

## **MBTA DEPARTMENT OF SYSTEM-WIDE ACCESSIBILITY FIXED ROUTE REPORT – May 26, 2010**

### **JUDGE KING UPDATE - MBTA/BCIL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Judge Patrick King, the Independent Monitor who is overseeing the implementation of the MBTA/BCIL Settlement Agreement, will be holding a public meeting on June 21 at 10 Park Plaza, State Transportation Building, 2nd Floor, Conference Room 2 and 3, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

### **STATION ACCESS UPDATE**

- Copley Station: Elevator access at Copley Station on the Green Line is getting closer as installation of the first elevator cab is expected to begin in June. The anticipated date for elevator service – 10/10.
- Government Center Station: T Design & Construction is expected to go before the MBTA Board of Directors in June for approval of a Notice to Proceed for design.
- Wollaston, Symphony and Hynes: The T Board of Directors approved funding this month to design accessibility upgrades at 3 currently inaccessible stations. SEA Consultants of Cambridge will evaluate the possible addition of elevators and modifications to platform stairs, walls, benches doors, restrooms and signs over the next 18 months.
- N. Quincy, Braintree, Wellington Stations: Platform repairs, including the detectable platform warning edge, are scheduled over the next several months.

### **DUDLEY STATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

On Thursday, May 27, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, the MBTA will be holding a community meeting at the Dudley Square Library, 65 Warren Street, Roxbury, to discuss improvements to Dudley Square Bus Terminal. Improvements to the bus station will focus on accessibility, customer safety, comfort and convenience. MBTA project staff will provide an overview of the proposed renovations. A question and answer period will follow.

## **MBTA TAKES THE LEAD IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

The MBTA is taking the lead in emergency preparedness for public transit with the ongoing arrival of 512 Stryker Evacuation Chairs and 12 mechanical carts designed to assist with the rescue of people with disabilities in emergency situations, whether onboard vehicles, in stations and tunnels, or at other T facilities.

On May 14, System-Wide Accessibility and Operations provided an overview of progress to date, which culminated in a "rescue" by the Boston Fire Department (BFD) of two persons with disabilities using the new Stryker Chair. Participants included: named plaintiffs in the BCIL Class Action lawsuit; Independent Monitor Judge Patrick King and representatives from the Boston Center for Independent Living (BCIL), the Access Advisory Committee to the MBTA (AACT) and Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS).

## **SWA-BACK BAY CHARLIECARD OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Staff from the Department of System-Wide Accessibility at Back Bay are visiting area Senior Centers and other facilities an average of twice per month to issue Senior, Transportation Access Pass (TAP) and Blind Access CharlieCards to eligible MBTA customers. Outreach events are scheduled for Cohasset/June 14 and Newton/June 21. More information about the events is available at [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com), or by calling the MBTA Customer Support Services Center at 617-222-3200 voice; 617-222-5146 TTY.

## **MBTA BUS OPERATIONS RECERTIFICATION TRAINING**

Bus Operations continues to hold monthly recertification training classes at the Charlestown Bus Garage for Operators and other Bus personnel. The training classes include modules and videos illustrating the MBTA's policies on assisting customers with disabilities, service animals, use of ramps and lifts, and other accessibility-related topics. The next class will be on Tuesday, June 15, 2010. Please contact Laura Brelsford in the MBTA's System-Wide Accessibility Department at 617-222-1688 voice; 617-222-5045 TTY; [lbrelsford@mbta.com](mailto:lbrelsford@mbta.com), if you are interested in attending this or future classes.