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**RE: MBTA Forging Ahead Service Proposal
Environmental Notification Form**

Dear Municipal Office:

On February 1, 2021, the MBTA filed an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) for the MBTA's Potential Service Reductions in 2021. The MEPA regulations do not have ENF thresholds for service reductions. The MBTA's enabling legislation, however, requires that *"for a system wide decrease in service of 10% or more, the decrease shall be the subject of an environmental notification form initiating review pursuant to sections 61 and 62H, inclusive of chapter 30"* (MGL 161A (5)(d)). This ENF is designed to meet that statutory requirement.

This ENF will be subjected to public review and comment as part of the MEPA process. A copy of the ENF, and the accompanying summary documents, are now available for review on the MBTA website and can be found at www.mbta.com/forging-ahead.

MEPA will accept comments on this ENF prior to making its determination and issuing a certificate on its adequacy. During remote MEPA operations, please utilize the Public Comment Portal or send comments electronically to the general MEPA e-mail address: MEPA@mass.gov.

As required in the MEPA regulations, MEPA will hold a virtual Scoping Session during the public comment process. When the date and time of that scoping session is established, the MBTA will update the website with the specific information, including the information on how to log into the meeting.

Comments must be submitted to MEPA no later than Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at abrennan@mbta.com.

Sincerely,



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