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METROPOLITAN WATER TUNNEL PROGRAM

NOTICE TO ABUTTERS

NEEDHAM HEIGHTS

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) will be conducting field work to support a major water 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 interrupting service.

As part of the design effort, MWRA has hired WSP USA, Inc., and their subcontractors to perform utility exploration activities in the Program area. These activities will include locating existing subsurface site utilities along St. Mary Street and around St. Mary Pump Station at the corner of St. Mary Street and Central Ave, Needham, MA.

The work consists of non-invasive geophysical studies, followed by subsurface utility investigations with vacuum excavation and test pits. Equipment including vacuum excavation (Vac-Ex) truck, tracked excavator and backhoe will be used to safely expose the existing utilities. Upon completion of field documentation and related activities, the crews will backfill the explorations and restore the site.

At this location, the work is expected to take place intermittently over a two-to-five-week time period, weather dependent, beginning October 7, 2026, including site set-up and breakdown. Work will 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 in each area.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact:

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