

MBTA Announces Public Meetings for Beverly Commuter Rail Bridge and Positive Train Control Projects

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Gloucester

June 5, 2017 – 6:30 pm
Gloucester City Hall
Kyrouz Auditorium,
9 Dale Avenue

Beverly

June 6, 2017 – 6:00 pm
Beverly Senior Center
90 Colon Street

Newburyport

June 8, 2017 – 6:30 pm
City Hall Auditorium
60 Pleasant Street



Beginning on July 8th and ending September 30th, the MBTA will commence with **weekend shutdowns** of commuter rail service for the entire Newburyport /Rockport Commuter Rail Line. The MBTA will begin installing Positive Train Control (PTC) systems federally

mandated under the Federal Railroad Administration Rail Safety Improvement Act. PTC is designed to improve safety by preventing train to train collisions, over speed derailments and unexpected movement of trains through “open” switches. A second project on the line, replacement of the Beverly Swing Bridge will also take place during this time period. The Swing Bridge replacement project will be **28 days** in length and require **a complete shutdown of the rail line north of the Salem Commuter Rail Station**. The 28 day shutdown north of Salem will run from July 17th through August 13th. Three public meetings will be held to provide project details, timelines and recommended alternative transportation options.

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