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State House, Room 236

December 8, 2020

**Construction Updates for December 8**

**Work on Fall River Secondary Main Line**

Delivery of Railroad Ties to Campanelli Drive in Freetown

Over the duration of this project the contractor will be installing new track along the South Coast Rail corridor. Construction of this track involves the delivery of new railroad ties to the project construction lay-down yard on Campanelli Drive in Freetown. These ties, commonly used throughout the nation’s entire rail system, can produce an odor, and the contractor will be taking steps to mitigate any impacts to the community.

Deliveries are expected to begin this week and will continue every few weeks until early 2021.

General Activities

This week and next, the contractor will continue with hydrant line installations, access road construction, tree clearing, erosion control, delivery and moving of materials, equipment mobilization, and survey work occurring along the Fall River Secondary Line right-of-way.

Stating next week, the contractor will receive (via rail cars) sections of rail to be utilized along the Fall River Secondary Line right-of-way. Deliveries are scheduled to commence next Tuesday, December 15 in the Adams Lane area of Berkley and advance south to Fall River through the end of the year.

* **Location of Work:**
  + Freetown Station site, 161 South Main Street, Assonet
  + Fall River Depot site, 825 Davol Street, Fall River
  + Fall River Secondary Line railroad right-of-way between Adams Lane in Berkley and Fall River Depot
* **Dates/Hours of Work:**
  + Current week: Monday, December 7 through Friday, December 11, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM
  + Next week: Monday, December 14 through Friday, December 18, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Retaining Wall Construction

The contractor will continue the installation of steel sheeting for retaining walls in the railroad right-of-way south of Adams Lane in Berkley to the Assonet River in Lakeville.

* **Dates/Hours of Work:**
  + Current week: Monday, December 7 through Saturday, December 12, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
  + Next week: Monday, December 14 through Saturday, December 18, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Ongoing MBTA work may be disruptive to residents. Crews are using various pieces of heavy equipment and trucks along the railroad right-of-way. While the project will seek to minimize construction-related impacts to communities, low to moderate noise levels and vibrations will be generated.

**Bridge Replacements and Associated Track Work**

Punch list and final inspection activity is continuing for the [early action bridge replacement work](https://webmail.malegislature.gov/OWA/redir.aspx?C=QI2XwM3ZS1Q09rlkKfBB67PFcnaODlC-CPMMKrGMUEQO8VX-S5zYCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2furldefense.proofpoint.com%2fv2%2furl%3fu%3dhttps-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMDguMzE3NjkzNzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5tYXNzLmdvdi9pbmZvLWRldGFpbHMvc291dGgtY29hc3QtcmFpbC1jb25zdHJ1Y3Rpb24tYWN0aXZpdHkjcGhhc2UtMS1lYXJseS1hY3Rpb24tY29uc3RydWN0aW9uLSJ9.JonRZTZAgV0pGX507o94ScGk8NryQof-5Fv6plGSUOcKs_s_1367696426_br_91326633316-2Dl%26d%3dDwMFAA%26c%3dlDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns_w%26r%3dIHAcJAIUY5cyQBiXBuiiky0kL8sTQTuQptUmCcz06hY%26m%3dY7yaezW_h7KerLSxA6uI5Psvbl_V-WUA5helWP56MDs%26s%3dh3P6lyQmj2w5X0mnYggOZAq9fV-OxlwL152bedsM-So%26e%3d) with minimal impacts to traffic anticipated.

*Please note that the City of New Bedford is also carrying out work in the Tarkiln Hill Road location for MassDOT Project #606709 (King’s Highway Reconstruction). For details and contact information for this project, please see the*[*Roadwork Schedule page*](https://webmail.malegislature.gov/OWA/redir.aspx?C=KRJRFtiBQFd5Nk_qtdoezhGoMcX2a1Z1MY-Y-Ro0yGkO8VX-S5zYCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2furldefense.proofpoint.com%2fv2%2furl%3fu%3dhttps-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMDguMzE3NjkzNzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5uZXdiZWRmb3JkLW1hLmdvdi9wdWJsaWMtaW5mcmFzdHJ1Y3R1cmUvaGlnaHdheS9yb2Fkd29yay8ifQ.QHjlnYWQyBwJeE9ztm9nw0677kkaoRSaf8Jwiq-5FLJBQ_s_1367696426_br_91326633316-2Dl%26d%3dDwMFAA%26c%3dlDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns_w%26r%3dIHAcJAIUY5cyQBiXBuiiky0kL8sTQTuQptUmCcz06hY%26m%3dY7yaezW_h7KerLSxA6uI5Psvbl_V-WUA5helWP56MDs%26s%3d6bfJA18-V7SPO-gdZL1qAjXg8GlHfisugwrFFv70P2k%26e%3d)*on the City of New Bedford’s website.*

Please be advised that effective March 25, 2020, MassDOT, MBTA, and their consultants and contractors must maintain full compliance with the Commonwealth’s [COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures for All Construction Sites and Workers at All Public Works Sites](https://webmail.malegislature.gov/OWA/redir.aspx?C=qeFWADtFHj4ivl6S-BdtILCUUDq2S5ZW5_DA1hrzumlvUlj-S5zYCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2furldefense.proofpoint.com%2fv2%2furl%3fu%3dhttps-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMDguMzE3NjkzNzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5tYXNzLmdvdi9jb3ZpZC0xOS1ndWlkZWxpbmVzLWFuZC1wcm9jZWR1cmVzLWZvci1hbGwtY29uc3RydWN0aW9uLXNpdGVzLWFuZC13b3JrZXJzLWF0LWFsbC1wdWJsaWMtd29yayJ9.0v4YjWA9PWaPk87AbbI1yLxfv74ja3QsX3SWnHztU0c_s_1367696426_br_91326633316-2Dl%26d%3dDwMFAA%26c%3dlDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns_w%26r%3dIHAcJAIUY5cyQBiXBuiiky0kL8sTQTuQptUmCcz06hY%26m%3dY7yaezW_h7KerLSxA6uI5Psvbl_V-WUA5helWP56MDs%26s%3dPTOjBGrT7jMRluRNUAn1lxsvZgOLUt65wEb4rDbwnXA%26e%3d) until further notice.

Additionally, as of Thursday November 19, 2020, all contractors and MBTA field staff shall follow the following COVID-19 guideline and procedure updates:

* Face coverings that comply with the latest CDC guidelines shall be worn at all times by all on-site contractor, sub-contractor, visitors, delivery persons and MBTA staff in accordance MBTA COVID-19 Face Covering and Workplace Protocols Policy issued on November 5.
* Contractors shall notify the MBTA Resident Engineer in writing within 1 hour of learning of a positive or presumptive positive COVID-19 case for an employee, worker, or any other individual associated with the site. In addition, the Contractor shall also file a MBTA Contractor Incident Report within 2 hours of a positive or presumptive positive COVID-19 case.

**If you would like to report a construction-related issue on the South Coast Rail project, please call the hotline at (774) 762-7000.**The hotline will be answered Monday-Friday, between 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM (except holidays). All voicemails left outside of these hours will be received on the following 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM weekday shift. We will respond to all complaints.

For more information:

* Visit the project website: [www.mbta.com/projects/south-coast-rail](https://webmail.malegislature.gov/OWA/redir.aspx?C=jwTZ1b94vO9Bv72udZgEgTpxICcYcdIBJhjSkHviyeBvUlj-S5zYCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2furldefense.proofpoint.com%2fv2%2furl%3fu%3dhttps-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMDguMzE3NjkzNzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5tYnRhLmNvbS9wcm9qZWN0cy9zb3V0aC1jb2FzdC1yYWlsIn0.SUXQHyj42pL0DeVGh2OHp-5F6QTqsuWCyMerx7jvI9-2DcQ_s_1367696426_br_91326633316-2Dl%26d%3dDwMFAA%26c%3dlDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns_w%26r%3dIHAcJAIUY5cyQBiXBuiiky0kL8sTQTuQptUmCcz06hY%26m%3dY7yaezW_h7KerLSxA6uI5Psvbl_V-WUA5helWP56MDs%26s%3desW1e-wQVNwvUjDzDxV5mFNqYwE0K8QnPAribcgQCIU%26e%3d)
* If you have questions, please email the project team: [SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us](https://webmail.malegislature.gov/OWA/redir.aspx?C=nR2dQocslJo_nc0bsKVcqJiRP_pn5G0tOqF15LMWP3JvUlj-S5zYCA..&URL=mailto%3aSouthCoastRail%40dot.state.ma.us)
* Encourage family and neighbors to [sign up for informational emails](https://webmail.malegislature.gov/OWA/redir.aspx?C=GwldojUuw-EIzYue2oVYZYz5lxWJmEmlLptD8LNTesRvUlj-S5zYCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2furldefense.proofpoint.com%2fv2%2furl%3fu%3dhttps-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMDguMzE3NjkzNzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3B1YmxpYy5nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeS5jb20vYWNjb3VudHMvTUFET1Qvc3Vic2NyaWJlci9uZXc-5FdG9waWNfaWQ9TUFET1RfMzAifQ.bDk-2Dr3-5FmCq92gaF-2DLn-2DSQrbCmDKUdezs05ftR8pYqhQ_s_1367696426_br_91326633316-2Dl%26d%3dDwMFAA%26c%3dlDF7oMaPKXpkYvev9V-fVahWL0QWnGCCAfCDz1Bns_w%26r%3dIHAcJAIUY5cyQBiXBuiiky0kL8sTQTuQptUmCcz06hY%26m%3dY7yaezW_h7KerLSxA6uI5Psvbl_V-WUA5helWP56MDs%26s%3d6EfzV7PBqksqqICuHxqSeWlRhNPFYxZc8HZbC8bIZvE%26e%3d) on the website
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**The schedule for this infrastructure project is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.**

The South Coast Rail team appreciates the patience and understanding of those affected by construction as the team continues to make strides in delivering Commuter Rail service to the region on schedule. The MBTA also thanks its city partners, municipal leaders, and stakeholder groups for their continued collaboration and support of the project.

Thank you for your continued interest in South Coast Rail,

Jean Fox, Director of Community Engagement  
Kim Dobosz, Director of Construction