

System-Wide Accessibility Updates

MBTA/BCIL Settlement Update



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Rear-door Boarding

- Riders are required to board and exit from the rear door on bus and Green Line
 - ANY rider who requests to board/exit from the front door is still permitted to do so





Assistance will be provided to any customer upon request





Face Mask/Covering Policy

- Riders and Employees must wear a face covering while at stations, stops and on vehicles
- Exception for those who have a medical condition that makes wearing a mask difficult or dangerous







One Party per Elevator Ride

- Riders asked to limit use of elevator to one party (one person or one group traveling together) per elevator trip
- Signs and announcements to be deployed starting at highest ridership stations

Ride Safer. One party per elevator ride. mbta.com/ ridesafer





All Reasonable Requests Must Still Be Honored

• Fundamental MBTA Policy Still in Place

- Reasonable Requests include things such as:
 - Assistance boarding or exiting a vehicle
 - Assistance through fare gates
 - Assistance finding a seat
 - Assistance pressing elevator buttons





Station Upgrades

- Central Square Inbound elevator rebuilt and reopened.
- Mansfield Commuter Rail station refurbished.
- Construction underway or about to begin at:
 - Babcock, Pleasant Street, BU West, & St. Paul; Brookline Hills; Oak Grove; Ruggles
 - Natick & Chelsea Commuter Rail Stations
- Designs Underway:
 - Symphony, Hynes, Newton Highlands, Beaconsfield, Chestnut Hill, Eliot, & Waban
 - Newtonville, Auburndale, & West Newton; Winchester; Lynn Commuter Rail Stations







Blue Line Station Upgrades

- From 5/18--5/31, The Blue Line was shut down in order to accelerate important track, signal and station upgrades
 - shuttle buses replaced service throughout the shutdown
- Accessibility upgrades that were accomplished:
 - Installation of detectable warning panels at Bowdoin & detectable warning repairs at multiple stations
 - New elevator floors Airport Station





Automated Door Openers

 Automated door openers to be installed on all accessible subway station entrances (with doors)

- New design provides an elongated pushbutton
- Scheduled for system-wide deployment TBD







Contact Us

- Questions, Complaints or Commendations—
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 - <u>www.mbta.com</u> click on "Support"
 - Tweet @MBTA
- Currently riding the bus, subway or Commuter Rail? Reach out to us at <u>SWA@mbta.com</u>
- Upcoming meeting--
 - Riders' Transportation Access Group (R-TAG) Public Meeting
 - Thursday, July 16, 2020 4-6PM
 - Virtual Platform TBD (visit MBTA.com for more details)