



South Coast Rail New Bedford Public Meeting Construction Update

March 1, 2022



Notification of Recording and Q&A Best Practices

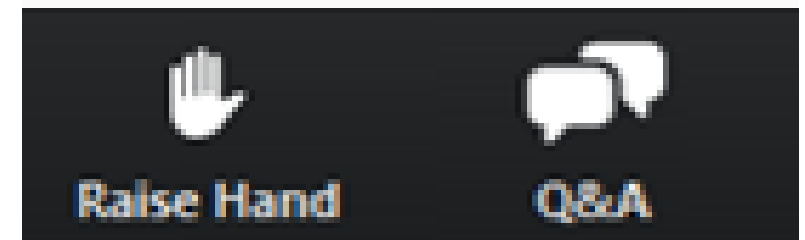


Notification of Recording

- This meeting will be recorded, and the recording and chat transcript are considered a public record
- This meeting recording will be posted on the project website following the conclusion of the meeting

Q&A after the Presentation

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Agenda



- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Project Overview
- Construction Update
- 2021 Accomplishments
- New Bedford Stations
- Community Outreach
- Questions and Answers



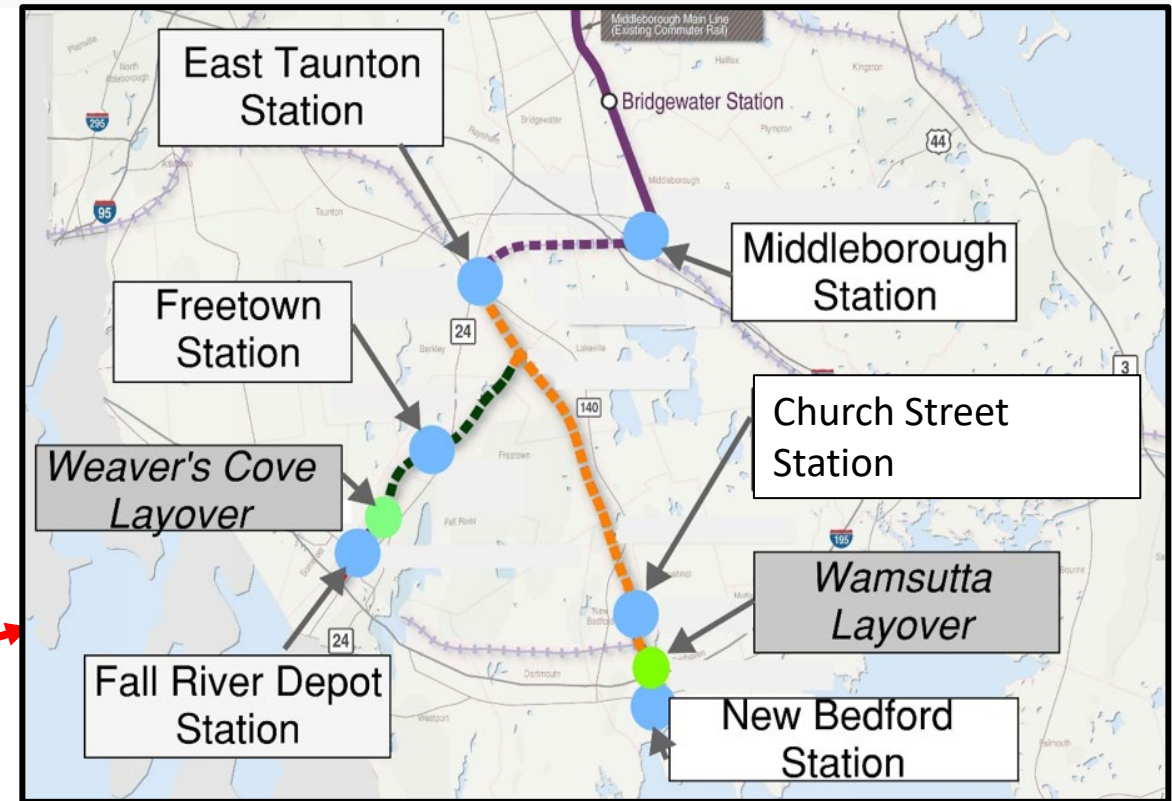
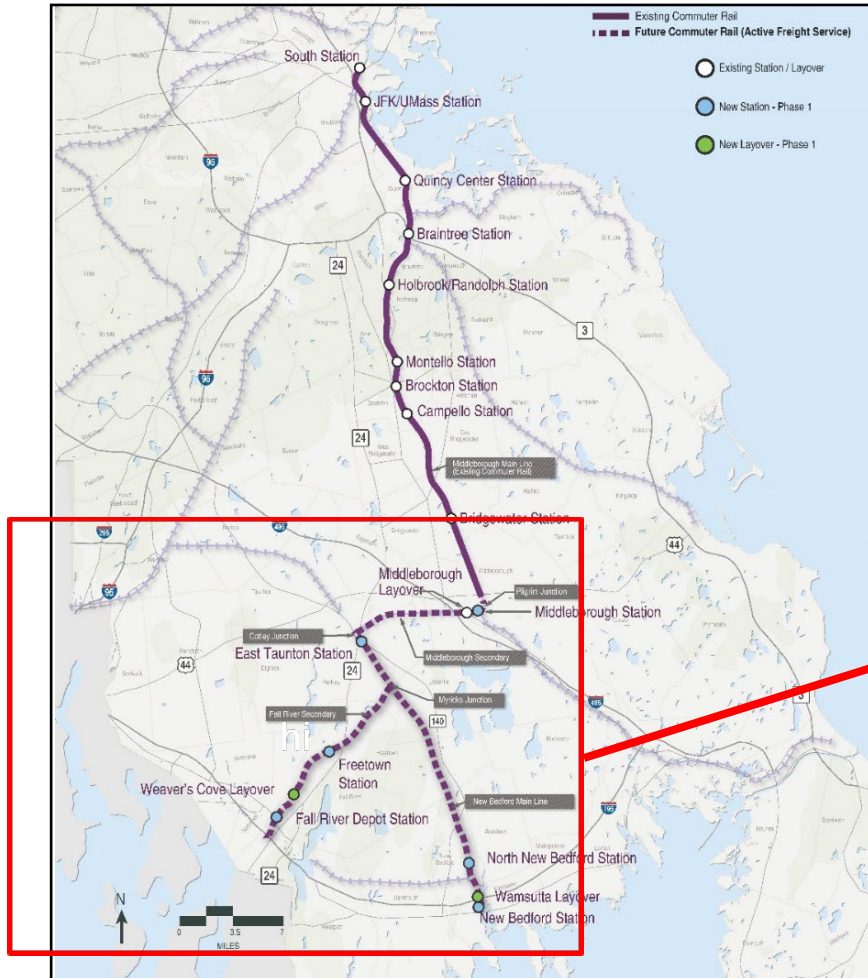
ROW work, New Bedford Jan 2022

SCR is on Track



- We are on time, on budget, and fully funded
- The Middleboro/New Bedford Line/Signals contract is on schedule at 20% completion
- SCR anticipates reaching the midpoint of construction in Spring 2022, and Revenue Service is anticipated for late 2023

Phase 1 Stations and Layover Facilities



- New construction: six stations and two layover facilities

2021 South Coast Rail Accomplishments



- By the 4th quarter of 2021, the New Bedford and Fall River contracts had completed approximately \$155 million of work
- SCR completed Early Action procurements of Special Trackwork and Other Track Materials; replaced 44 culverts; replaced 4 bridges; and tackled cleaning and drainage improvements along the Middleborough Secondary, New Bedford Main Line, and Fall River Secondary
- ROW tree canopy has been cleared, and track work is completed from Myrick's Junction to Adams Lane in Berkley



SCR work crews at Fall River Depot

2021 Accomplishments Continued



Installation of sheet piles

On the New Bedford Main Line/Middleborough Secondary

- The ROW tree canopy has been cleared and significant track has been laid from Pilgrim Junction to Cotley Junction
- All grade crossings along the Middleborough Secondary are well underway
- Work continues along the ROW from north to south: 4 of 11 culverts are completed, 5 of 18 grade crossings completed, and 5 of 24.1 miles of track have been laid
- To maximize reuse of onsite materials, SCR's soil management program sends significant fill quantities to Fall River's Weaver's Cove layover and Freetown Station; so far, over 25,000 cubic yards have been delivered to Freetown Station and about 7,000 cubic yards went to Weaver's Cove in Fall River.

Middleborough Secondary/New Bedford Main Line 10-Week Look Ahead



Middleborough Secondary Line: Middleborough to Taunton

New Bedford Main Line: Taunton, Lakeville, Berkley, Freetown, and New Bedford

Stations

- Middleborough Station: Install Wing Wall, station ramp and walls, fine grade the station parking lot
- East Taunton: Complete drainage utilities, fine grade the station parking lot, excavate for platform footings and elevator pit
- Church Street: Fine grade the station parking lot, waterproof station platform footings
- New Bedford Station: Install micro piles for station platform

Trackwork

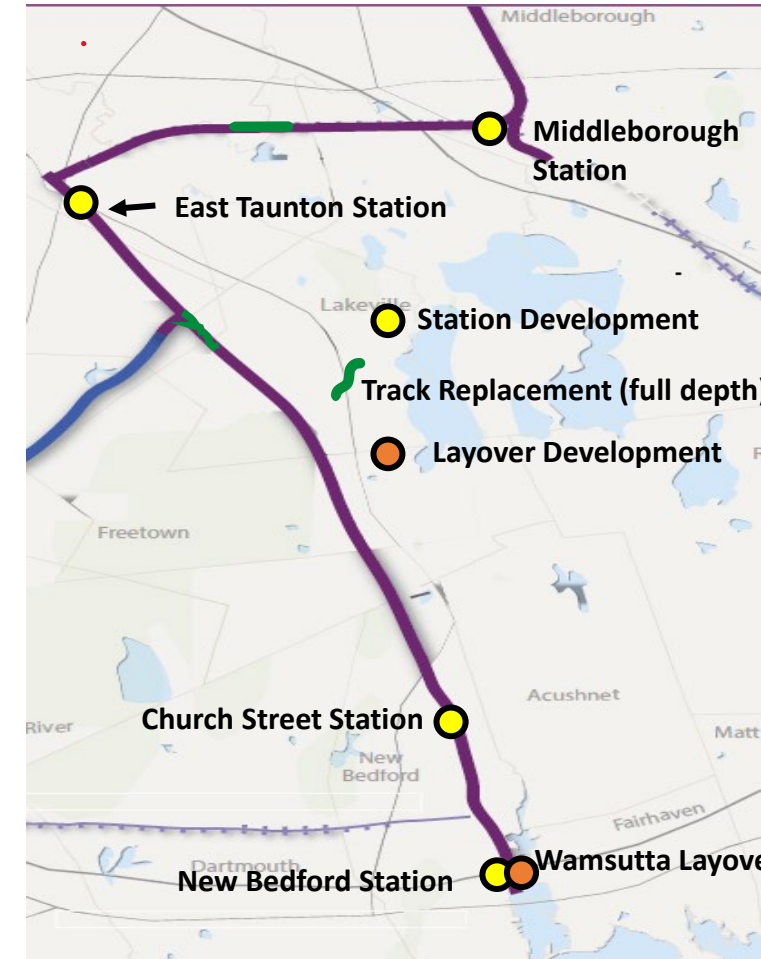
- Excavate to install ballast and ballast mats and install turnouts at Cotley
- Full Depth track reconstruction, Middleborough Ave in Taunton & South of Malbone Street in Lakeville

Pile Walls

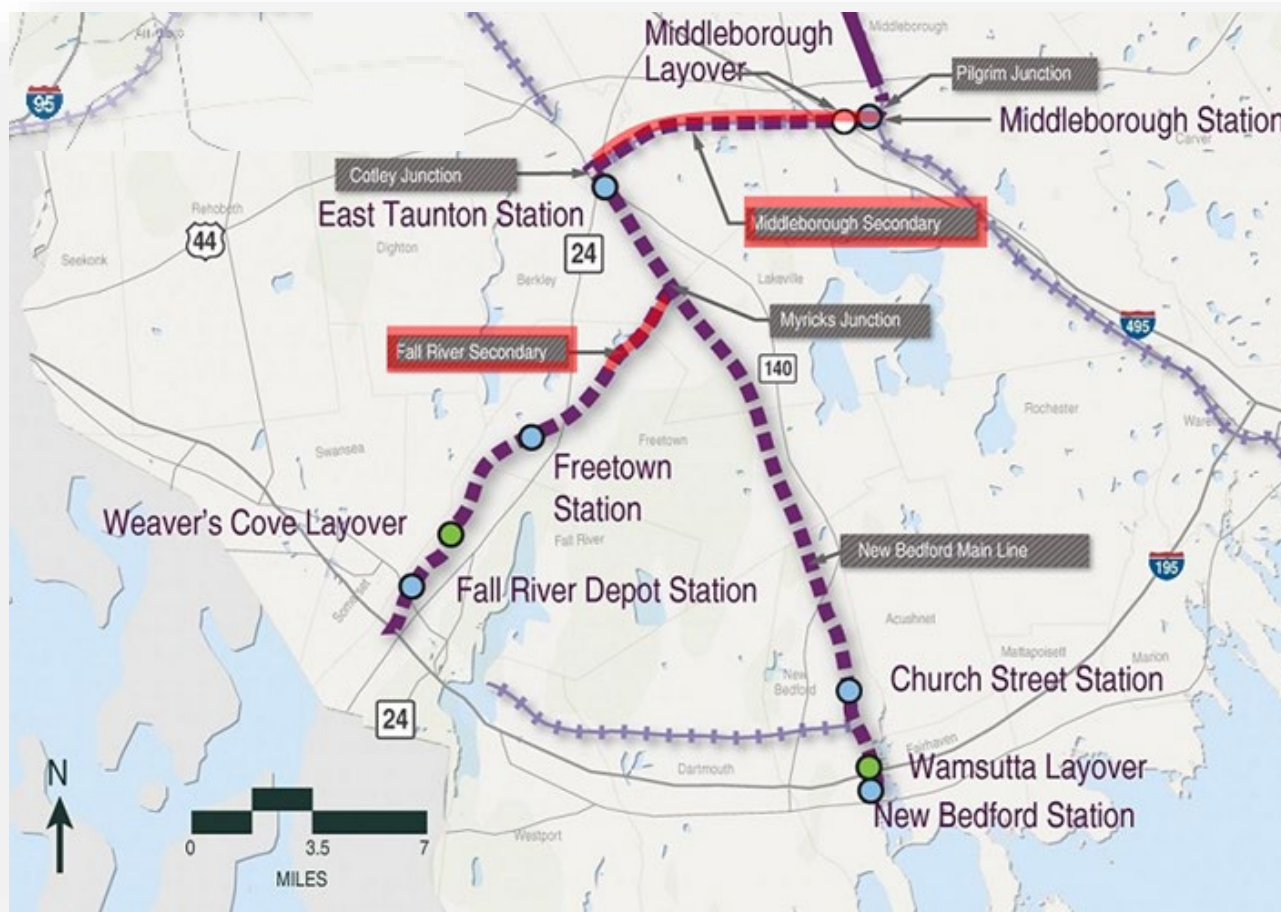
- Sheet pile walls along the NBML

Wamsutta Layover

- Install drainage structures, electrical duct banks, excavate for crew building foundation



Fencing



- Installing fencing at locations along the Middleborough Secondary Line and Fall River Secondary Line railroad right-of-way, moving to other locations in the near future
- Fencing is placed in areas where it will enhance safety and minimize trespassing on the railroad right-of-way
- Typical MBTA fencing is 6-foot-tall chain link fencing, set along the MBTA's property line
- Limited tree and brush clearing may be needed to facilitate

Station Elements



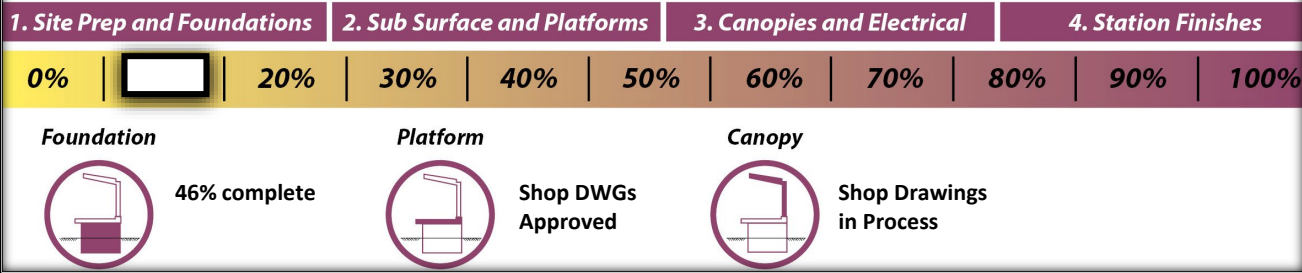
Church Street Station

- 800-foot platform, fully accessible, with canopy
- Bicycle parking; accessible and EV parking; 355 parking spots; bus stop and drop-off space
- Landscaped area facing Church Street
- Sidewalk on Church Street from Park Ave to Irvington Street, just on the west (station) side
- New signal system and intersection improvements at Church Street and Nash Road

New Bedford Station

- 800-foot platform, fully accessible, with canopy
- Pedestrian Bridge over Route 18
- Bicycle parking, accessible and EV parking; 352 spaces
- Acushnet Avenue parking lot entrance will provide access to the station for vehicles and pedestrians
- Sidewalk from Acushnet Avenue provides pedestrian access to the station
- Shared parking with seasonal SeaStreak parking as a portion of the 700+ space Whale's Tooth Parking Lot

Church Street Station



Church Street platform walls formwork and reinforcing steel, December 2021

Church Street Station (Continued)



Church Street Station, January 2022

Right of Way Work



Right of Way work, New Bedford, January 2022

Wamsutta Layover Facility



MBTA property indicated by the dashed line

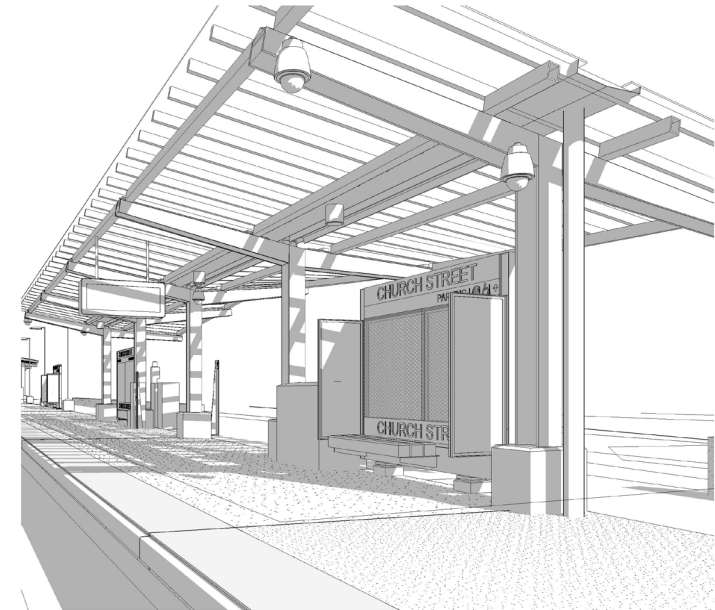
- 6 Tracks
- Crew quarters (below)
- Employee Parking
- Gated Facility



Coordination with City of New Bedford



- SCR team meets monthly with City staff to discuss design and construction topics
- Design underway of a pedestrian bridge across Route 18 to New Bedford Station
- SCR team responds to public comments received via email and in briefings
- Most frequently asked questions currently relate to fencing along the right-of-way (MBTA policy for safety) and street parking near Church Street Station



What to Know about Construction



Ongoing sheet pile detail work



Erosion controls along the ROW

- Typical hours of construction are Monday-Friday from 7am-7pm, work crews may arrive on the site before work begins
- Exception for track outages: 24-hour work periods, typically over 5 days
- Pest and rodent management are required and ongoing
- Dust control and management are required and monitored
- All contractors and site personnel are complying with health and safety regulations regarding COVID-19

Safety



**Always
expect a
train at a rail
crossing**

- Slow down, look both ways and listen
- Never stop on tracks
- Cross only where designated
- Trespassing on tracks is illegal



Thank You, Be Safe and Stay Tuned!

Community Outreach



Project Website & Email

- mbta.com/projects/south-coast-rail
- SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us

Site Visits and Community Meetings

- SCR team meets with residents, businesses, and elected officials to discuss issues and update stakeholders

Construction Hotline

- Construction-related issues are received on the hotline at 617-222-4099
- Hotline answered Monday – Friday, between 7:00am and 3:30pm by contractor staff; callers can leave voicemail outside of hotline hours that will be answered by contractor staff on the next business day

Weekly Construction Updates

- Construction updates issued weekly to more than 4,500 subscribers
- Abutters directly notified of upcoming 24-hr/day work periods with SCR flyers

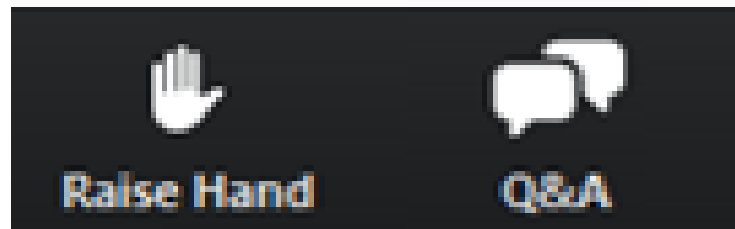


Example of traffic impacts from a SCR e-blast

Questions & Answers



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 - After you share your comment or question, we will lower your hand and you will be muted to allow the team to respond and provide opportunities for others to participate



You may also submit your questions or comments if we run out of time, after the meeting, to the project email address: SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us or visit mbta.com/projects/south-coast-rail for more information.