

South Coast Rail improvements on Tarkiln Hill Road starts on Wednesday

MassDOT's contractor will perform the following early action construction work:

Culvert & Track Work

Location of work: Work will be performed throughout the South Coast Rail Phase 1 Corridor on the New Bedford Main Line, Fall River Secondary, and Middleborough Secondary in the communities of Berkley, Fall River, Freetown, Lakeville, Middleborough, New Bedford, Raynham, and Taunton.

Date/time of work:

- Wednesday, May 27, through Friday, May 29, from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day
- Monday, June 1, and Tuesday, June 2, from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day

This work will be disruptive to local residents. Crews will be using various pieces of heavy equipment and trucks along the railroad right-of-way throughout the construction period. While the project will seek to minimize construction-related impacts to communities, noise will be generated along the right-of-way.

Tarkiln Hill Road Grade Crossing Improvements

Location of work: Tarkiln Hill Road grade crossing in New Bedford

Date/time of work: Wednesday, May 27, through Friday, May 29, from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. Vehicular and pedestrian access will be maintained and access to local businesses will not be impacted.

Work by MassDOT's contractor on the Culvert Replacement Project and in the vicinity of the Tarkiln Hill Road grade crossing is anticipated to be completed in early summer 2020. Please note that although the South Coast Rail Early Action work at the Tarkiln Hill Road Grade Crossing is largely complete, the City of New Bedford is also carrying out work in the Tarkiln Hill Road location for MassDOT Project #606709 (King's Highway Reconstruction). For more details and contact information for this project, please see the Roadwork Schedule page on the City of New Bedford's website.

Please be advised that effective March 25, 2020, MassDOT, MBTA, and their consultants and contractors must maintain full compliance with the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures for All Construction Sites and Workers at All Public Works Sites until further notice.

If you would like to report a noise issue, call the hotline at (508) 397-4858. The noise hotline is for the reporting of construction-related noise issues. It will be answered Monday-Friday, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM (except holidays). All voicemails left outside of these hours will be received the following weekday. We will respond to all noise complaints.