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METROPOLITAN WATER TUNNEL PROGRAM

NOTICE TO ABUTTERS

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The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) will be conducting field work to support a major supply tunnel program in the Metropolitan Boston Area. The two proposed water tunnels will improve reliability for our water infrastructure and allow our aging, existing water tunnel system to be rehabilitated without disrupting service.

As part of the design effort, the MWRA has hired WSP and their subcontractors to perform test borings and test pits to study existing subsurface geological conditions. Test borings will be drilled to collect samples of soil, rock, and groundwater. Test pits will be excavated to collect bulk soil samples, and to conduct infiltration testing.

The site activities on and in proximity to the Department of Public Health property will include the installation of erosion and sedimentation controls around the work areas, as well as traffic control signs, to allow space for a drill rig, support trucks, and material storage.

MWRA has planned for six (6) test borings, one (1) test pit, in-situ infiltration testing, and vacuum excavation activities near the intersection of the Arborway and South Street. At this location, the work is estimated to take approximately six (6) to eight (8) weeks, including site set-up and breakdown, and existing public access and bike paths will remain open. Upon completion of site activities, our crews will restore the work sites.

Work is scheduled to begin during the week of February 23, 2026, weather dependent, and occur typically between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction Zone Safety Plans will be implemented to ensure worker and general public safety.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact:

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