

SAFETY FIRST

ON SOUTH COAST RAIL



**ANNOUNCING TEST TRAINS TO AND FROM
MIDDLEBOROUGH TO FALL RIVER AND NEW BEDFORD**

Beginning on June 17, test trains will run along the South Coast Rail Right-of-Way (ROW). The MBTA will test and commission Commuter Rail trains to and from Middleborough, East Taunton, Freetown, Fall River and New Bedford for the first time in decades. The test trains will travel the corridor, reaching speeds of up to 79 mph, much faster than current freight trains at 25 mph.

As we reach this exciting milestone, we'd like to remind everyone in the area—whether you live, work, drive by, or cross the tracks—to get ready for high-speed trains, as they will become a common sight in the region. It's important to remember that only trains should be on the right-of-way. **It is illegal and life threatening to walk on or along the tracks.**



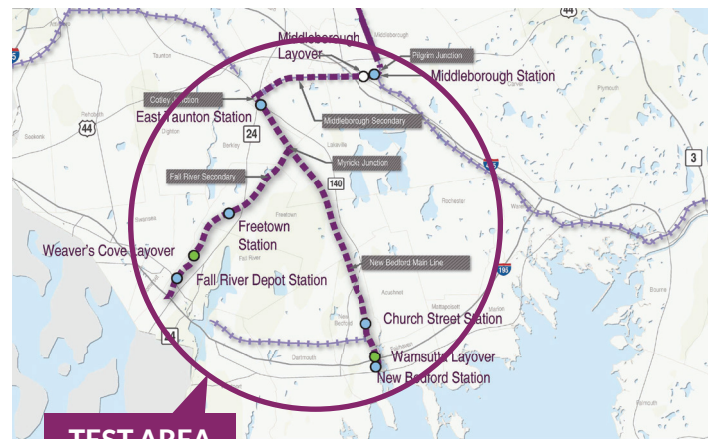
IN THE UNITED STATES, A PERSON OR VEHICLE IS HIT BY A TRAIN EVERY 3 HOURS.



Please review and remember these safety rules:

- 1 The only safe place to cross train tracks is **ONLY** at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings – obey warning signs and signals posted there.
- 2 Trains are quieter and faster than you think! And the average train traveling 55 mph can take a mile or more to stop.
- 3 Using the railroad ROW to hunt, fish, operate snowmobiles or ATVs, or for any other recreational purpose is trespassing and extremely dangerous.

As MBTA trains begin to travel through the region, we'll be putting your Safety First. Join us in practicing safety in your community.



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