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July 16, 2004

James Hunt, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Review
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street
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Re: Silver Line Phase III (EOEA # 6826/11707)
Notice of Project Change

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Dear Mr. Hunt:

On June 15, 2004, the MBTA filed a Notice of Project Change (NPC) with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) for the Silver Line Phase III project. This underground rapid transit project will connect Washington Street Silver Line service from Dudley Square to Downtown (Phase I) to the South Boston Silver Line service, from South Station to the South Boston Waterfront and Logan Airport (Phase II), slated to open later this year. At the request of several commenters, the MBTA would like to extend the public comment period to provide additional time for members of the public to review and comment on the NPC.

In order to provide the public with ample opportunity to comment, the MBTA recommends that EOEA accept comments on this NPC for 51 days as opposed to the required 20-day comment period. As a result, the MBTA is requesting that you accept comment on this Notice of Project change until August 13, 2004.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 617-222-3126 or abrennan@mbta.com.

Sincerely,


Andrew D. Brennan
Director of Environmental Affairs

Decision
8/23/04

cc: William Gage