

## Orange Line Transformation Program Update, Friday, November 17

Progress continues on multiple projects under the <u>Orange Line Transformation</u> (OLT) program. As a reminder, the MBTA <u>recently announced</u> a track improvement program with work tentatively scheduled in late November/December 2023 and throughout 2024. We encourage riders to stay tuned as the construction schedule and alternative service are finalized, and as open houses on the track work are scheduled.





Electrical connections of traction power equipment at Sullivan Station

#### Did you know...

... that the MBTA recently launched an improved web interface for MyCharlie site users? Visit <u>mycharlie.mbta.com</u> to create an account and explore the improved features, and read the <u>press release</u> <u>here</u> to learn more.

# **OLT Improvements Continue Across the Orange Line**

### • Wellington Maintenance Facility

Modernizing the <u>Vehicle Maintenance Facility</u> will reduce downtime and customer wait times, provide cleaner trains, and deliver safer operations. In the Maintenance Facility, work is currently on hold. Going forward, crews will continue working on punch list items and the project team will be working on closeout documentation.

### • Orange Line Signal Upgrades

<u>Orange Line Signal upgrades</u> will result in improved service reliability, a renewed lifespan for the entire signal system, and more efficient communications about system diagnostics. This week, crews are performing signal testing at the Wellington North and South yards. Going forward, signal equipment installation and testing will continue at

different locations throughout the Orange Line while the fabrication schedule is being reviewed to ensure timely material delivery and component installation.

#### Orange Line Traction Power Substation Upgrades

Upgrades to the <u>Traction Power Substations</u> will modernize the third rail power supply to reduce the risk of service disruptions, as well as develop a power system capable of supporting additional Orange Line service. At Sullivan Station, crews will energize a new transformer next week. All electrical connections between the station and the mobile traction power substation have been completed. Once the new transformer is energized, it will require a one-week commissioning period.

### **Adjacent Projects**

We also want you to be aware of adjacent projects. While the OLT team does not directly oversee these projects, we coordinate closely with the teams leading them. For the latest information about service changes, please visit the <u>Orange Line Alerts page</u>, <u>sign up for T-Alerts</u>, and follow the MBTA on Twitter.

Upcoming Haymarket Station Bypass
 From November 27 through December 16, Orange Line trains will bypass Haymarket
 Station in both directions, and Green Line trains will bypass Haymarket Station in both
 directions from December 6, through December 16, to allow for private developer work
 on the Government Center Garage demolition.

Please note the schedule for these major infrastructure projects is dependent on weather and subject to change without notice.

#### For More Information

For more information on speed restrictions, visit the online <u>Speed Restriction Dashboard</u> that provides riders with up-to-date information on speed restrictions across the MBTA system.

Visit <a href="www.mbta.com/OLT">www.mbta.com/OLT</a> to see the numerous projects that OLT is carrying out to improve your experience riding the Orange Line. To stay informed of service changes, sign up at <a href="www.mbta.com/alerts">www.mbta.com/alerts</a>.

If you have any questions, please email OLT@mbta.com.

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