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MBTA to expand 'Quiet Car,' update 'Rail Radio' service

The <u>Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority</u> (MBTA) and <u>Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad</u> <u>Co.</u> (MBCR) recently announced plans to expand the "Quiet Car" pilot program to all commuter-rail lines on a permanent basis.

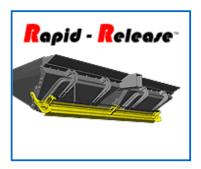
After a 90-day trial period on the Fitchburg and Franklin lines earlier this year, riders gave the Quiet Car concept positive reviews, agency officials said in a prepared statement.

The service will be available during peak hours only, and in the car closest to the locomotive. The quiet-car concept requires riders to refrain from using cell phones and other noisy electronic devices.

Also, MBTA and MBCR have launched an updated version of Rail Radio, which provides real-time information about train status on car radios. The new version integrates the service with commuter railroad's Passenger Train Information System, which links real-time information from approaching rains to LED monitors at stations.











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