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## KEOLIS TO REINSTATE SERVICE OF 15 MBTA COMMUTER RAIL TRAINS ON MARCH 9

Fitchburg Line Returns to Full Service for Morning Rush Hour; System Recovery Plan is "On-Track," Says Company Officials

BOSTON, MA – March 6, 2015 – Keolis Commuter Service today announced that 15 MBTA Commuter Rail trains will resume operating on March 9 as part of the announced system recovery plan to restore full service by March 30. Company officials also said the Fitchburg Line would return to full weekday service during the morning rush hour. Weekend schedules remain at full service.

On-time performance continues to improve, with 90% of trains arriving within 15 minutes of the scheduled arrival time during today's morning rush hour.

The 15 restored trains include:

**Haverhill** - Train 264 (8:30 a.m. inbound from Reading), Train 268 (3 p.m. inbound from Reading), Train 263 (7:50 p.m. outbound express from North Station to Reading) and Train 267 (2:20 p.m. outbound from North Station to Reading) will be restored.

**Fitchburg** – Back to full a.m. peak service: Train 400 (5:15 a.m. inbound from Fitchburg), Train 452 (8:50 a.m. inbound from Littleton/495 to North Station), Train 451 (7:32 a.m. outbound from North Station to Littleton/495), and Train 417 (4:30 p.m. outbound from North Station goes back to running express from Porter Sq. to South Action) will be restored.

**Franklin** – Train 706 (6:35 a.m. inbound from Forge Park/495 to South Station), Train 734 (8:45 a.m. from Norwood to South Station), Train 793 (7:55 a.m. from Norwood Central to South Station with limited stops) will be restored, while Train 719 (5:10 p.m. outbound from South Station to Forge Park/495), and Train 723 (6:15 p.m. outbound from South Station to Forge Park/495) will temporarily be making stops at Hyde Park.

**Fairmount** – Train 756 (11 a.m. inbound Readville to South Station), Train 755 (10:20 a.m. outbound from South Station to Readville) and Train 793 (7:55 a.m. outbound express from South Station to Readville) will be restored.

**Providence/Stoughton** – Modified schedule change: Train 817 (5 p.m. outbound from South Station to Wickford Jct.) and Train 821 (6:10 p.m. outbound from South Station to Providence) will temporarily be making stops at Canton Junction.

**Old Colony** – Train 010 (8:07 a.m. inbound from Middleborough/Lakeville to South Station) and Train 003 (6:35 a.m. outbound from South Station to Middleborough/Lakeville) will be restored.

The March 9 schedules can be found at <u>www.mbta.com/winter/severe\_weather/</u>.

"We know our passengers want a full return to service as quickly as possible, and our teams are working around the clock to do just that," said Keolis Commuter Services General Manager Gerald C. Francis. "The weather took a heavy toll on the train equipment, and it will take time to repair the locomotives and safely return them to service. Our focus is restoring service to locations that will help relieve some of the greatest bottlenecks in the overall system and where the infrastructure enables us to provide a consistent level of service."

Keolis also said it will continue injecting trains and capacity into the schedule whenever possible in the coming days. In the past week, passengers saw service restored on the Framingham/Worcester, Old Colony, Needham and Providence/Stoughton lines, Plymouth Station on the Old Colony Line, and Wickford Junction and T.F. Green Airport stations on the Providence Line.

For the latest updates on expanded schedules, passengers should visit <u>www.mbta.com</u> and follow Twitter @MBTA\_CR or contact the Keolis Customer Service team at 617-222-3200.

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