

Orange Line Transformation

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Orange Line Transformation Program Update, Friday, December 8

Progress continues on multiple projects under the [Orange Line Transformation](#) (OLT) program. We encourage riders to review the [December service changes](#). Continue reading for more information.



A worker measures the voltage in signal equipment at Wellington Station

Did you know...

... that the MBTA's Commuter Rail operator Keolis recently ran a [North Pole Express Train](#) ride as part of a free holiday event? Local officials joined more than 1,000 children and families for the festivities.

OLT Improvements Continue Across the Orange Line

- **Wellington Maintenance Facility**

Modernizing the [Vehicle Maintenance Facility](#) will reduce downtime and customer wait times, provide cleaner trains, and deliver safer operations. Work crews will continue punch list work. The project team will be working on closeout documentation and commissioning as we near completion of the project. In the yard, crews began the realignment of the south ladder track, which will take two weeks to complete.

- **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. This week, the fabrication schedule is being reviewed to ensure timely material delivery and component installation.

- **Orange Line Traction Power Substation Upgrades**

Upgrades to [Traction Power Substations](#) will modernize the third rail power supply and reduce the risk of service disruptions, as well as develop a power system capable of supporting additional Orange Line service. At Oak Grove, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) electricians are updating the SCADA network. Looking ahead, crews will continue performing network upgrades, installing power equipment and making electrical connections, and testing new equipment at multiple stations.

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 [Orange Line Alerts page](#), [sign up for T-Alerts](#), and follow the [MBTA on X](#) (formerly known as 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 [Speed Restriction Dashboard](#) 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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