



## Deer Island Community Meeting

November 12, 2020



# Welcome!

Participating tonight are:

- Fred Laskey, MWRA Executive Director
- Dave Coppes, MWRA Chief Operating Officer
- Steve Cullen, MWRA Director of Wastewater
- Dave Duest, MWRA Director of Deer Island
- Kathryn White, MWRA Security
- Sean Navin, MWRA Public Affairs
- Ria Convery, MWRA Meeting Facilitator

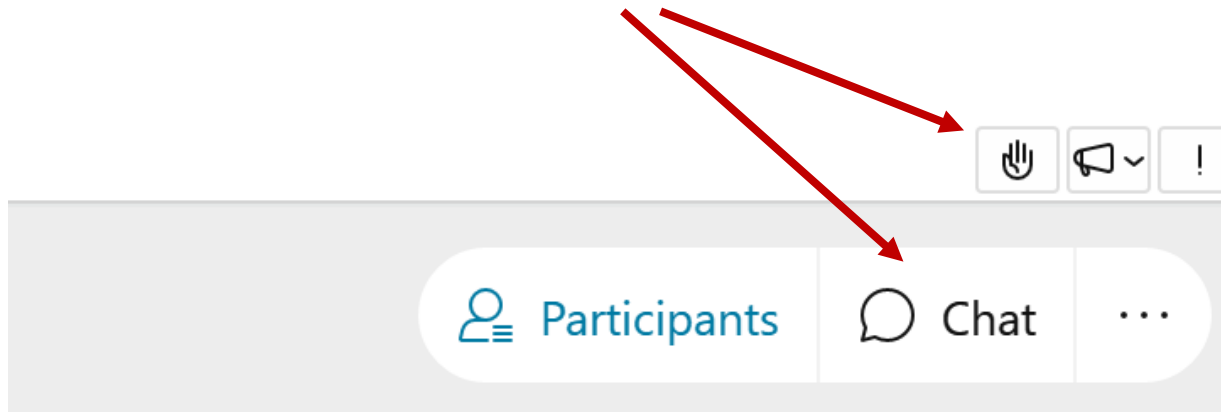
Also invited are

- Winthrop Fire Chief Paul Flanagan
  - Winthrop Police Chief Terrence Delehanty
- When you joined the meeting, you were automatically muted. We ask that you stay muted unless you have a question or comment to avoid excess noise during the meeting



# Virtual Meeting

- We ask that you hold your comments and questions until the end of the presentation
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## COVID-19 Update / MWRA Continuation of Service

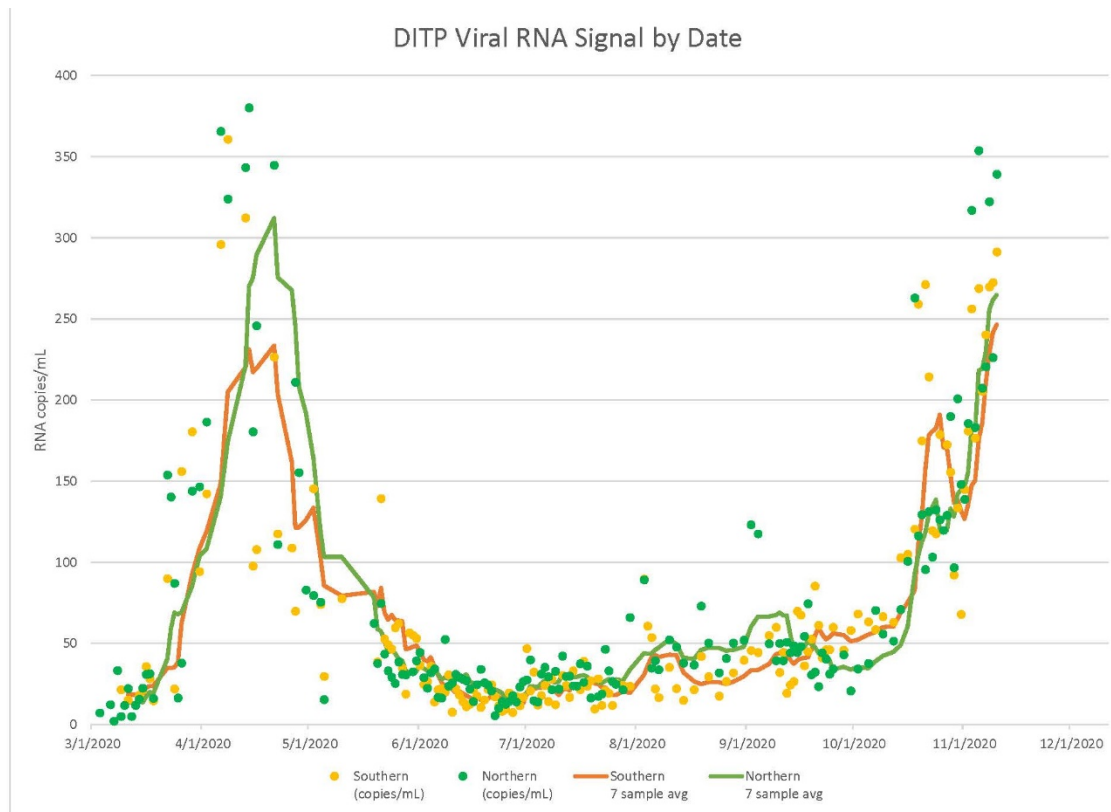
MWRA's critical mission is to provide safe and secure drinking water and wastewater services to our customers. During the pandemic, we have continued to do so while at the same time protecting our employees, contractors, and neighbors

- On March 22, MWRA limited staffing
- On June 24 we returned to full O&M staffing at Deer Island
- Masks mandatory with social distancing
- Following Governor Baker's recommendation, all staff that can work from home are working from home



# Wastewater Testing – COVID-19 indicator with Biobot

- Since June, MWRA has contracted with Biobot Analytics to test for COVID in the wastewater at Deer Island
- This data is provided to Public Health officials as an additional tool to help track the virus





# COVID-19 Update / Public Access Adjustments

- Mask and social distancing policy posted at Public Access
- Enhanced Parking Notices / cones on Tafts Avenue





# COVID-19 – Enhanced Public Access Parking To Prevent Illegal Parking Into Neighborhood

- Coned off Tafts Avenue preventing illegal parking
- Provided pilot Access roadway parking (inbound lane only) on weekends

Enhanced COVID parking along access road:  
Weekends from April - Columbus Day





# COVID-19 – Enhanced Public Access Parking To Prevent Illegal Parking Into Neighborhood







# Update on Deer Island Fishing Pier construction

- The Mass Department of Fish and Game Fishing Pier is nearly complete
- The pier could be open soon
- Official ribbon cutting planned for spring 2021





# Update on Deer Island Fishing Pier construction (cont.)

- 9 Space Handicap accessible lot constructed, coarse paving complete
- Opening pending completion/testing of Security Enhancements
  - Lighting (complete)
  - Cameras (complete)
  - e911 Call Boxes (pending testing)





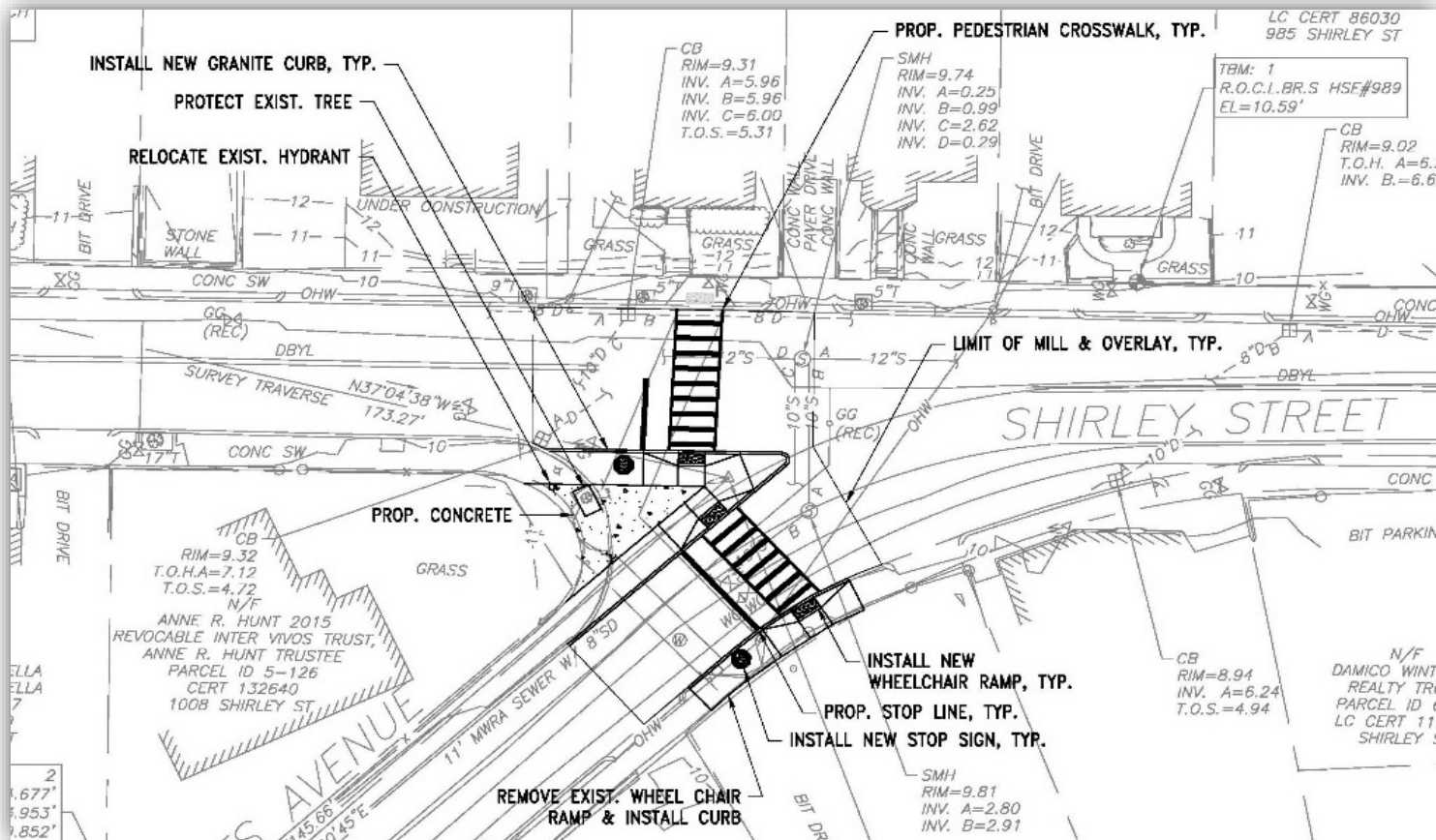
## Security Update

- MWRA continues to work with first responders to improve response actions
- Provided enhanced security patrols to Public Access parking
- Enforcing night time loitering prevention rules
- New fishing pier will bring additional patrols / security presence



# Taft's Avenue – Shirley Street Intersection Redesign

- MWRA has designed an alteration to the Taft's Avenue-Shirley Street Intersection
- Construction has been bid, pending award
- Construction planned for spring 2021





# Deer Island Construction - Upgrades Continue


- On-Going Projects
  - Gravity Thickener Rehabilitation
  - Chemical Tank Relining Project
- Future Projects
  - Clarifier Rehabilitation, Phase II
  - New Solar Canopy Project being recommended for approval





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