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Season extended for CapeFlyer weekend train service between Boston, Cape Cod

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The CapeFlyer will run for six extra weekends this year following what officials are calling a successful start of the season for the train service that runs between Boston and Cape Cod.

The service will run through Columbus Day on Monday, Oct. 14. It was originally scheduled to finish for the year on Labor Day, Sept. 2.

“Continuing Cape Rail service through the fall will be a boost for residents and tourists alike,” said a statement from Governor Deval Patrick, who said the service so far has been “successful” and “cost-effective.”

The [Globe reported](#) two weeks ago that the CapeFlyer had already collected enough fares to cover the approximately \$165,000 annual cost of operating the train.

Through a partnership between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the MBTA and Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority, officials this summer [launched](#) passenger rail service between Boston and Cape Cod for the first time in about two-and-a-half decades.

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Between Memorial Day weekend – when the [season started](#) – through this past weekend, the service, which runs on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, attracted just over 11,000 customers.

“This service has been a huge hit with Cape visitors, and we are pleased to keep the trains running for the busy late summer and early fall weekends following Labor Day,” said a statement from Richard A. Davey, secretary and CEO of the state transportation department.

Trips cost \$20 one-way or \$35 round trip. Trains run between South Station and Hyannis, a transfer point for buses that run across the Cape and also offers access to car and bike rentals and a free shuttle bus trip to ferry docks where for an additional cost, travelers can ride boats to and from Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket.

“We conducted a survey of our CapeFlyer customers and were overwhelmed by the positive feedback received,” Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority Administrator Thomas S. Cahir said in a statement.

“Numerous customers and the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce have asked about the possibility of extending service into the fall, and with festivals and other events scheduled after Labor Day weekend and extending our ‘season’, we are excited to keep this new transit option available to our visitors,” he added.

For more information, visit www.capeflyer.com.

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