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To: All MBTA Contractors Requiring Access to the Commuter Rail ROW

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Subject: **MBTA CONTRACTOR TRAINING CIRCULAR**
Roadway Worker Protection Update – Adjacent Track Regulation

There have been a number of changes to the Keolis Roadway Worker Manual, which becomes effective January 1, 2015, including the recent FRA regulation pertaining to **“Part 214.336: On-track safety procedures for certain roadway work groups and adjacent tracks.”**

In order to ensure that all roadway workers are able to ascertain appropriate on-track and adjacent track safety, MBTA is issuing this RWP Training Circular to inform all contractors of the following:

- **Adjacent track** means a controlled or non-controlled track whose track center is spaced less than 25 feet from the track center of the occupied track.
- In some situations, protection may be required on the adjacent track. The flagger or employee in charge will be responsible for determining if adjacent track protection is required.
- It is your responsibility to speak with the flagger or employee in charge of on-track safety before entering within 15 feet of the track. He or she will give you a thorough job briefing during which the on-track and adjacent track protection will be described.
- If you do not receive a job briefing, or you believe the on-track or adjacent track protection is inadequate, you have the right to issue a Good Faith Safety Challenge.

You are responsible for your own safety and the safety of those you have responsibility over. Please ensure that you read and understand the attached RWP Manual. You must retain a copy of the manual in a location where it is available to you and your employees at all times, such as your vehicle or the project office

Should you have any questions or concerns, please speak with:

1. The flagger or employee in charge of on-track safety;
2. MBTA Safety (Safety Hotline: 617-222-5135); or
3. Keolis (Safety Hotline: 617-222-8282).