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METROPOLITAN WATER TUNNEL PROGRAM

NOTICE TO ABUTTERS

BROOKLINE

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, MWRA has hired WSP USA, Inc., and other firms to perform utility exploration activities in the Program area. These activities will include locating existing subsurface site utilities within MWRA's Newton Street Pumping Station at 321 Newton Street, Brookline MA.

This work will consist of subsurface utility investigation with vacuum excavation and test pit excavation. Equipment including a vacuum excavation (Vac-Ex) truck, a 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 exploration and restore the site.

At this location, the work is expected to begin November 30, 2026, weather dependent, and take one to two weeks to complete, 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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