

Jack Sullivan

From: Pesaturo, Joe [JPesaturo@MBTA.com]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 6:34 PM
To: Jack Sullivan
Subject: Re: Old Colony
[I will check with MBCR and get back to you Monday](#)

From: jsullivan@massinc.org
To: Pesaturo, Joe
Sent: Fri Sep 18 18:23:20 2009
Subject: Re: Old Colony

Can you tell me more? When was it instituted? How many ties does it affect? What part exactly and how far does it stretch? How long will it last? Will replacements begin like the Middleboro line? Will there be a shutdown? If so, when and for how long?

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

From: "Pesaturo, Joe"
Date: Fri, 18 Sep 2009 18:16:21 -0400
To: <jsullivan@massinc.org>
Subject: Old Colony

[Yes](#)

From: jsullivan@massinc.org
To: Pesaturo, Joe
Sent: Fri Sep 18 17:43:34 2009
Subject: Re: Old Colony

Joe,
I'm on the OCCR Kingston line and they announced a 30 mph slow order on the lower half which will make us a late arrival. Is it tie-related?
Jack Sullivan

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From: "Pesaturo, Joe"
Date: Wed, 9 Sep 2009 16:39:48 -0400
To: Jack Sullivan<jsullivan@MassINC.org>
Subject: RE: Old Colony

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

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.

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?

From: Pesaturo, Joe [mailto:JPesaturo@MBTA.com]

Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 10:35 AM

To: Jack Sullivan

Subject: RE: Old Colony

MBCR will not be installing concrete ties. their crews will be installing wooden ties

From: Jack Sullivan [mailto:jsullivan@MassINC.org]

5/10/2010

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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