Week in Review and Lookahead
Friday, April 23, 2021

GLT’s 7-week full-access closure of the B Branch began earlier this week to accelerate the B Branch Station Consolidation project and complete the two new, accessible and modernized stations months ahead of schedule. We also began work on track renewal within the limits of the B Branch diversion to bring immediate benefits for B Branch riders at the end of the 7 weeks of continuous work. Next week, join us for a virtual public meeting on April 29 to learn about design plans to improve four D Branch Stations—Beaconsfield, Chestnut Hill, Eliot and Waban.

B Branch Station Consolidation

Consolidate four (4) existing Green Line stations on the B Branch along Commonwealth Avenue adjacent to Boston University, into two (2), fully accessible, brand new stations (Babcock & Amory)

- **Last Week** | Crews started the 7-week full access closure (click here to see video of the progress). Conduit installation at Babcock and Amory Stations, preparation for concrete slab work, and completed the drilled shafts. Prep work and track replacement were started between Blandford and BU Central Stations
- **Lookahead** | Continue with conduit work, install reinforcing steel and formwork for concrete slabs at the station platforms. Continue with demolition of existing station elements

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D Branch Track and Signal Replacement

Upgrade 25,000 feet of track and 7 route miles of signal cable (Beaconsfield to Riverside)

- **Last Week**: Track and rail rehabilitation in the vicinity of 95 Clark Rd near Beaconsfield. Repaving of two pedestrian crossings at Longwood Station. Installation of Central Instrument House (CIH) at Reservoir Station. Continued catenary pole foundation rehabilitation from Waban to Riverside.

- **Lookahead**: Continue signal cable and wire installation from Riverside to Reservoir, and catenary pole foundation rehabilitation from Eliot to Grove St. Continue tie and ballast installation near Newton Highlands and Chestnut Hill.

Lechmere Viaduct Rehabilitation Project

Strengthen and preserve the 110-year-old viaduct for heavier loads and increased train frequency

- **Last Week**: Completed major trackwork items. Continued installation of electrical conduit, lightweight fiberglass walkways, catenary support braces, and concrete repairs.

- **Lookahead**: Continue installation of electrical conduit, fiberglass walkways, catenary support braces, and concrete repairs. Commence catenary pole installation.

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