

# Red Line Surge

Ashmont Branch and Mattapan Line

*October 14 – 29, 2023*

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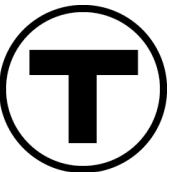
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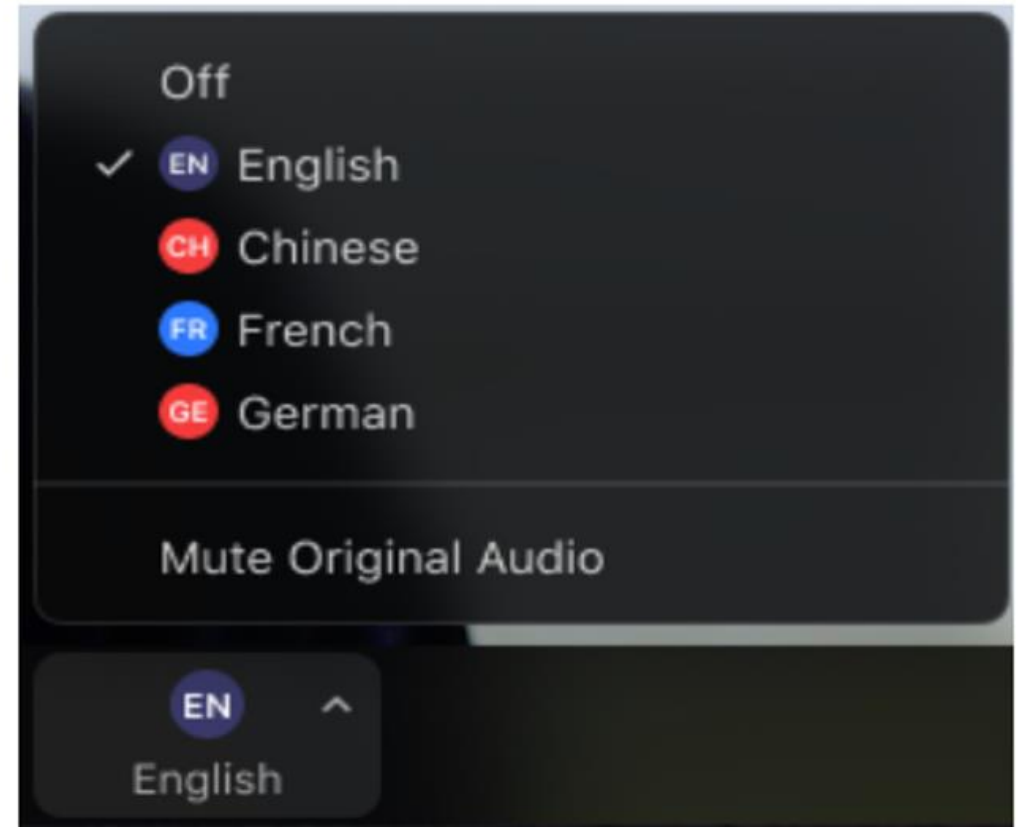
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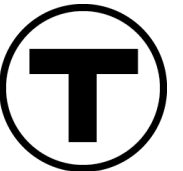
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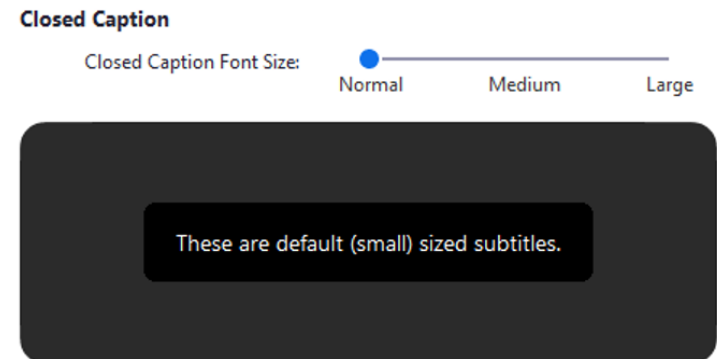
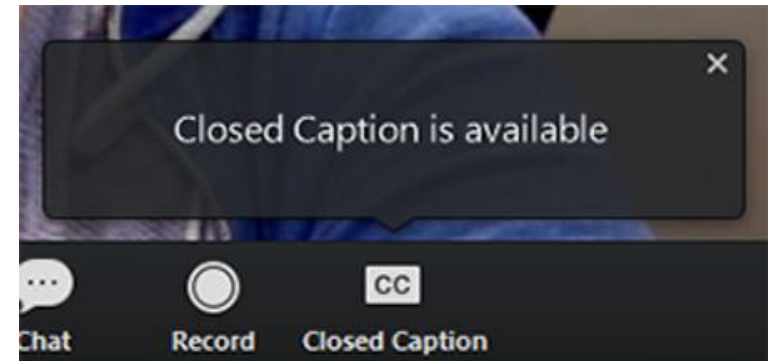
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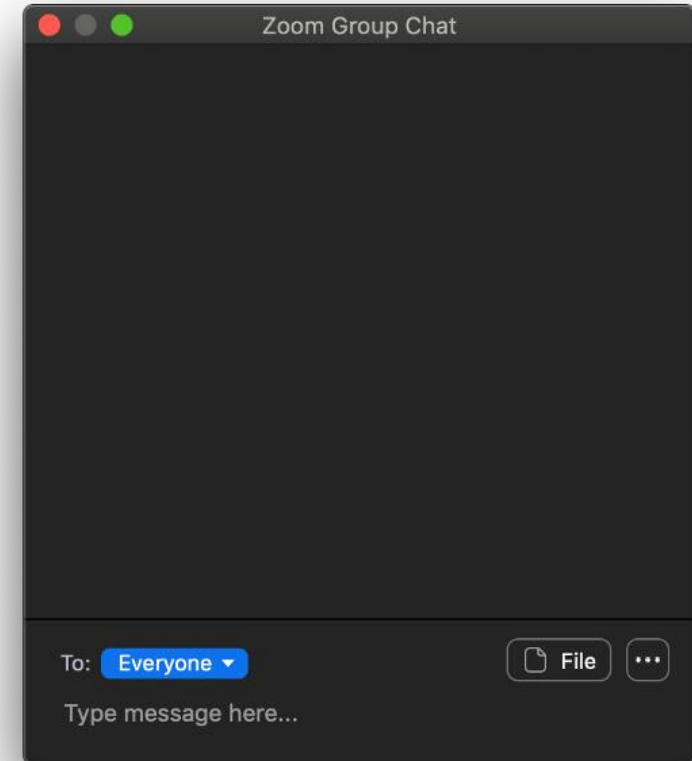
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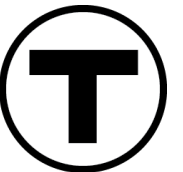




# Overview of Work

Ashmont Branch and Mattapan Line October 14-29

- MBTA will close the Red Line Ashmont Branch and the Mattapan Line for 16 days, from October 14 to October 29, to perform critical track work.
- This surge allows crews to replace rail, ties, and ballast needed to target 28 restrictions from the system, with 14 on the Ashmont Branch and 14 on the Mattapan Line, bringing this area closer to a state of good repair.
- The MBTA will expedite this vital work by working around the clock for 16 days with unencumbered access, which would have otherwise taken six months to complete if crews only worked during nights and weekends.
- We will also use this opportunity to improve station areas, including lighting upgrades, deep cleaning, and power washing.



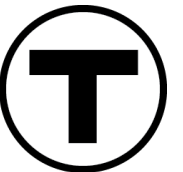


# Overview of Work – Ashmont Branch

Ashmont Branch October 14-29

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- On the Ashmont Branch, we will be replacing over a mile of track, over 1500 ties, and tamping and aligning more than 3 miles of track.
- At JFK/UMass Station, we will replace the lobby floor, repair the stairs that exit to Columbia Rd, replace part of the roof, and repair deteriorated concrete above the Ashmont platform.
- At Savin Hill Station we will focus on opening a (temporary) second staircase that is currently closed. Both stairs will be permanently replaced in Spring 2024.

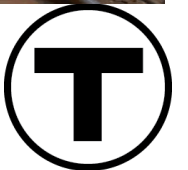


# Overview of Work – Mattapan Line

Mattapan Line October 14-29

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- On the Mattapan Line, crews will replace over 2000 feet of track, upgrade 1 grade crossing, and tamp and align the entire Mattapan Line which includes nearly 5 miles of track.
- Full replacement of grade crossing at Capen Street.
- Stations on the Mattapan Line will be upgraded with new lighting to make stations brighter.





# Projects Benefits

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- Riders can expect to see improvements to travel time and station areas after the work is complete.
- This project removes speed restrictions making for a safer and more reliable system.
- The MBTA will actively identify rider experience improvements through station enhancements, such as painting, power washing, and repairing lighting fixtures; vegetation removal; the removal of tripping hazards; and accessibility improvements.



# What to Expect During Construction

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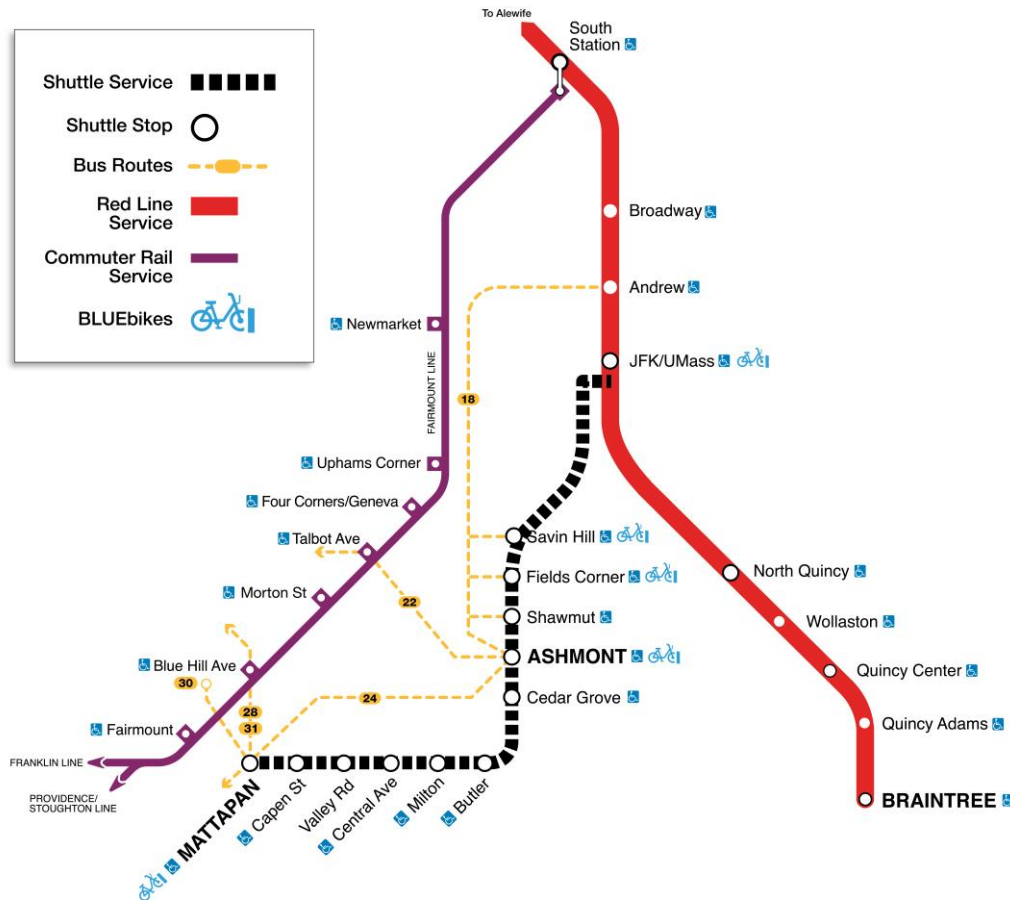
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- Crews will complete this important project by having multiple shifts, around the clock for 16 days to accomplish work that would otherwise take six months to complete.
- The MBTA will mitigate noise levels wherever possible—including noise-dampening blankets, special backup buzzers, and noise monitoring. A hotline will be made for the public to report noise, and other construction-related issues will also be available.



# Service Impacts

## Ashmont Branch and Mattapan Line October 14-29



- There will be no Red Line Service between JFK/UMass and Ashmont from October 14-29.
- There will be no Mattapan High-Speed Line Service during the surge.
- The MBTA will provide free, accessible shuttle bus service for riders on the Ashmont Branch and the Mattapan Line.
- Buses will arrive approximately every 5 minutes, potentially sooner during peak times.
- The shuttle will include buses that make all stops between Mattapan and JFK/UMass without the need to transfer at Ashmont.





# Existing Options on the Network

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- Nearby Stations
  - Blue Hill Ave Station → 0.3 miles, 7 min walk (from Mattapan)
  - Talbot Ave Station → 0.7 miles, 14 min walk (from Shawmut)
- Bus Connections
  - Route 28/31 Mattapan to Blue Hill Avenue Station: 6 min ride, frequent service
  - Route 24 Mattapan to Ashmont: 16 min ride, every 30 min
  - Route 22: Ashmont to Talbot Ave Station: 8 min ride, every 15 to 20 min
- Consult MBTA Trip Planner to determine the best option based on your destination. [MBTA.com/trip-planner](https://www.mbta.com/trip-planner)



# Upcoming Community Open House Events

Ashmont Branch and Mattapan Line October 14-29

Join us to learn more about plans to improve Red Line service through an Ashmont Branch & Mattapan Line 16-Day Surge that will take place October 14 -29.

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**September 30 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Codman Square Health Center, Great Hall 637  
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*All open house events are easily accessible by public transit.*



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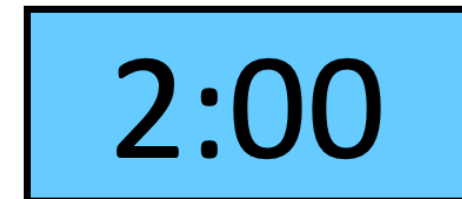
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