

## Jack Sullivan

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**From:** Pesaturo, Joe [JPesaturo@MBTA.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2009 4:40 PM  
**To:** Jack Sullivan  
**Subject:** RE: Old Colony

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**From:** Jack Sullivan [mailto:jsullivan@MassINC.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2009 4:20 PM  
**To:** Pesaturo, Joe  
**Subject:** RE: Old Colony

Joe,  
Will the line run at night?

YES

and will it be under slow orders?

NO

## Jack

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**From:** Pesaturo, Joe [mailto:JPesaturo@MBTA.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2009 1:18 PM  
**To:** Jack Sullivan  
**Subject:** Old Colony

1. Wooden Ties are available now.
2. Given the deterioration of some of the concrete ties, we need to more fully understand the cause to ensure a specification that prevents a similar problem in the future.
3. MBCR changes more than 41,000 wood ties each year so they know how to do it very well, and they have all of the equipment needed.
4. Wood ties are easier to install and concrete ties are much more difficult to remove.
5. The wood ties being installed are technically temporary to keep speed restrictions off while concrete experts continue to search for a way to prevent problems with future potential concrete tie installations
6. In the absence of a solid concrete tie specification, the wood ties will remain as permanent. No final decision regarding "concrete versus wood" for the future has been reached.
7. Work on the Middleboro Line is first because it has experienced a greater concentration of concrete tie issues. This is a good example of the questions that are yet to be answered: why the Middleboro Line?  
why certain locations and not others? etc.

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**From:** Jack Sullivan [mailto:jsullivan@MassINC.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2009 10:52 AM  
**To:** Pesaturo, Joe

**Subject:** RE: Old Colony

Are the wooden ties cheaper and is MBCR using them because they are in stock and easier to install?

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**From:** Pesaturo, Joe [mailto:JPesaturo@MBTA.com]  
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**To:** Jack Sullivan  
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MBCR will not be installing concrete ties. their crews will be installing wooden ties

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**From:** Jack Sullivan [mailto:jsullivan@MassINC.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2009 10:29 AM  
**To:** Pesaturo, Joe  
**Subject:** RE: Old Colony

Looking for info about the temporary shutdown of OCCR Middleboro, when it starts, how long, how much work, process of replacing, do you have a concrete tie laying machine, daytime or 24/7, will Kingston be affected or are there plans to bus and repair on that line as well. Several other questions I'm sure I'll think of. Just got the release you sent so that answers a couple questions, thanks. Any idea why we didn't get it before? Thanks,

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what can I do for you?

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