

**Public Notification Under the
Massachusetts Water Quality Certification Regulations**

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 M.G.L. c. 21 SS 26-53 notice is given of the following:

- A. The name of the applicant is the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). The address of the applicant is MBTA, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116.
- B. The address of the lot where the activity is proposed is the MBTA Right-of-Way throughout the towns of Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, and Scituate.
- C. The MBTA has undertaken the Greenbush Line Project to improve transportation service to downtown Boston and other areas within the Boston regional core from southeastern Massachusetts. Passenger service has not been available on this line for over forty years. The Greenbush Line service will be incorporated into the MBTA's extensive, existing commuter rail system that provides service to the Boston metropolitan area. The Greenbush Line branches off the Main Line at the Braintree Wye, which is located one mile north of the current Braintree Red Line station. It proceeds east, parallel to the coast, through East Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate, and terminates in the Greenbush area of Scituate. The Greenbush Line will be 17.7 miles long from the Braintree Wye to Greenbush. The work associated with the Greenbush Line rehabilitation includes the following: replacement of ballast, ties, and rails, construction of seven (7) commuter rail stations, construction of a layover facility, rehabilitation of drainage structures, fencing of the right-of-way, construction of an overpass in Cohasset, construction of an underpass in Hingham, construction of a modified shallow cut underpass in Braintree and Weymouth, installation of sewer lines in Scituate, improvement of a tide gate, improvement of intersections, and construction of mitigation areas.
- D. Additional information about the project can be obtained from Holly Palmgren, MBTA, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116.
- E. The 21-day public comment period begins November 23, 2002 and ends December 13, 2002.
- F. You may address any comments on this application to the Department of Environmental Protection Northeast Regional Office, 205 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.
- G. Any ten persons of the Commonwealth, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that has submitted written comments may also appeal the Department's Certification and that failure to submit comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

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