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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Ronald Ester  
Chief Safety Officer  
MBTA Safety Department  
185 Kneeland Street  
Boston, MA 02111

RE: Priority 1 (Red Conditions) Reporting to DPU

**Immediate Action Notice**

Dear Mr. Ester,

On March 6, 2023 a Department of Public Utilities track engineer and I were present with an instructor and section repair person to conduct an independent review of track conditions and the MBTA's compliance with the agency safety plan. DPU walked the red line section of track between Ashmont and Savin Hills on the southbound track. As a result of this inspection, the current version of the MBTA rule book and special orders the DPU identified a condition that requires an immediate corrective action.

Therefore, the DPU directs you to take the following actions:

1. MBTA will provide the DPU with a daily report of priority 1 (red conditions) that are listed as both open and pending within the E&M on the Red Line.
2. Upon completion of any priority 1 (red) condition (on the red line), MBTA will provide DPU with notification of what corrective action was taken.

3. MBTA will report any new priority 1 (red conditions) identified by track inspections to the DPU for tracking.
4. MBTA within 24 hours will provide DPU with a corrective action plan that will identify the actions needed and a strategy for hazard/ risk analysis for prioritizing repair work.

Please contact me if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert N. Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "H".

Robert N. Hanson  
Director Rail Transit Safety

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