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Mayor O'Connell Announces MBTA Seeks Public Input on South Coast Rail

Taunton, MA . . . Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell announced that the MBTA is seeking public input on the South Coast Rail project.

"This is a project which will have an impact on our city, and it is important that residents have a chance to share their input," said O'Connell.

The South Coast Rail project will establish commuter rail service between Boston and southeastern Massachusetts, including Taunton. The proposed plan would be complete by the end of 2023.

The South Coast Rail plans include an East Taunton station located at 1141 County Street (Route 140 and Industrial Drive). The station will include a high-level center island platform, an 800-foot platform with four canopies, a transition plaza for bus stop and drop-off, and 363 parking spaces (including 22 bike spaces). Area improvements will include an entrance from Route 140 onto Industrial Drive, a traffic signal and two new turn lanes on Industrial Drive, and a sidewalk along Route 140 and Industrial Drive on the south side.

The MBTA has scheduled a virtual Taunton Community Meeting for February 4, 2021 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. The MBTA will present an update on Phase 1, the East Taunton Station, and the start of construction in Taunton. Following the presentation, residents are invited to give feedback or pose questions. Residents may attend the meeting via Zoom or call in on a telephone line. Information on how to join the meeting is available at taunton-ma.gov and at www.mbta.com/southcoastrail under Upcoming Events. A recording of the meeting will be posted after the event for those who cannot attend.

Mayor O'Connell expressed confidence that Taunton residents will provide important feedback. "We appreciate the collaboration with South Coast Rail and the opportunity for discussion. I encourage residents to use this opportunity to provide their input."

For further details, please refer to mass.gov/south-coast-rail or mbta.com/projects/south-coast-rail.

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