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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 traffic data collection (traffic counts) on roadways in the program area. As part of this effort, temporary equipment will be installed along roadways and at intersections. Equipment will be one of two devices

- Turning Movements Counts (TMC)
- Automatic Traffic Recorders (ATR)

These devices automatically collect vehicle counts (how many vehicles pass through the area), vehicle classification (e.g. cars, trucks) and turning movements (i.e. left and right turns and through movements at intersections).

MWRA has planned for traffic counts Needham. The work is estimated to take approximately 2 days, including site set-up and breakdown. The locations of traffic data collection in Needham include the following streets.

- Highland Avenue at Gould Street
- Highland Avenue at I-95 NB Ramps
- Highland Avenue at First Avenue

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Work is scheduled to begin during the week of September 14th, 2026, weather dependent, and occur typically between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

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