

Orange Line Transformation Program Update, Friday, December 1

Progress continues on multiple projects under the <u>Orange Line Transformation</u> (OLT) program. We encourage riders to review the December service changes <u>announced here</u>. Continue reading for more information.



Rubber insulating boots on AC electrical connections at Sullivan traction power substation

Did you know...

... that the MBTA has a <u>Winter Weather Travel Guide</u> as well as a <u>Winter Weather Service Updates</u> pages to help riders plan their trips?

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. This week and next week, crews will work on the HVAC system and will continue working on punch list items while the project team will be working on closeout documentation and commissioning. In the yard, a two-week track realignment process will begin on Monday.

• Orange Line Signal Upgrades

Orange Line Signal upgrades will result in improved service reliability, a renewed lifespan for the entire signal system, and more efficient communications about system diagnostics. Signal testing is currently on hold. Going forward, signal equipment installation and testing will continue at different locations throughout the Orange Line. 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, the cutover of the Mobile Substation is ongoing, and crews are installing conduits and lighting. Looking ahead, the energized Mobile Substation's equipment will continue to add loads and go through a QA/QC period. Crews will continue working on cable connections and system testing.

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.

• Haymarket Station Bypass

Orange Line trains will bypass Haymarket Station in both directions through **December 16** to allow for 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 www.mbta.com/OLT 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 www.mbta.com/alerts.

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In service,

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