

# PORTER SQUARE RETAINING WALL REPAIRS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### ***1. What is the purpose of this work at Porter Square?***

As part of the MBTA's On-Call Commuter Rail Right-Of-Way Improvements, the Porter Square Retaining Wall Repairs consists of making necessary repairs to the retaining wall under Somerville Avenue and along the Commuter Rail ROW. These repairs will ensure the integrity of the retaining wall and bring it to a State of Good Repair status.

### ***2. What is the project timeline for this work?***

Select Demolition work started in late September 2020 and work is expected to be completed by the Summer of 2021.

### ***3. Is there any nighttime work or overnight expected with this repair work?***

Work will primarily take place between 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., between Monday and Friday. Neighbors can expect minimum noise shortly before the morning shift due to the Contractor setting up their work equipment. If any nighttime work or weekend work is deemed necessary, residents and stakeholders will be notified well before the work is scheduled to take place by email updates and construction advisory flyers.

### ***4. How will construction impact the sidewalk access along Somerville Ave.?***

While repairs to the retaining wall are taking place, sidewalk access above will be temporarily moved parallel to the existing bike lane on Somerville Ave. Proper barriers and signage are set in place to direct pedestrian traffic.

### ***5. What can the surrounding neighborhoods expect while this repair work is taking place?***

Neighbors can expect significant noise and periods of vibration from heavy equipment and machinery during demolition and during the sheet pile driving. This work is scheduled to take place primarily during the daytime

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hours, Monday-Friday. Any nighttime or weekend work will be communicated to the surrounding neighborhoods and stakeholders prior to the start of construction. As well as the approved traffic plan, which is rerouting the pedestrian sidewalks.

### ***6. How can the public sign up to receive project updates via email?***

The Project Team will frequently send out project updates and work advisories via email throughout the duration of the project. To sign up to be on the distribution list for these project updates, please email the Project Team at [PorterSqROWRepairs@mbta.com](mailto:PorterSqROWRepairs@mbta.com)

A project webpage is in the process of being developed for this project.

### ***7. How can the public contact the MBTA and the Project Team with any comments, questions, and concerns while this work takes place?***

The MBTA strongly encourages the community to reach out with any questions or concerns, so they can be answered and resolved as soon as possible. To submit an inquiry, you can reach the project team by email: [PorterSqROWRepairs@mbta.com](mailto:PorterSqROWRepairs@mbta.com)