



Work in Progress

GUILD STREET BRIDGE

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March 31, 2017– 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 Guild Street Bridge in Norwood, MA construction has been ongoing since April 2016. The existing bridge carrying the Franklin Commuter Rail Line was constructed in 1896 and has surpassed its useful life. Construction thus far has included installation of soil anchors through existing granite block abutments along with reinforced walls placed in front of existing abutments. Currently the new steel through girder superstructure is being assembled on an adjacent staging site and will be rolled into place the third week of April utilizing accelerated bridge construction techniques.

Starting the afternoon of April 21st Guild Street will be closed to vehicular traffic in preparation of the bridge roll in. The last Franklin Commuter train will pass over the bridge at approximately 8 PM that night with rail traffic being restored for the first trains on Monday April, 24th. The expected sequence of events is as follows:

- Shutdown Guild Street to Vehicular Traffic – Friday, April 21st at approximately 12 PM.
- Last train passes over Guild Street Bridge- Friday, April 21st at approximately 8 PM.
- Demolition of existing tracks and bridge structure begins – Friday, April 21st at approximately 9 PM.
- Placement of new abutment caps – Saturday, April 22nd throughout the day.
- Roll in of new superstructure begin – Saturday, April 23rd at approximately 1 AM.
- Roll in of new superstructure complete – Saturday, April 23rd at approximately 8 AM.
- Tracks in service and train traffic resumes – Sunday, April 24th at approximately 3 AM.

It is expected that the following outbound trains on Friday night the 21st will be bused from Norwood Depot south: #727, 729, & 731 while the following outbound will be bused on Friday night the 21st: #728, 730, & 732. All trains Saturday the 22nd and Sunday the 23rd will leave South Station and terminate at Norwood Depot for bussing south. All inbound trains will be bused to Norwood Depot and continue via train to South Station. Detailed information regarding expected train schedules is attached.

Service updates are updated through the MBTA operations center on the MBTA website, www.mbta.com/rider_tools/transit_updates/.

Updates of the Guild Street Bridge Project are available on the MBTA website, www.mbta.com/about_the_mbta/t_projects/.