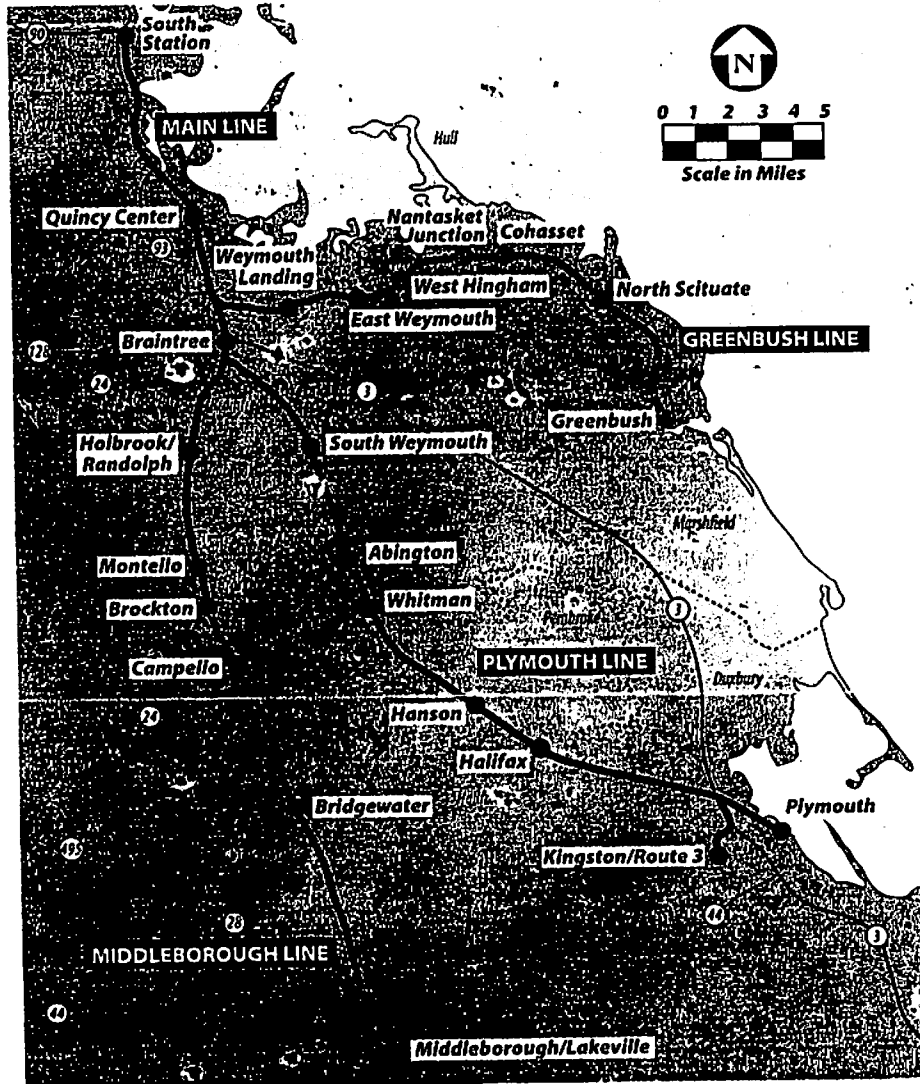


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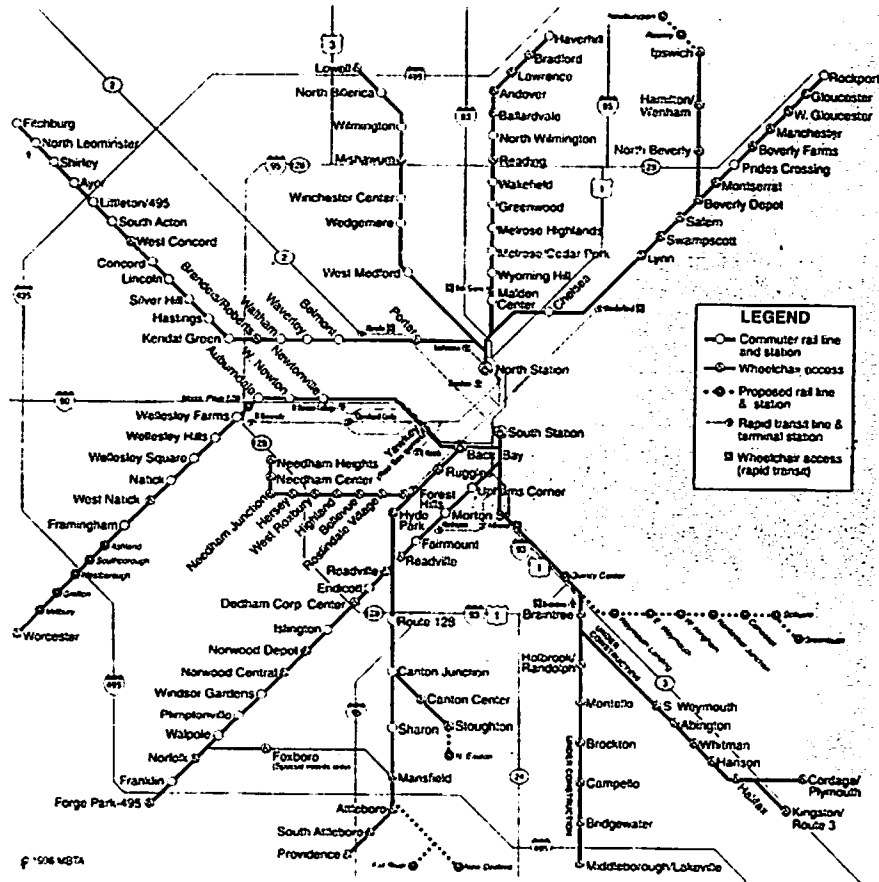
Within weeks of the opening of the Southeast Expressway in 1959, passenger service on the historic Old Colony Railroad south of Boston shut down. After more than a century of service, the struggling rail line could not survive the opening of the Southeast Expressway. That left 32 South Shore communities almost totally dependent on the automobile for transportation into Boston.

But in the 1990's, with no rail service and only limited boat and bus alternatives, the automobile has created a haze of congestion, pollution, expense, aggravation, and waste. The future of transportation in southeastern Massachusetts requires collaboration between highways and mass transit. That's why the MBTA is getting the Old Colony Railroad back on track.



THE NEW OLD COLONY RAILROAD

The T's Old Colony Railroad restoration project will bring clean, reliable, economical commuter rail service back to the South Shore. Work is under way on two of the three Old Colony branches: Kingston/Plymouth and Middleborough/Lakeville. (The Greenbush branch is in the study/planning phase).



- Old Colony service is scheduled to begin on the first two branches by the end of 1996.
- Trains will run to and from South Station, stopping at Quincy Center and Braintree for connections to the T's Red Line.
- Travel times from the terminals on each branch to South Station will be about one hour. Today the trip from Braintree to downtown Boston alone takes up to 40 minutes in rush hour traffic; on the New Old Colony the trip from Braintree to South Station will take just 18 minutes.
- Ridership is expected to be 15,000 customers a day once the entire Old Colony system is restored, removing more than 10,000 cars a day from area roadways.
- The New Old Colony will be fully accessible, and will provide a critical economic and social link between Boston and the South Shore.

THE PROJECT

A total of 15 new commuter train stations, providing more than 8,000 parking spaces, will be built on the first two branches of the Old Colony project (see system map), including one at Quincy Center and Braintree, both on the Middleborough/Lakeside line, and seven on the Plymouth/Karlov line. (The Greenbush line will have seven stations, and will pass through Braintree, stopping at Quincy Center and South Station.)

Beyond the station work, the Old Colony project includes restoring about 80 miles of existing track for modern passenger service. Other work includes:

- Rehabilitation of 51 railroad bridges, and a new railroad bridge over the Neponset River.
- Improvements to 34 road intersections to accommodate increased traffic near stations.
- Installation of signals, gates, bells, and other safety/warning equipment at all railroad crossings.
- Purchase of new rail coaches and locomotives.
- Creation of 3 new park and ride lots in the Route 3/53 corridor.



THE ARTERY AND JOBS

Old Colony service will begin at the height of Central Artery construction in downtown

Boston, and is an important part of the T's plan to help reduce the impact of the decade long highway project on Boston traffic both during Artery construction and after the project is completed. Apart from stimulating development on the South Shore, the \$480 million state and federally funded Old Colony project will generate about 5,000 construction jobs during nearly four years of work.

The T has opened a special Communication/Business Resource Center in Braintree to keep you informed about all aspects of the project and to help minority and women-owned businesses interested in bidding on T work. By organizing the Old Colony project into many relatively small specialized contracts rather than one large contract for a single primary contractor, the T is maximizing the opportunity for new firms to get subcontract work, and spreading the economic benefit of the project as far and wide as possible.

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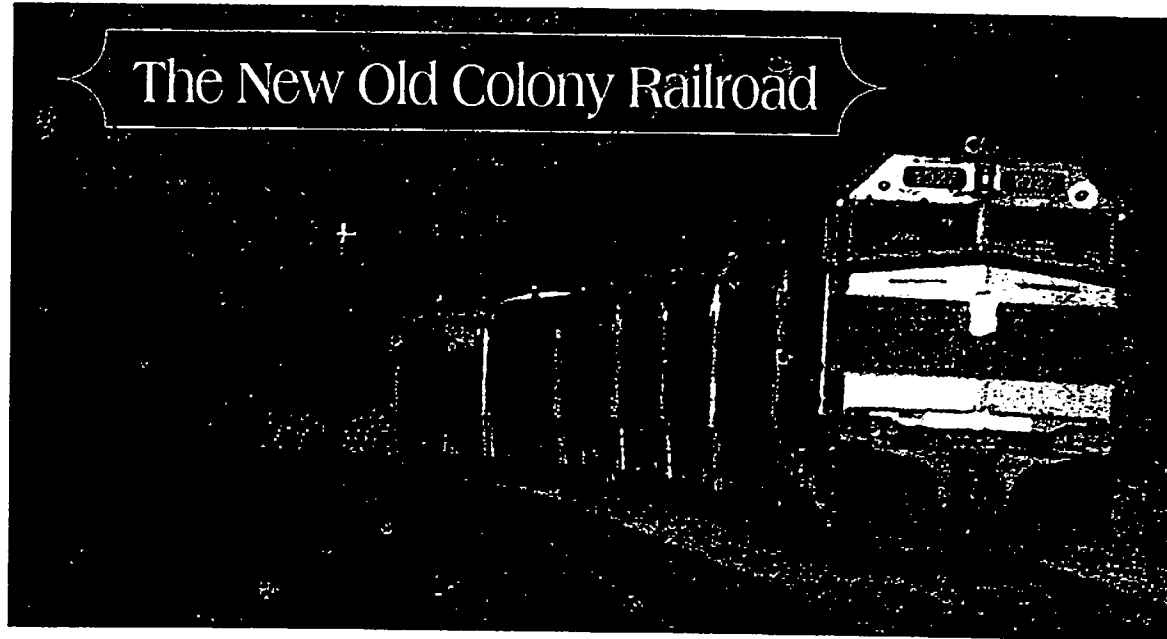
The New Old Colony Railroad Project Communications Office, 395 Washington Street, Braintree, MA 02184.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Throughout the process, the T will continue to consult with and inform residents, communities, elected officials, schools, businesses, and other audiences affected by Old Colony work, about critical aspects of design, construction, safety, and service on all three Old Colony lines.

Call the T's special project hotline at (617) 222-5913 to learn more about the New Old Colony Railroad. For up-to-date T Fare and Schedule Information call (617) 222-3200 or check the T's internet site at www.mbta.com.

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