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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
FEBRUARY 11, 2011

Attached please find correspondence from the office of the Town Manager for your review. Thank you.

Charles J. Cristello
Town Manager

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Charles J. Cristello, Town Manager
Date: February 11, 2011
Subject: *Evaluation Process*

Selectman Spataro asked me to review the Town Manager evaluation process to see if it would be improved by changing the number of ratings from 3 to 5. I have looked into it and have concluded that no change is needed. The most important part of the Town Manager evaluation is the exchange of views on the year's performance and the identification of what board members thought were positive results and what they thought were less than positive results. The number of the rating is of relatively little importance compared to the dialogue that results from the evaluation process. Therefore, I would recommend no change to the current evaluation process.

cc: BUS

Allison Ferreira

From: Hill, Lance [LHill@VHB.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 3:51 PM
To: Charles Cristello; Allison Ferreira
Cc: 'Paltoo, Alison'
Subject: MBTA Tie Replacement project through Middleborough

Dear Mr. Cristello,

I am working with the MBTA on the Old Colony Tie Replacement project currently under construction. In this project, the MBTA's Contractor is replacing faulty concrete ties with new wooden ties along the entire length of the Old Colony Railroad alignment. Additional information about the project can be found here: [MBTA Old Colony Tie Replacement Project](#).

The MBTA has asked that we continue with our community outreach to municipalities affected by the construction. As a portion of this work is through the Town of Middleborough, we would like to set up a meeting with your office so that we can share with you the project's schedule and discuss the components of the MBTA's construction. As part of the construction:

- Railroad/roadway crossings will be shut down as these repairs move forward.
 - Seven of these crossings are located in Middleborough (although six are private roadway crossings).
- The MBTA's Middleborough/Lakeville Commuter Rail Station will experience mid-day and weekend closures for extended periods. These closures are likely to begin in Mid-March and last through mid-June.
- Ties will be replaced during the day with on-track machinery. This construction in Middleborough is expected to last for approximately three weeks – beginning in the middle of March.

The MBTA and our team will be in your area meeting with other municipalities on Tuesday, February 15th, if you are available to meet. At this point, we are free any time after 1 PM. Otherwise, if you would like to meet on another date, please let me know.

Thank you in advance for your time. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Lance A. Hill, PE

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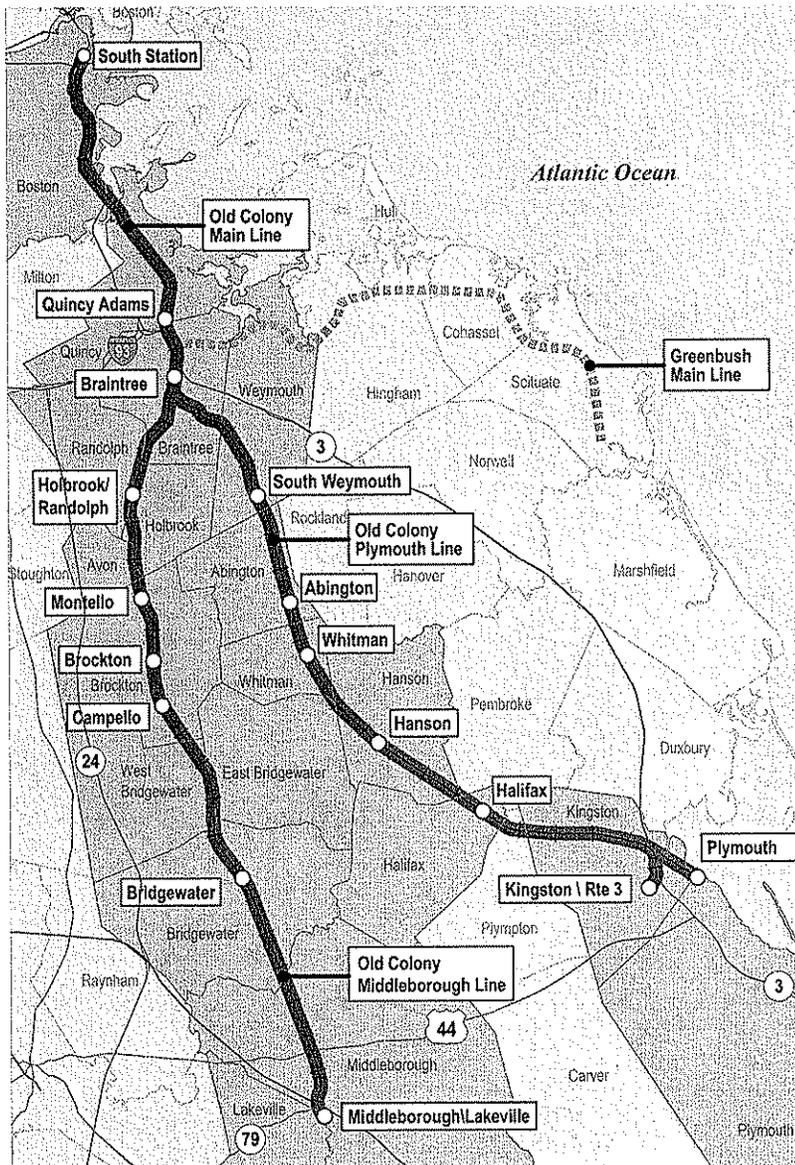
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Old Colony Commuter Rail Tie Replacement Project

Welcome to the Old Colony Commuter Rail Tie Replacement Project website. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) has begun upgrading approximately 57 miles of rail on the Old Colony Commuter Rail lines through a tie replacement project. Existing concrete ties along the Old Colony line have begun to deteriorate due to insufficient steel reinforcement and need to be replaced in the near future. Failed ties can cause operational impacts such as speed restrictions and schedule adjustments. By replacing these ties, the MBTA will improve the safety and service along the Old Colony lines. The purpose of this site is to let you know of any construction impacts during this upgrade.

The Old Colony commuter rail lines include the Main Line, the Middleborough Line, the Plymouth Line and the Kingston Branch (please see the project map [pdf] for more details). These lines serve 19 communities including Boston, Quincy, Braintree, Randolph, Holbrook, Avon, Brockton, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Bridgewater, Middleborough, Lakeville, Weymouth, Abington, Whitman, Hanson, Halifax, Kingston and Plymouth. As part of the preemptive replacement program, the MBTA will immediately replace any failed ties. By the project's completion, all concrete ties will be replaced with timber ties, which have a proven performance record. Due to construction, some commuter rail service will be limited or shutdown for extended periods of time. Substitute bus service will be provided. Please continue to check our site for updated service impact information, updated schedules, and general project information.



Construction Update

The MBTA Plymouth Line is back in service. All construction on this project is on hold until March 2011.

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A 24-hour hotline (617) 222-5281 is available allowing customers and residents to call 24 hours a day with questions and concerns regarding the project.

For more detailed information, please see the Old Colony Website Presentation below.

Related Documents

[Old Colony Website Presentation](#)