



**Notice of Availability for
the South Coast Rail's Notice of Project Change (NPC)**

March 22, 2017

Dear Interested Party:

On March 15, 2017, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) filed a Notice of Project Change (NPC) for the South Coast Rail project (SCR) with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA file number 14346). A copy of the document can be found on the project website (<http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/southcoastrail/Home.aspx>).

Since the publication of the Final Impact Statement/Report in 2013, MassDOT has advanced the design of the Project, and determined that the timeline for implementing service was significantly longer than originally anticipated. Therefore, MassDOT has adopted a phased approach to the Project. Phase 1 would consist of extending service from the existing Middleborough Line along the Middleborough Secondary to Taunton, New Bedford and Fall River.

The NPC for the SCR Project describes the proposed changes that will result from implementing Phase 1 service. The NPC will be available for public review in accordance with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Notification form will be available on the MEPA website on March 22, 2017 at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/EEA/emepa/emonitor.aspx>

The comment period begins March 22, 2017 and ends April 21, 2017. The NPC is available for viewing at the following libraries:

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Taunton Public Library	Taunton, MA
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Written comments can be sent to the MEPA Office by April 21, 2017 at the following address:

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MassDOT would like to receive a copy of your letter, which you can email or mail to:

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If you have any questions regarding this Project or why you have received this notice, you may contact James Eng at James.Eng@state.ma.us or Meredith Avery at VHB, 617-607-2604 or MAvery@vhb.com.