McMahon’s transportation planners and engineers are dedicated to improving transit in urban and suburban locations. Our experience ranges from downtown bus stop design and transit analysis along urban corridors to suburban commuter rail station planning and feasibility assessments. McMahon has earned this experience by working hand-in-hand with municipalities, transit agencies, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and state departments of transportation, as well as Amtrak, freight rail carriers, and other stakeholders on projects. We strive to improve transit service from the operator, community, and passenger perspectives.

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McMahon brings a strong understanding of ADA requirements for bus stops and sidewalks, as we have completed audits at over 300 stops.

McMahon was also at the forefront of the creation of the MBTA’s Bus Stop Planning and Design Guidelines. Most recently McMahon was engaged by RIPTA to develop the Rhode Island Bus Stop Design Guide. The guidelines include bus stop design scenarios that emphasize pedestrian safety and accessibility, integrate with bicycle facilities, and provide recommendations on how RIPTA, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) and local communities, can successfully incorporate transit infrastructure into the state’s roadway network, in accordance with Complete Streets directives.

McMahon’s experience also extends to station planning and design, focusing on enhancing multimodal connectivity. In Natick, MA McMahon assisted the Town in developing plans for an upgraded Natick Center MBTA Station. We are currently part of the design team focusing on improving connections between several transit agency’s services including rail and bus, and to a shared used path.

In addition to creating physical transit improvements, the McMahon team features a number of key staff members who can successfully navigate FTA processes and requirements en route to obtaining project funding. As testimony to McMahon’s success, we were successful in qualifying the Montachusett Area Regional Transit Authority’s Fitchburg Commuter Rail Improvement Project for the FTA Small Start funding program (now in construction), assisting MART in securing a federal TIGER Discretionary Grant for the Wachusett Extension of the Fitchburg Commuter Rail Line, and leading the development of a federal TIGER grant application with CATRA for the Plymouth Multimodal Transportation Facility.