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## SOUTH COAST RAIL NOISE PROBLEMS

# MBTA has \$6.8M planned

**Dan Medeiros**  
The Herald News  
USA TODAY NETWORK

The MBTA recently released its proposed Capital Improvement Plan, a proposal for the next five years that it says is “laying the groundwork for tomorrow’s T.”

Almost \$10 billion in spending is out-

lined in the MBTA’s plans from fiscal 2027 to 2031 — and about \$35.3 million of that money is aimed at the South-Coast and improving its new rail line.

Residents dealing with noise near the train tracks can expect to see more funding to help keep things quiet.

Beyond that, there may be funding for new coaches and improvements that could potentially make the trip faster

and cleaner. Here’s what’s in the plan:

### What is the MBTA’s Capital Improvement Plan?

The CIP is a rolling plan that addresses transportation needs for the next five years. It doesn’t only address the commuter rail; the T’s subway system gets the bulk of the attention, with funding

also for buses, ferries and paratransit.

### Where does the money come from?

Some funding comes from Washington, via the Federal Transit Administration, which is part of the Department of

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From left, Melissa Welch and sister Megan Welch at an event at Marina Bay. PHOTOS BY MARC VASCONCELLOS/THE ENTERPRISE

# Canine cannoli

## Spotted Hound Barkery has got you covered

**Sam Pausman**  
The Enterprise  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Small businesses like this are often founded when two things converge: one, there’s a problem, and two, someone aware of the problem wants to be the solution. Well, in this case, the problem was pup-centric: Melissa Jones’ dog had a lot of allergies. Like so many allergies.

So, Jones created a solution, and thus, Spotted Hound Barkery (notice that R) was born. “I figured I probably

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Melissa Welch, co-owner of Spotted Hound Barkery, at an event at Marina Bay.

# U.S.-Iran ceasefire on tenuous ground

## Israel continues attacks on Lebanon

**Swapna Venugopal Ramaswamy, Christopher Cann, Melina Khan and Michael Loria**  
USA TODAY

President Donald Trump’s ceasefire with Iran was on tenuous ground on April 9 after Israel launched its deadliest day of strikes on Lebanon yet and Tehran vowed not to desert its allies.

A day after announcing the Iran war ceasefire, Trump took to social media to warn the country that if the “REAL AGREEMENT” was not complied with, all U.S. military assets would remain in place ready for a military response.

He warned Iran to keep the Strait of Hormuz open and safe but did not address the strikes in Lebanon in the post.

“If for any reason it is not, which is highly unlikely, then the “Shootin’ Starts,” bigger, and better, and stronger than anyone has ever seen before,” he wrote.

Meanwhile, strikes on Lebanon, which borders Israel came on April 8, a day after United States and Iranian leaders announced a break in hostilities to hold peace talks and for oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz to resume, a key breakthrough in the agreement. But in the wake of Trump’s

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President Donald Trump warned Iran to keep the Strait of Hormuz open and safe after Israeli strikes on Lebanon complicated a ceasefire deal. KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS

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