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**RE: FTA Directives Related to the Planned MBTA Orange Line Shutdown**

Dear Mr. Dimino:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has reviewed your August 4, 2022, letter requesting the following information regarding the Orange Line shutdown:

- A comprehensive inventory of the work mandated in its current and forthcoming directives, with details on the specific measures required
- Exact location of work, and length of time estimated for completion

Based on our most recent conversations, the MBTA is still developing a detailed scope of work and mitigation strategy for the 30-day Orange Line shutdown. I would recommend that you follow-up directly with the MBTA regarding the project details.

In summary, FTA expects, and supports, the MBTA taking needed actions to prioritize safety for their riders and transit workers. FTA also expects that MBTA will provide safe, alternative transportation options during this period.

Sincerely,

Peter Butler  
Regional Administrator, FTA Region 1

Cc: Jamey Tesler, MassDOT Secretary and Chief Executive Officer  
Steve Poftak, MBTA General Manager  
The Honorable Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston