Upcoming Haverhill Line Service Impacts

PTC Program
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Program Overview

- Positive Train Control (PTC) is a federally mandated safety control system that monitors a train’s location, direction, and speed in real time, and can slow down or stop the train if needed to improve safe operations. PTC has been in-service on all Commuter Rail lines since August 2020.

- As part of this federal mandate, Automatic Train Control (ATC) is being installed to supplement PTC and further improve Commuter Rail Safety.

- As of May 2023, ATC implementation is 84% complete and in service on the Fitchburg, Lowell, Wildcat, and Rockport Lines, and on the Haverhill Line between Ballardvale and Haverhill.
Work to be Completed

- Implementation of ATC signal system upgrades, which will improve safety and service reliability
- Installation of a new Interlocking at CP-Doherty, allowing increased service and resiliency along the line
- Replacement of grade crossing track panels at Prospect St. in Wakefield, to improve grade crossing safety
- General maintenance at various stations
Upcoming Service Impacts

- For a 58-day period, service between North Station and North Wilmington will be suspended for ATC testing and commissioning. Shuttle buses will replace service between Reading and Oak Grove. Orange Line service will replace shuttle buses between Oak Grove and North Station.

- Express trains will operate between North Station and Ballardvale, and regular train service will operate between Ballardvale and Haverhill. A shuttle bus will also run between Reading on the Haverhill Line and Anderson/Woburn on the Lowell Line.

- North Wilmington passengers can board the Lowell Line at Wilmington Station (1.9 miles, 6 minutes)
What to Expect During Construction

**Noise:**
- **For the first 2 weeks,** there will be construction noise associated with track work between Melrose Cedar Park and Wakefield Stations, as well as adjacent to Assembly Row Station.
- **For the last 2 weeks,** there will be noise from test trains, as well as test activations of grade crossing gates and bells at each of the crossings and at various times.

**Work Zone Areas:**
- Haverhill Line in Somerville, Medford, Malden, Melrose, Wakefield, Reading, and Wilmington.

**Hours of Work:**
- 4am to 4pm, 7 days a week.
Contact Information

• Email PTCPogram@mbta.com
• Visit the program website at www.mbta.com/PTC
• Call the construction hotline at 617-721-7506