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Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail (MBCR) announces efforts to combat 'Slippery Rail' conditions

(Boston)- Every year, falling leaves on railroad tracks create a condition known as 'Slippery Rail.' 'Slippery rail', caused by the residue the leaves leave behind, has the potential to impact service by causing delays and damage to train cars and locomotives.

To prepare for falling leaves and the slippery residue they leave behind, the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail sent out work crews to spend the summer cutting back trees and shrubs along the 650-miles of track on which the commuter rail operates.

MBCR is further prepared to minimize interruption of service from 'Slippery Rail' through the use of two high pressure washers that will navigate the track to blast away leaves and residue. This method safely removes residue using 15,000 pounds per square inch of water pressure without causing damages to the rail.

While the MBCR has taken extensive preventative action, customers are still warned to expect some delays from the 'Slippery Rail' condition. For more information on 'Slippery Rail' and potential impacts to service, customers are encouraged to visit www.mbcrrail.com and sign up for Rail Mail updates on the MBCR website.

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About MBCR

The Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company, LLC (MBCR) is a partnership of Veolia Transportation, the largest private sector operator of

multiple modes of transit in North America and one of Europe's largest passenger transportation companies; Bombardier Transportation, the world's leader in the manufacture and maintenance of passenger rail vehicles; and Alternate Concepts, the leading transportation operations and maintenance organization in the United States. MBCR operates and maintains the fifth largest commuter rail network in the United States under a contract with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. MBCR provides service to 40 million passengers a year in nearly 80 cities and towns in Massachusetts, as well as Providence, RI.

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