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**Construction Updates for February 2**

**Work on Middleborough Secondary and New Bedford Main Line**

Tree Clearing Activities from Middleborough to Taunton

This week and next, the contractor continues with tree clearing and erosion control work at the new Middleborough Station and East Taunton Station sites including along the railroad right-of-way between the two sites.

*Tree cutting along the railroad corridor will be necessary for construction. Additionally, to ensure safe and unobstructed service, the MBTA needs a cleared right-of-way. Falling tree limbs and wet tree leaves on the rails are a hazard that can cause derailment. Because the Phase 1 tracks have seen very limited use, overgrowth has occurred. This work is occurring along the rail corridor heading from north to south. To maintain the safety and efficiency of the railway, trees and heavy brush obstructing the right-of-way will not be replaced.*

The contractor also continues with equipment mobilization, site set up, and survey work along the railroad right-of-way from Middleborough to New Bedford.

* **Location of Work:**
  + New Middleborough Station site, 161 South Main Street, Middleborough
  + East Taunton Station site, 1141 County Street, Taunton
  + Middleborough Secondary and New Bedford Main Line right-of-way (see map at [www.mbta.com/projects/south-coast-rail](https://webmail.malegislature.gov/OWA/redir.aspx?C=RdscSheeVfOY_AUJvxVsVanyz9iyinF9CbWI3qOrJMJHGrqGUcjYCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2furldefense.com%2fv3%2f__https%3a%2f%2flnks.gd%2fl%2feyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAyMDIuMzQ0ODc3ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5tYnRhLmNvbS9wcm9qZWN0cy9zb3V0aC1jb2FzdC1yYWlsIn0.mQGLZOhGflHee40ew5o8kapTQvlvqPlSQiBXu1iJJzw%2fs%2f1367696426%2fbr%2f96975664427-l__%3b!!CUhgQOZqV7M!xEeuYcBdTYrLiRuYiWU2zObV2ZzGEuCe0z0W_MursjxH-FKsiU3JQabqLFXEwrvtN8LtZw%24))
* **Dates/Hours of Work:**
  + Current week: Monday, February 1 through Friday, February 5, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM
  + Next week: Monday, February 8 through Friday, February 12, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

**Work on Fall River Secondary Main Line**

Right-of-way Access Road off Horizon Way in Fall River

The contractor is installing an access road off Horizon Way in Fall River. Next week, the contractor will be grading and placing stone to prepare for tree clearing crews to mobilize their equipment on the project access area off the end of Horizon Way. After clearing and grubbing, the contractor will begin preparing the access road to the right-of-way. The work zone will be secured to deter outside access.

General Activities

This week and next, the contractor continues with drainage and utility installation (Weaver's Cove site), tree clearing, erosion control, delivery and moving of materials, equipment mobilization, and survey work occurring along the Fall River Secondary Line right-of-way. The contractor also continues with the installation of micro-piles for future platforms at the Fall River Depot site.

* **Location of Work:**
  + Freetown Station site, 161 South Main Street, Assonet
  + Construction lay-down yard site, Campanelli Drive, Freetown
  + Right-of-Way access site, Horizon Way, Fall River
  + Fall River Depot site, 825 Davol Street, Fall River
  + Weaver's Cove Layover Facility, 2680 North Main 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, February 1 through Friday, February 5, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM
  + Next week: Monday, February 8 through Friday, February 12, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Retaining Wall Construction

The contractor continues the installation of steel sheeting for retaining walls in the railroad right-of-way south of the Assonet River in Lakeville to Beachwood Road in Assonet

Additionally, the installation of soldier piles for retaining wall construction at the Freetown Station site continues this week and next.

* **Dates/Hours of Work:**
  + Current week: Monday, February 1 through Saturday, February 6, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
  + Next week: Monday, February 8 through Saturday, February 13, 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.

Please be advised that effective March 25, 2020, MassDOT, MBTA, and their consultants and contractors must maintain full compliance with the Commonwealth’s current [COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures for All Construction Sites and Workers at All Public Works Sites](https://webmail.malegislature.gov/OWA/redir.aspx?C=Dfp6OYrZuI-R3RKNp4sZf-MRQcr7DmP3jT25e70EffZHGrqGUcjYCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2furldefense.com%2fv3%2f__https%3a%2f%2flnks.gd%2fl%2feyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAyMDIuMzQ0ODc3ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5tYXNzLmdvdi9jb3ZpZC0xOS1ndWlkZWxpbmVzLWFuZC1wcm9jZWR1cmVzLWZvci1hbGwtY29uc3RydWN0aW9uLXNpdGVzLWFuZC13b3JrZXJzLWF0LWFsbC1wdWJsaWMtd29yayJ9.xOzn-A3O2WRvVHN9q7Cnhv18dSJFC27602xZO1W9tho%2fs%2f1367696426%2fbr%2f96975664427-l__%3b!!CUhgQOZqV7M!xEeuYcBdTYrLiRuYiWU2zObV2ZzGEuCe0z0W_MursjxH-FKsiU3JQabqLFXEwru1hg5Kvw%24) until further notice.

Face coverings that comply with the latest CDC guidelines shall be worn at all times by all on-site contractors, sub-contractors, visitors, delivery persons, and MBTA staff in accordance with MBTA COVID-19 Face Covering and Workplace Protocols Policy.

**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.

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* If you have questions, please email the project team: [SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us](https://webmail.malegislature.gov/OWA/redir.aspx?C=P849-PK39dvyqyDFKji68RNM_vvvb4C8bEaUWdIJF-1HGrqGUcjYCA..&URL=mailto%3aSouthCoastRail%40dot.state.ma.us)
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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  
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