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BOSTON, MA

BY HAND

Nicholas Gove, Interim Chief of Streets
City of Boston
One City Hall Square, Suite 721
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Notice of Intent to Acquire Temporary Rights in a Portion of Summer Street

Dear Chief Gove:

As you may be aware, representatives of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (“MBTA”) have been meeting and working with City officials with respect to the coordination of several activities related to planning for the World Cup. The MBTA will be providing direct service from South Station to Foxborough for approximately 20,000 patrons for all seven of the matches played at Gillette (Boston) Stadium. We appreciate the continuing coordination among our teams.

Given the unprecedented number of people who will be coming to the South Station area to attend the World Cup, take their regular commutes or attend fan-related events, the MBTA has elevated its security posture in and around South Station to mirror those in place at Boston Stadium on match days. As we have shared with your team, it is imperative that a limited portion of Summer Street near South Station is closed to traffic. This is a matter of necessity given the expected increase in foot traffic near the station in order to best ensure that pedestrians, workers and others walking in that area can do so safely. It comes at the strong recommendation of the Massachusetts State Police and the MBTA’s public safety personnel, as well as numerous public safety organizations. We have communicated with major employers in the area to ensure they are aware and supportive. It is also consistent with steps we collaboratively take during other major events, such as First Night and the Boston Marathon.

The portion of Summer Street we are requesting access to extends from its intersection with Atlantic Avenue to its intersection with Dorchester Avenue, including the sidewalk. It will not include the actual intersection of Dorchester Avenue and Summer Street. We appreciate that the City has agreed to allow the MBTA to close this portion of Summer Street to traffic for the first match on June 13, 2026, and the match on June 19, 2026. As we have discussed, equal public safety needs exist for the other five matches. The MBTA will continue to work with the City to secure a permit, which would allow the MBTA to withdraw this notice.

This letter will serve as notice that the MBTA intends to acquire the temporary right to occupy this portion of Summer Street during the following “Access Periods” for the purpose of accommodating public safety in connection with the upcoming World Cup matches:

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
Ten Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116
mbta.com

Access Period	Date	Access Period Start	Access Period End
1	June 16, 2026	8:00AM	6:00PM
2	June 23, 2026	6:00AM	4:00PM
3	June 26, 2026	5:00AM	3:00PM
4	June 29, 2026	6:30AM	4:30PM
5	July 9, 2026	6:00AM	4:00PM

The MBTA offers this notice, in accordance with the requirements of section 5C of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, that it plans to adopt the proposed temporary taking not sooner than thirty (30) days following your receipt of this letter and to record it thereafter at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, at which time the right to occupy Summer Street during the Access Periods will vest in the MBTA.

MBTA officials will coordinate their activities with the City of Boston, Boston Police and other public safety officials before, during, and after the Access Periods. Should City officials wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to reach out to Erika Mazza at emazza@mbta.com or at 857.772.3882. Thank you for the City's attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Phillip Eng (May 15, 2026 15:47:47 EDT)

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