

OLD COLONY RAILROAD

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MBTA's New Old Colony Railroad Begins Service Sept. 29

Passenger rail service to the South Shore will begin running again on Sept. 29.

The Old Colony line, originally constructed in 1845, was closed to passengers in 1959 upon the opening of the Southeast Expressway. At the original inaugural run John Quincy Adams and Daniel Webster were on board as the train made its way from Boston to Plymouth.

"The opening of Old Colony passenger service brings commuter rail to the South Shore for the first time in a generation," said Rep. Francis Marini, R-Hanson. "We finally join our neighbors north and west of Boston who have enjoyed rail access to Boston for many years".

"Over the next few years our area of the state will become attractive to many who never considered living and working here due to the limited accessibility to Boston. We must be prepared for the growth that will result in the completion of the transformation of our communities from rural to suburban. I believe we are up to the challenge".

Marini also said, "We must be particularly careful during the first months of operation that we grow accustomed to trains passing through our communities and observe all safety rules. Safety is everyone's first priority but each of us do our part as we see trains up close for the first time in almost 40 years."

The first 2 months of service will be limited with 4 departures in the morning and 4 arrivals in the afternoon. Full service is scheduled to begin in November.