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## Construction Updates for December 1

### Work on Fall River Secondary Main Line

#### General Activities

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

- **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, November 30 through Friday, December 4, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM
  - Next week: Monday, December 7 through Friday, December 11, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

#### Retaining Wall Construction

The contractor has begun 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, November 30 through Saturday, December 5, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
  - Next week: Monday, December 7 through Saturday, December 12, 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 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 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 until further notice.

**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](http://www.mbta.com/projects/south-coast-rail)
- If you have questions, please email the project team: [SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us)
- Encourage family and neighbors to [sign up for informational emails](#) on the website
- Follow [@MBTA](#), [@MassDOT](#), and the [#SouthCoastRail](#) hashtag on Twitter

*If you own or manage a rental property, please share construction information with your tenants. We can also provide this information in alternate languages.*

**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