



**Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority**

Newton Stations Accessibility Improvements

Project Update

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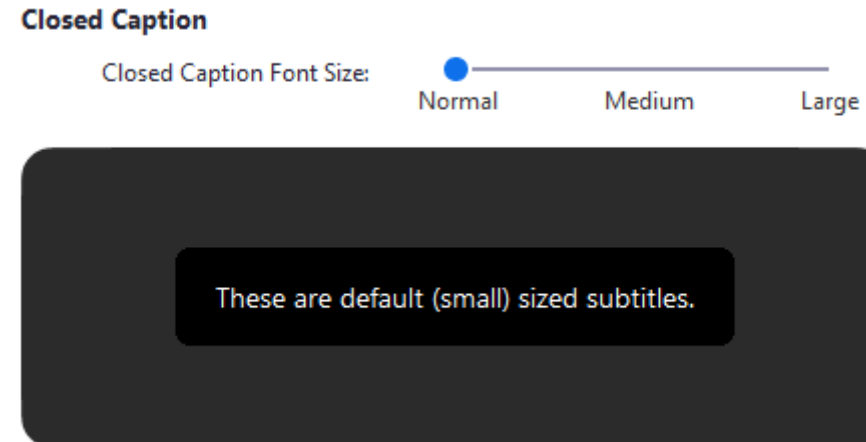
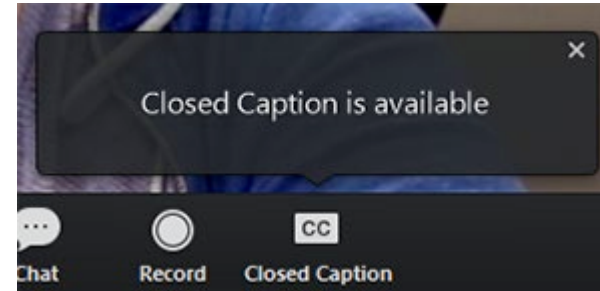
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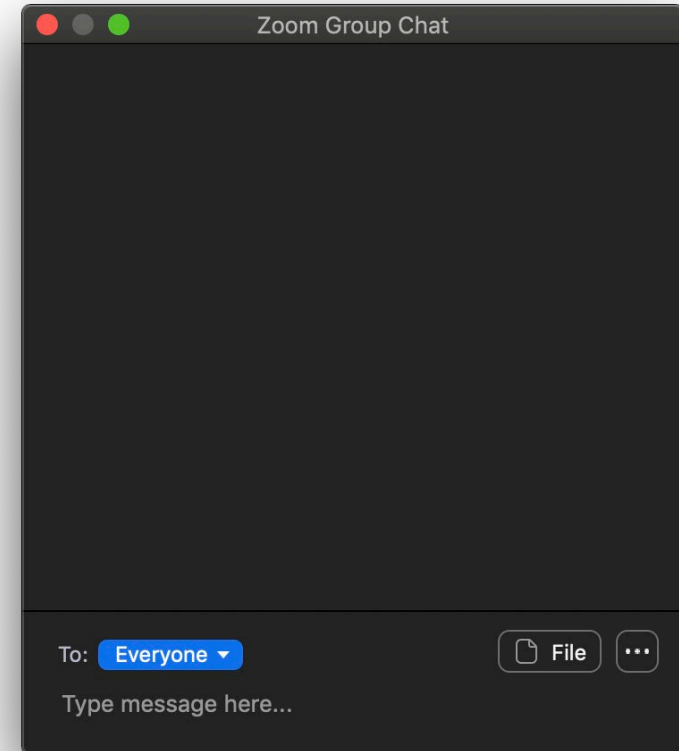
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Agenda

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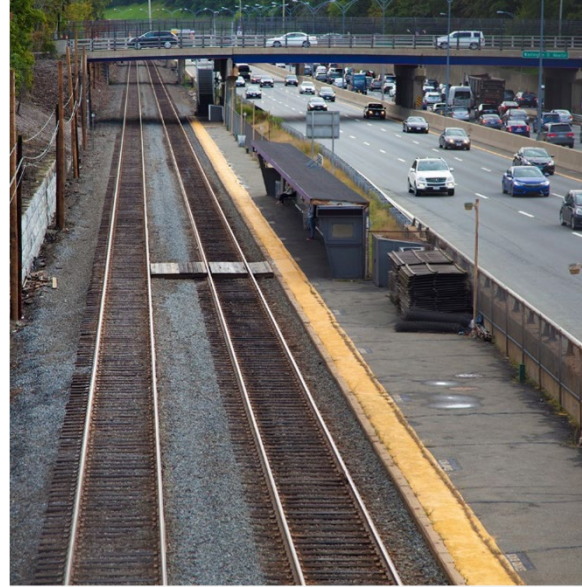
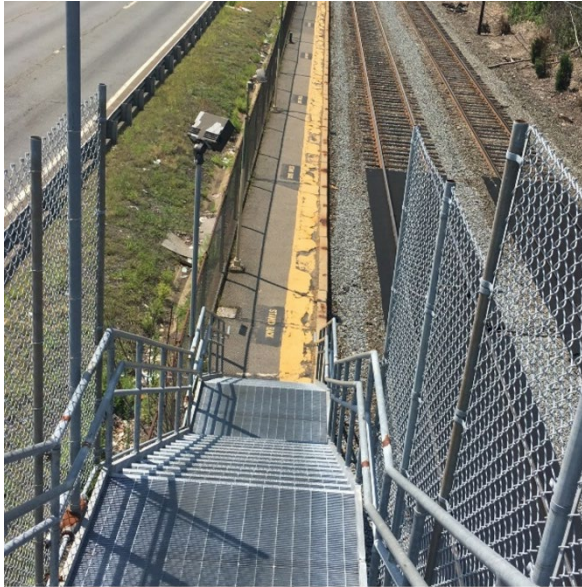


Project Overview

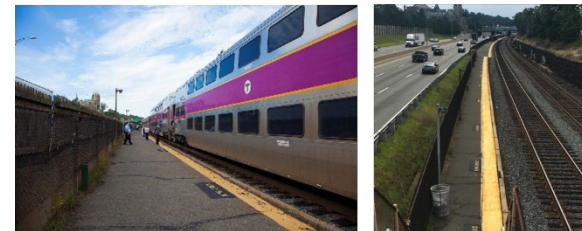
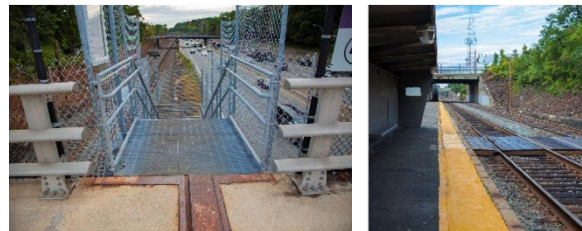
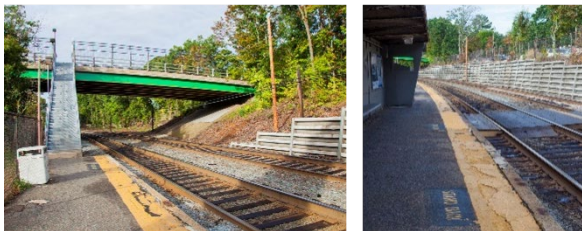
- The MBTA's *Newton Commuter Rail Stations Accessibility Improvements Project* consists of providing new, fully-accessible platforms for three existing Worcester Line Stations in Newton: Auburndale, West Newton, and Newtonville.



Existing Conditions



The existing stations are in disrepair and are inaccessible, with low-level platforms that can only be reached via stairways



Auburndale

West Newton

Newtonville



Project Update

- The previous concept of 3 stations has an estimated project total cost of \$250M and construction duration of 6 years.
- Since the last project update construction costs have escalated significantly due to inflation, increased labor costs, supply chain challenges, and increased material costs.
- MBTA was unsuccessful in 2022 ASAP grant application to FTA.

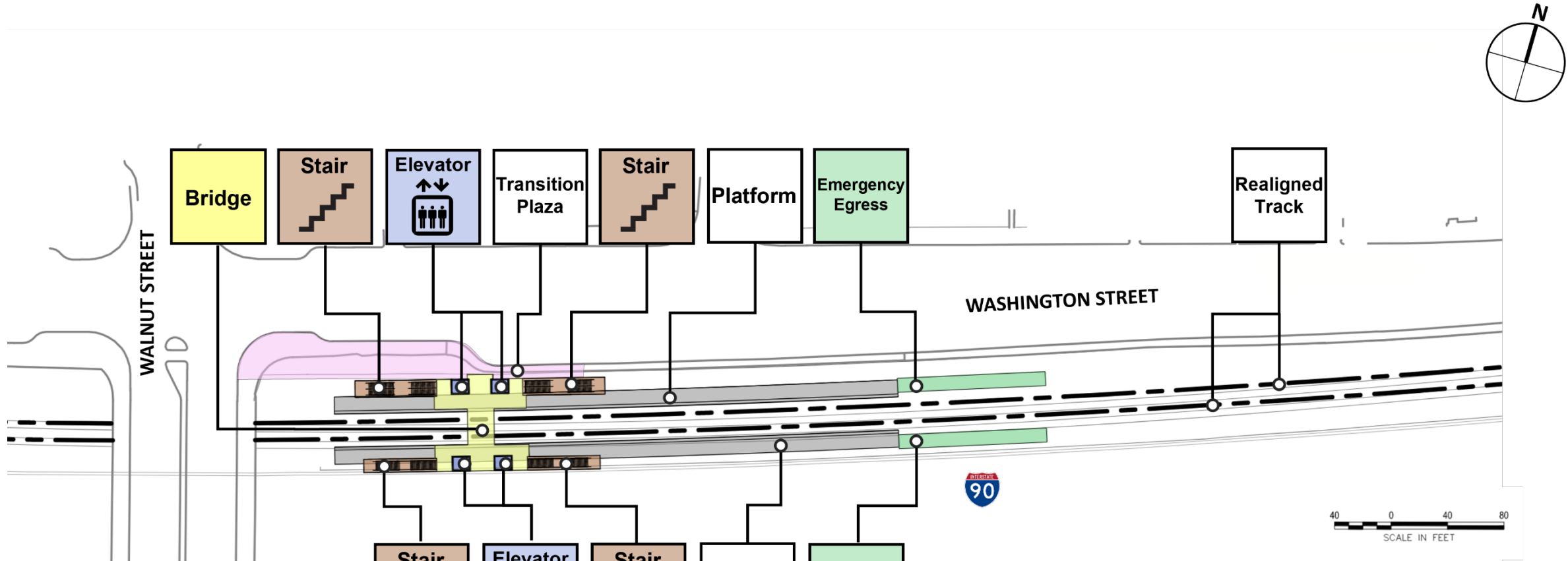


New Phased Approach

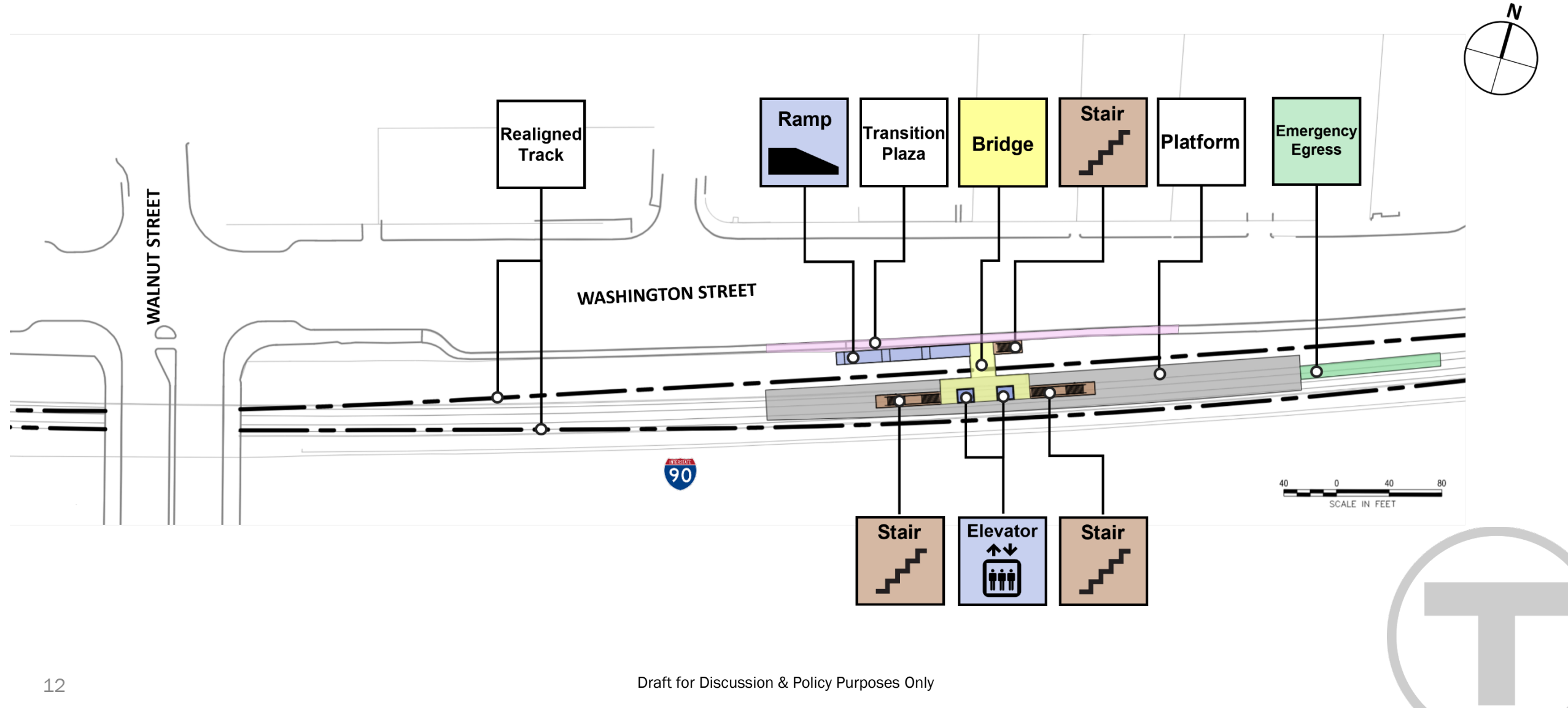
- Proceed with Newtonville Station at this time.
 - Highest ridership station
 - Greatest Transit Oriented Development opportunities
 - Site has enough space to consider a center island platform without significantly modifying adjacent bridge structures
- Current Proposed Concept: Reduce platform length from 800 ft to 400 ft based on parameters provided by MBTA Operations.
 - Smaller station has reduced labor and material costs
- One fully accessible up-and-over structure to provide access to both platforms.
 - Additional emergency egress into designated area within the rail Right-of-Way



Newtonville Station: 400' Double Side Platforms Concept



Newtonville Station: 400' Center Island Platform Concept



Next Steps

- Continue coordination with Municipal, State, and Federal partners.
- Develop a funding and financing plan and continue to explore new funding opportunities.
 - The Project Team revisited the project scope to re-apply for an ASAP grant in January 2024 for \$40M with a \$10M MBTA match
 - Project team explored various sequencing decisions
- Awaiting outcomes of two FTA funding submissions
- Continue coordination with internal MBTA departments, including MBTA System-wide Accessibility and Rail Modernization.



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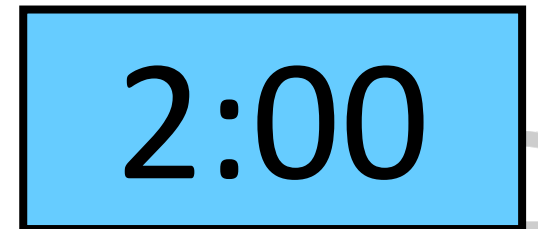
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