

MBTA INITIATES THE NEXT STEP OF SILVER LINE **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This past week, the MBTA filed a Notice of Project Change (NPC) with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) for the Silver Line Phase III project. This underground rapid transit project will connect Washington Street Silver Line service from Dudley Square to Downtown (Phase I) to the South Boston Silver Line service from South Station to the South Boston Waterfront and Logan Airport (Phase II), slated to open later this year. A copy of the NPC will be posted on the MBTA's website at www.allaboutsilverline.com, no later than June 23, 2004.

The Silver Line NPC lays out a series of viable alternative alignments for connecting the two phases of the project. These alternatives will be fully studied and analyzed in a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to be filed later this year. This document will also serve as a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. This joint state and federal document will identify all of the impacts to community and cultural resources and will also propose steps to minimize and mitigate these impacts.

In order to provide the public with ample opportunity to comment, the MBTA has asked EOEA to accept comments on this NPC for 37days, as opposed to the required 20-day comment period. Comments should be addressed to:

> Secretary Eilen Roy Herzfelder EOEA Attn: MEPA Office William Gage, EOEA No. 6826/11707 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900 Boston MA 02114

Comments will be accepted until July 30, 2004

Additionally, the MBTA will hold a hearing where members of the public can add comments to the record. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Renaissance School at 250 Stuart Street, Boston (across from the Park

The school is fully accessible to persons with disabilities. If assistive listening devices and/or interpreters are needed for the hearing impaired, please call 711 (Massachusetts Relay Service) and request (617) 222-3126 no later than Friday, July 9, From-MBTA D and C

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MBTA 啟動新一期銀線專案的環境影響評估作業

MBTA 在本周向『環境事務執行處』(Executive Office of Environmental Affairs,簡稱 EOEA)遞交了銀 線專案第三階段的『專案變更通知』(Notice of Project Change,簡稱 NPC)。專案第一階段為從達德利 廣場 (Dudley Square) 到市中心的『華盛頓街銀線』(Washington Street Silver Line),專案第二階段為從南 站到南波士頓瀕水區 (South Boston Waterfront) 及羅根國際機場 (Logan Airport) 的『南波士頓銀線』 (South Boston Silver Line),專案第三階段將把它們銜接起來,計畫在今年晚些時候開工。這份 NPC 並將 於 2004 年 6 月 23 之前公佈於 MBTA 的網站 www.allaboutsilverline.com 上。

『銀線專案變更通知』中提供了銜接專案一、二階段的多個可行方案。這些方案將在『環境影響補充報 告』(Supplemental Environmental Impact Report,簡稱 SEIR)中進行全面的研究與分析,並於今年晚些 時候遞交。這份文件還將用作『國家環境政策法』(National Environmental Policy Act)要求遞交的『環境 影響補充聲明』(Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement,簡稱 SEIS)。這份州政府與聯邦政府 聯合文件將列出此項專案對社區與文化資源的各種影響,並提出建議以期將影響程度降到最低。

為使公眾有充分的機會發表意見,MBTA 已經提請 EOEA 進行為期 37 天(法定意見徵詢期為 20 天)的意 見徵詢,徵求公眾對這份 NPC 的意見。請將意見或建議寄送至:

> Secretary Ellen Roy Herzfelder EOEA, Attn:MEPA Office William Gage, EOEA No. 6826/11707 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900 Boston MA 02114

意見徵詢截止日期:2004年7月30日

此外,MBTA 還將舉行一場公惡會,聽取公眾代表的意見。會議定於 2004 年 7 月 14 日(週三)晚 7:00 點在斯圖亞特街 250 號 (250 Stuart Street) 的復興學校 (Renaissance School) 舉行。

學校設有殘障便道。有惡力障礙的人士如需助聽設備與/或解說員服務,請在 2004 年 7 月 9 日(週五)之 前致電 711(麻薩諸塞州殘障轉播服務中心)轉接 (617) 222-3126 來要求這些服務。