

MBTA DEPARTMENT OF SYSTEM-WIDE ACCESSIBILITY FIXED ROUTE REPORT – July 28, 2010

ADA JULY 26TH - 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The MBTA supported Boston's ADA 20th Anniversary Celebration organizing committee in July by publicizing the celebration on vehicles and in stations, and by providing "ambassadors" to assist customers arriving/departing via subway or THE RIDE. In addition, T Bus Operations had a new, low-floor bus on display that was visited by several hundred event participants throughout the day. Also, MassDOT and T personnel staffed a table at the event, distributing transit information and responding to questions regarding fixed route and Paratransit services.

FOUR CORNERS/GENEVA CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Construction began this month on a new station on the Fairmount Commuter Rail line in Four Corners, Dorchester. The station, which will be fully accessible, will provide Dorchester residents in the Four Corners area a direct ride into Downtown Boston.

FASTER/EASIER PAYMENT SYSTEM AT T PARKING LOTS

On July 23rd West Natick Station on the T's Worcester Commuter Rail Line became the first station to offer a new, easier parking payment system. Soon transit customers in all other MBTA owned and operated parking lots will find it easier to pay their parking fees as well. As part of a partnership with Parkmobile USA, customers can visit www.parkmobile.com and enroll in the new program for free, and then begin paying their parking fees using a mobile application, the internet, a text message, or a TTY service, while waiting in their cars or once they board a train, bus, or commuter boat.

DEAF, INC OUTREACH TRAINING EVENT

On Tuesday, July 27, SWA staff met with clients of Deaf, Inc. to share information about MBTA programs and services. The group visited the State Transportation Building and were then escorted to Back Bay Station for a tour of the station's various accessible features; some participants visited the SWA Reduced Fare CharlieCard office to renew their Transportation Access Pass (TAP) CharlieCards.

T SAFETY BLITZ AT GREEN LINE MISSION PARK STOP

On Friday, July 23rd The MBTA Safety Department, Green Line Operations and Transit Police conducted a safety blitz along the E-Branch of the Green Line with a focus on surface stops between Brigham Circle and Heath Streets. The location for the blitz was selected due to customer complaints regarding the failure of vehicles to stop to allow customers to safely exit the Green Line trolleys. Over 750 mock tickets for failure to stop were distributed during the morning blitz.

SWA-BACK BAY CHARLIECARD OUTREACH PROGRAM

Staff from the Department of System-Wide Accessibility at Back Bay are visiting area Senior Centers and other facilities an average of twice per month to issue Senior, Transportation Access Pass (TAP) and Blind Access CharlieCards to eligible MBTA customers. Outreach events are scheduled for, Lincoln/August 9, Belmont/August 17, Cambridge/August 26. More information about the events is available at www.mbta.com, or by calling the MBTA Customer Support Services Center at 617-222-3200 voice; 617-222-5146 TTY.

MBTA BUS OPERATIONS RECERTIFICATION TRAINING

Bus Operations continues to hold monthly recertification training classes at the Charlestown Bus Garage for Operators and other Bus personnel. The training classes include modules and videos illustrating the MBTA's policies on assisting customers with disabilities, service animals, use of ramps and lifts, and other accessibility-related topics. The next class will be on Tuesday, August 10, 2010. Please contact Laura Brelsford in the MBTA's System-Wide Accessibility Department at 617-222-1688 voice; 617-222-5045 TTY; lbrelsford@mbta.com, if you are interested in attending this or future classes.

Yawkey Commuter Rail Station

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Project Description

- Commuter Rail Service for Worcester/Framingham Line
- One block from Kenmore and Fenway Stations (Green Line)
- Transit-Oriented Development is located between Beacon Street and Brookline Avenue bridges over the Mass Pike
- Conversion from mini-high platform to two full high platforms
- Four new buildings with public/private parking garage (1,290 spaces), including 330 residences, offices and retail spaces
- **Project Cost:** \$12 Million
- **Developer:** MK Yawkey Development, LLC
- **Design and Engineering:** VHB and Carlos Zapata Studio
- **Projected Construction Commencement:** Fall 2010
- **Projected Construction Completion:** December 2011

Reconstruction Project Features:

- New Full Service Accessible Commuter Rail Station
- Increased Train Service from 17 to 40 Stops Per Day
- Two (2) Full High Platforms (approx. 700' long)
- Four (4) New Elevators and Stairs
- New Main Head House at new Yawkey Way
- New Head Houses on Brookline Ave and Beacon Street
- New Yawkey Way Busway for Shuttle Buses
- Dual-mode Variable Message System (VMS)
- Way-Finding signs
- New Bike Share Station and Bike Racks
- Anticipated Solar PV Array and First Zero Net Energy Commuter Rail Station in Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Project Description

- New Orange Line Station in between Sullivan Square and Wellington Station
- Key element of creating a transit-oriented development at Assembly Square in Somerville, MA and provides a vital transit link between Assembly Square and Boston
- Public/Private Partnership between Federal Realty Investment Trust, Federal Transit Administration and Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Station Access

- Foley Street and Assembly Square Drive will provide pedestrian access from the Orange Line station to the site, as well as to the Mystic River Reservation
- All sidewalks and shared-use paths are ADA-compliant
- Bus drop-off at North Entrance

Key Design Highlights

- Brand new state of the art station complies with all MBTA Design Standards
- Two entrances and two headhouses (North and South)
- Coincidental path of travel is paramount in this design
- Four (4) pass-through, BCIL-compliant elevators and stairs (one in each vertical circulation core)
- One (1) escalator at North Entrance and one (1) escalator at North Headhouse
- 60% of AFC gates are ADA-accessible
- Automatic sliding doors at entrances to street or platform
- Signage to comply with MBTA Standards, including the use of Braille