

Tarkiln Hill Road full closure at grade crossing begins Thursday, December 5

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that in New Bedford there will be full lane closures soon at the Tarkiln Hill Road grade crossing as part of South Coast Rail Phase 1 infrastructure work.

Beginning at 7 a.m., Thursday, December 5, and continuing through to 4 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, Tarkiln Hill Road will be closed to all traffic at the grade crossing. A detour route will be implemented – see the detour map for more details. Access to all local business establishments and driveways will be maintained during business hours. Police details will be present throughout the construction period.

The South Coast Rail corridor project at Tarkiln Hill Road is taking place with the support and cooperation of the City of New Bedford. The project work is occurring in advance of upcoming municipal work to fully replace the existing water main and is being completed in advance of other Commonwealth of Massachusetts infrastructure improvement projects in the vicinity of the grade crossing.

Members of the public traveling in the area of Tarkiln Hill Road are encouraged to allow extra time to travel through the area. Scheduled construction work is weather dependent.

MassDOT is making important updates to the Tarkiln Hill Road grade crossing as part of Early Action construction work for Phase 1. The crossing will receive critical roadway drainage improvements that are necessary to prepare for follow-on rail construction and future Phase 1 service.

For more information about the South Coast Rail Project,

please visit: www.mass.gov/southcoastrail