

# CASCO BAY LINES ENEWSLETTER



March 2022

## Greetings!

The month of March brings with it the start of spring, and we're starting to see a glimpse of warmer weather and longer days! This March also marks an exciting milestone for the Casco Bay Island Transit District - our 40th anniversary! Stay tuned for updates throughout the month as we celebrate 14,610 days of continuous service. In other exciting news, we're sharing an update below on the terminal renovation project and a recent grant award that will support the continued effort to update our fleet. While changes to mask mandates and guidelines are implemented across the area, we continue to operate under a federal mask mandate and will share any updates related to our operations during COVID-19 [here on our website](#) as they are available. Thank you!

## Terminal Renovation Update

We are pleased with the continued progress being made on Phase II/Phase III of the Terminal Renovation Project. With the addition of the second floor over the existing administrative area wrapping up, building work has shifted to the planned improvements to the waiting area and the gate areas. This includes plans to build a "quiet area" in the waiting room to be used on a first-come, first-served basis for those utilizing medical priority boarding.

A detailed update is available [here on our website](#). Please continue to direct any questions or feedback related to the project to [terminalrenovationproject@cascobaylines.com](mailto:terminalrenovationproject@cascobaylines.com).

## CBL to Receive \$3.6M for Hybrid Propulsion System

Casco Bay Lines has been awarded \$3.6 million in funding from the FTA's Passenger Ferry Grant program to procure an innovative, low-emission, propulsion system for a new vessel planned to replace the Maquoit II.

Casco Bay Lines plans to begin the design phase of the Maquoit II replacement project later this year and estimates this propulsion system in the new downbay vessel will eliminate more than 1,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions annually over the vessel's 30-year lifespan. As part of prior work to replace the Machigonne, Casco Bay Lines' staff and Board of Directors

## Birthdays



Greg Jukins  
March 6

Gene Willard  
March 26

Greg Mitchell  
March 28

## Anniversaries



Patrick Nixon  
22 Years  
March 10, 2000

Stephen Whitney  
9 Years  
March 16, 2013

Thomas Petsinger  
15 Years  
March 17, 2007

Jeffrey Legere  
15 Years  
March 17, 2007

opted to pursue a diesel electric hybrid propulsion system for the new vessel in place of a conventional diesel mechanical propulsion system. With this grant award, the second replacement vessel is also positioned to utilize this innovative battery technology.

Nick Bishop  
2 Year  
March 20, 2020

View the full announcement [here on our website](#).

