	17,000	
Safety Program/Driver Training/Employee Relations	3,000	
Drug Testing	3,500	
Equipment Rental	4,250	
Gasoline & Oil	190,500	
Vehicle Insurance	125,000	
Short Term Disability (Principal)	6,000	
Maintenance	60,000	
Health Insurance	245,600	
Dispatch Software Maintenance	69,600	
Miscellaneous	1,000	
IT Support Services	15,000	
Office/Printing/Computer Supplies	19,000	
Payroll Taxes FICA	96,500	
Payroll Taxes Unemployment	15,000	
Payroll Processing Expense	5,500	
Retirement Plan	40,000	
Radios	12,000	
Telephone	14,000	
Workers Comp	29,500	
Subtotal Operating Expenses		<u>1,079,450</u>
Total Operating Expenses		2,342,970
Management Fee (Paid Direct to TransDev)		<u>182,929</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>2,525,899</b>
Less: Farebox Revenue (State funded Fare Free pilot through FY27)		0

**Net Cost of Service**

**\$2,525,899**

**COUNCILS ON AGING  
FISCAL YEAR 2027 LRTA SUBSIDY**

**COUNCIL ON AGING SERVICES**

	<b>LRTA Share of Transit Operating Expense</b>	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Net Cost of Service</b>
Acton Paratransit and Fixed Route	\$261,204	\$0	\$261,204
Billerica Council on Aging	\$76,114	\$0	\$76,114
Carlisle Council on Aging	\$55,852	\$0	\$55,852
Chelmsford Council on Aging	\$48,288	\$0	\$48,288
Dracut Council on Aging	\$172,571	\$0	\$172,571
Groton Council on Aging	\$102,484	\$0	\$102,484
Maynard Council on Aging	\$97,125	\$0	\$97,125
Pepperell Council on Aging	\$28,910	\$0	\$28,910
Tyngsboro Council on Aging	\$86,585	\$0	\$86,585
Townsend Council on Aging	\$75,037	\$0	\$75,037
Westford Council on Aging	\$118,895	\$0	\$118,895
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,123,065</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,123,065</b>

**PARATRANSIT SERVICE SUMMARY  
ROAD RUNNER  
FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET**

<b>ROAD RUNNER SERVICE</b>			
	<b>Gross Cost</b>	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Net Cost</b>
BillERICA Road Runner	\$208,617	\$0	\$208,617
Chelmsford Road Runner	\$473,332	\$0	\$473,332
Dracut Road Runner	\$358,797	\$0	\$358,797
Lowell Road Runner	\$1,098,598	\$0	\$1,098,598
Tewksbury Road Runner	\$146,382	\$0	\$146,382
Tyngsboro Road Runner	\$101,387	\$0	\$101,387
Westford Road Runner	\$72,461	\$0	\$72,461
Wilmington Road Runner	\$66,325	\$0	\$66,325
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,525,899</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,525,899</b>

## LRTA FY2026 APPROVED BUDGET & FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

	FY2026 APPROVED BUDGET	FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY2027 BUDGET VERSUS FY2026 BUDGET
LRTA ADMINISTRATIVE:			
SALARIES	\$641,101	\$679,449	\$38,348
FRINGE	\$160,047	\$205,587	\$45,540
DIRECTORS LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$27,500	\$30,745	\$3,245
LOWELL RET. ASSESSMENT	\$159,808	\$167,073	\$7,265
TELEPHONE	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
MAINT./EQUIP. LEASE	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
SUPPLIES	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0
POSTAGE	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
PRINTING	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
DUES & SUBSCRPTS.	\$25,166	\$30,900	\$5,734
ADVERTISING	\$4,000	\$4,200	\$200
TVM/CHARLIE CARD	\$2,500	\$500	(\$2,000)
TRNG/TRAVEL	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
ADVISORY BOARD EXP	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$1,048,822	\$1,147,154	\$98,332
(ADMIN REVENUES)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$35,000)</u>	<u>(\$35,000)</u>
TOTAL ADMIN =	\$1,048,822	\$1,112,154	\$63,332
LRTA PROFESSIONAL:			
FINANCIAL	\$67,000	\$98,150	\$31,150
LEGAL	\$20,000	\$28,000	\$8,000
IT Support Services	\$14,000	\$20,000	\$6,000
MISC.	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL PROF. =	\$106,000	\$151,150	\$45,150
NET INTEREST & BUS ADV:			
NET INTEREST	\$170,750	\$156,100	(\$14,650)
(BUS ADV. INC)	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)	\$0
(OTHER INC)	<u>(\$10,000)</u>	<u>(\$10,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL INT. & INC. =	\$10,750	(\$3,900)	(\$14,650)
GALLAGHER TERMINAL:			
EXPENSES	\$1,131,681	\$1,341,344	\$209,663
(REVENUES)	<u>(\$650,000)</u>	<u>(\$675,000)</u>	<u>(\$25,000)</u>
NET COST =	\$481,681	\$666,344	\$184,663
TOTALS PAGE 1 =	\$1,647,253	\$1,925,747	\$278,494

## LRTA FY2026 APPROVED BUDGET & FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

	FY2026 APPROVED BUDGET	FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY2027 BUDGET VERSUS FY2026 BUDGET
COA COMBINED:			
EXPENSES	\$1,140,649	\$1,123,065	(\$17,584)
(REVENUES)	<u>(\$44,976)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$44,976</u>
NET COST =	\$1,095,673	\$1,123,065	\$27,392
ROAD RUNNER (TTML):			
EXPENSES	\$1,841,071	\$2,525,899	\$684,828
(REVENUES)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
NET COST =	\$1,841,071	\$2,525,899	\$684,828
FIXED ROUTE BUS SERVICE (FTML):			
EXPENSES	\$12,083,362	\$15,048,488	\$2,965,126
(REVENUES)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
NET COST =	\$12,083,362	\$15,048,488	\$2,965,126
BUDGET TOTALS	\$16,667,359	\$20,623,199	\$3,955,840

## LRTA FY2026 APPROVED BUDGET & FY2027 PROPOSED

	<b>FY2026 APPROVED BUDGET</b>	<b>FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
LRTA ADMINISTRATIVE:	\$ 1,048,822	\$ 1,147,154
LRTA PROFESSIONAL:	\$ 106,000	\$ 151,150
GALLAGHER TERMINAL:	\$ 1,131,681	\$ 1,341,344
TRANSIT SERVICE:	\$ 15,065,082	\$ 18,697,452
INTEREST EXPENSE:	\$ 310,750	\$ 331,100
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES =</b>		
	\$ 17,662,335	\$ 21,668,199
 <b>REVENUES:</b>		
LRTA ADMINISTRATIVE:	\$ -	\$ 35,000
GALLAGHER TERMINAL:	\$ 650,000	\$ 675,000
TRANSIT SERVICE:	\$ -	\$ -
BUS ADVERTISING:	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
OTHER INCOME:	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
INTEREST INCOME:	\$ 140,000	\$ 175,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES =</b>		
	\$ 950,000	\$ 1,045,000
<b>NET COST OF SERVICE =</b>		
	<b>\$ 16,712,335</b>	<b>\$ 20,623,199</b>

## **LRTA FISCAL YEAR 2027**

### **COMPARISON OF NET COST**

	<u>FY2026</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>FY2027</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
<b>FEDERAL</b>			
[FTA 5307]	\$922,951	\$2,770,784	\$1,847,833
[FTA ARPA]	\$1,000,000	\$400,000	(\$600,000)
[FTA CARES ACT]	\$558,220	\$820,102	\$261,882
<b>STATE</b>			
[CONTRACT ASSISTANCE]	\$9,215,668	\$9,215,668	\$0
Try Transit/Fare Free	\$1,520,413	\$2,152,337	\$631,924
Community Transit Grant	\$71,200	\$67,056	(\$4,144)
<b>LOCAL</b>			
[ASSESSMENTS]	\$3,423,883	\$3,969,479	\$545,596
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	\$16,712,335	\$19,395,427	\$2,683,092



## MEMBER COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS

	AUDITED	UNAUDITED	PROJECTED
	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>
ACTON	\$249,150	\$255,379	\$261,763
BILLERICA	\$366,121	\$375,274	\$384,656
CARLISLE	\$54,758	\$56,127	\$57,530
CHELMSFORD	\$301,238	\$308,769	\$316,488
DRACUT	\$251,606	\$257,896	\$264,344
DUNSTABLE	\$0	\$0	\$0
GROTON	\$97,525	\$99,963	\$102,462
LOWELL	\$1,211,113	\$1,241,391	\$1,272,426
MAYNARD	\$96,460	\$98,872	\$101,343
PEPPERELL	\$21,609	\$22,149	\$22,703
TEWKSBURY	\$322,540	\$330,604	\$338,869
TOWNSEND	\$69,680	\$71,422	\$73,208
TYNGSBOROUGH	\$99,360	\$101,844	\$104,390
WESTFORD	\$199,213	\$204,193	\$209,298
WILMINGTON	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$68,000</u>	<u>\$460,000</u>
Total	<b>\$3,340,373</b>	<b>\$3,491,882</b>	<b>\$3,969,479</b>

Note: Assessment are two years behind. Receipts for FY'25 services are received in FY'27.  
Preliminary 2027 Cherry Sheet Estimates reflect Fiscal Year 2025 services.