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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 to study subsurface conditions. Test borings will be drilled to collect samples of soil, rock, and groundwater, conduct geophysical logging, and perform permeability testing.

The site activities will include the installation of temporary construction fencing and erosion and sedimentation controls around the work area to provide working space for a drill rig, support trucks, equipment, and material storage. At this location, the work is estimated to take approximately 6 to 8 weeks, including site set-up and breakdown. Upon completion of site activities, our crews will restore the work site.

MWRA has planned for two (2) test borings and vacuum excavation/hand digging activities within the northwest cloverleaf of the I-95 and Highland Avenue interchange in Needham, MA.

Work is scheduled to begin during the week of April 13, 2026, weather dependent, and occur typically between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM, 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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