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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 subsurface 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 will include the installation of erosion and sedimentation controls around the work area to allow space for a drill rig, support trucks, material storage, and the excavation of test pits.

MWRA has planned for three (3) test borings, one (1) test pit, in-situ infiltration testing, and vacuum excavation/hand digging activities within the MWRA easement between 21 and 35 St. Mary Street, Needham. The work is estimated to take approximately two (2) to three (3) weeks, including site set-up and breakdown. Upon completion of site activities, our crews will restore the work site.

Work is scheduled to begin during the week of April 27, 2026, weather dependent, and occur typically between 7:00 AM and 6:00 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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