



# Work in Progress

## EAST STREET BRIDGE

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October 12, 2018- The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) announces the latest update on construction work to be performed on the Franklin Line which will impact the public.

At the East Street Bridge in Westwood, MA construction has been ongoing since March of 2018. The existing bridge, carrying the Franklin Commuter Rail Line, was constructed in 1911 and has surpassed its useful life. The bridge has been a frequent site of vehicular accidents due to substandard vertical and horizontal clearances to the roadway below. Construction thus far has included installation of deep foundations (precast concrete drilled shafts) behind the existing abutments, utility relocation, and track reconstruction. New precast concrete abutment caps, precast concrete approach slabs, and two steel superstructures will be installed on two separate weekends utilizing accelerated bridge construction techniques.

The first weekend for replacement of the bridge will occur from Friday evening, October 19<sup>th</sup> to Monday morning October 21<sup>st</sup>. The abutment caps and approach slabs will be lifted into place and attached to the drilled shafts that were installed earlier. Train service and East Street will be closed during the construction. Bussing will be provided in place of train service and a traffic detour will be signed for the duration of service shutdown. The expected sequence is as follows:

- Last train passes over East Street Bridge- Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:15 PM.
- Shutdown East Street to Vehicular Traffic – Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at approximately 12 AM (midnight Friday).
- Tracks in service and train traffic resumes – Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at approximately 3 AM.
- East Street opens to traffic Monday morning

The second weekend for replacement of the bridge will occur from Friday evening, November 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday morning November 11<sup>st</sup>. The bridge superstructure will be moved from the MassDOT yard at Grafton Avenue and travel along Strafford Road to East Street where it will be lifted into place and attached to the new bridge abutments. Train service and East Street will be closed during this construction. Bussing will be provided in place of train service and a traffic detour will be signed for the duration of service shutdown. The expected sequence is as follows:

- Shutdown East Street to Vehicular Traffic – Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:00 AM.
- Last train passes over East Street Bridge- Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:15 PM.
- Tracks in service and train traffic resumes – Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3 AM.
- East Street opened to traffic Monday morning

Service updates are updated through the MBTA operations center on the MBTA website. Information about road closure and detours will be posted on the Town of Westwood website.