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Temporary MBTA Inbound Bus Route Detour Scheduled for East Fourth Street for the Reserved Channel Sewer Separation Project

BOSTON – The Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) announced today a temporary bus detour beginning on July 1 as part of construction for Contract 2 of the Reserved Channel Sewer Separation Project. The detour will be implemented for inbound routes 5, 7, 9 and 10 when the contractor installs sewer and drain pipes in East Fourth Street between P Street and N Street. The section of bus route on East Fourth Street between P Street and L Street will be relocated to East Broadway between P Street and L Street, and bus stops are being relocated to East Broadway during this work. The detour is necessary because the buses will not be able to negotiate the tight turns from one street to another in the construction zones. It is anticipated that the work will take approximately two months to complete. The contractor will post the alternate route on bus stop signs of the existing route, which will show the location of the temporarily relocated stops. Project staff will also post alternate route maps in businesses within the affected

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area. Notice letters describing the work and temporary detour information have been emailed and mailed to all project area residents and businesses.

BWSC has contracted with LM Holdings of Westford, MA to implement Contract 2 construction. Access to residences and businesses and for emergency vehicles will be maintained. Some parking modifications will be necessary near the work zone and signs will be posted. Boston Police Officers will be present to facilitate safe pedestrian and vehicular access.

The purpose of the court-ordered, six-year Reserved Channel Sewer Separation Project is to reduce pollution levels in the Reserved Channel and Boston Harbor by significantly reducing combined sewer overflows during storm events. The project is taking current combined sewers – which handle sanitary sewage and stormwater in one pipe—and splitting them into two separate systems: one for sanitary flow and one for stormwater. In addition, as needed, BWSC is rehabilitating or replacing existing water mains and sanitary sewers within the project area.

If you would like more information about BWSC and its programs, or the Reserved Channel Sewer Separation Project, please visit BWSC's website at www.bwsc.org or call Thomas Bagley, Deputy Director of Communications, at 617-989-7000.

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