

KEOLIS

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Municipalities listed within Keolis' Vegetation Management Plan 2021-2025:
Board of Health; Conservation Commission; and Chief Elected Municipal Official or Board of Selectman

SUBJECT: 2022 Yearly Operating Plan
Vegetation maintenance activities Commuter Rail

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Keolis Commuter Services, LLC (Keolis) has published the Yearly Operating Plan ("YOP") for calendar year 2022 for vegetation maintenance activities prepared in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources ("MDAR") Right(s)-of-Way ("ROW") Management Program [333 CMR 11.06]. The Commuter Rail 2022 YOP is consistent with the objectives of the Vegetation Management Plan ("VMP") for years 2021-2025. With this notice all communities are advised of the Environmental Monitor Notice ("EMN") issued by MDAR for the 2022 YOP 45-day Public Comment period [333 CMR 11.06 (a)(b)]. During this period, Keolis will consult with the National Heritage of Endangered Species ("NHESP") for approval of the YOP [333 CMR 11.04 (3)(c)].

Keolis has implemented an Integrated Vegetation Management ("IVM") approach that includes targeted and selective chemical application and mechanical controls following the Best Management Practices included in the approved VMP 2021-2025. The herbicides for 2022 include products from the MDAR Rights of Way Sensitive Area Materials List. All herbicide application is conducted by a State certified and licensed ROW pesticide applicator.

The purpose of the YOP as a companion document to the VMP is to inform the municipalities of the planned vegetation maintenance activities for the calendar year in compliance with 333 CMR 11.06(2). The public comment process allows the opportunity for members of the communities to review the YOP and ROW maps, request updates to maps and or comment on any relevant information concerning the YOP. Communities are encouraged to review the maps following the links below and identify any private drinking wells that fall within 100 feet of the ROW. Please register any private well not included in the maps via MDAR - Private Well Registration Form (<https://massnrc.org/pwr/>) and inform Keolis and FDCE.

Please review your mailing address and the ten-digit police department emergency telephone number listed in the YOP and notify us of any required revisions. Hard copies of all documents are available upon request. Keolis Commuter Services 2022 YOP, the EMN and map(s) for each municipality can be found electronically at:

<https://www.fdcerrailroadvegetation.com>

- ➡ KEOLIS Commuter Services
- ➡ Environmental Monitor Notice
- ➡ 2022 Yearly Operational Plan
- ➡ "YOUR MUNICIPALITY"
- ➡ Right-of-Way Maps

For questions, comments, or concerns related to the above, please follow the EMN Public Comment process and email the Keolis Environmental Department at environmental@keoliscs.com. For any questions accessing the electronic documents, maps, or request for hard copies, please email Matt Donovan at Matt@FDCEngineers.com. All responses to concerns will be coordinated by Tim Dermody from FDCE.

Sincerely,
Clary Coutu, *Keolis Director of Environment and Sustainability*

CC: Janis O. Kearney, *MBTA Director of Compliance*