



# **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority**

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## **General Manager and Deputy General Manager Remarks**

**Fiscal and Management Control Board**

**June 24, 2019**



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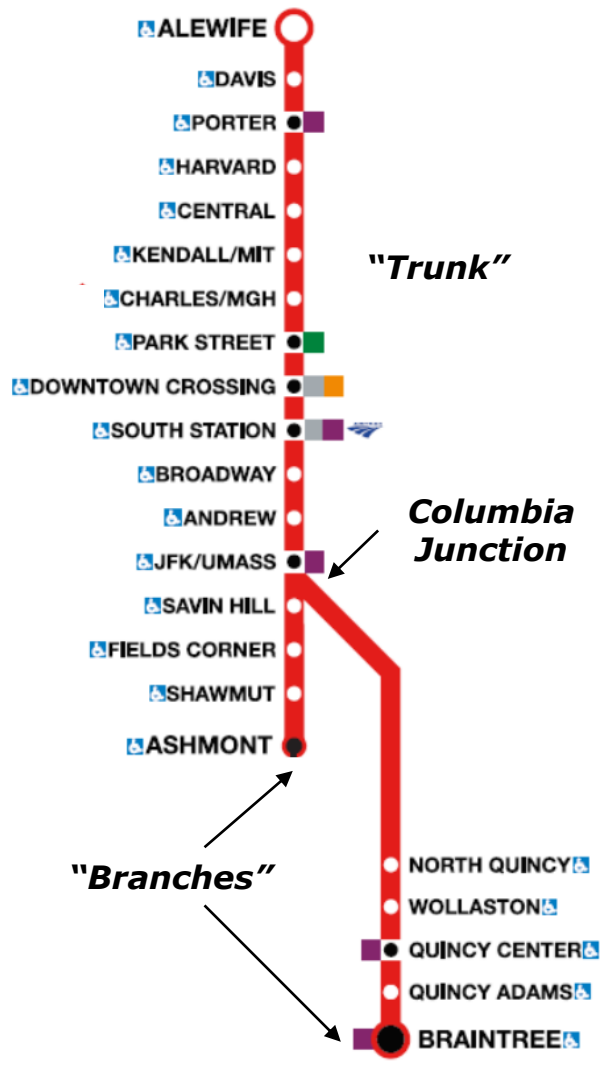
## Red Line Derailment Status Update

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- Investigation into root cause of derailment remains underway:
  - Operator error, speed, foul play, and track infrastructure dispelled as probable causes
  - Incident vehicle components sent to lab for metallurgical analysis
  - Completed a rigorous inspection of all related components of all vehicles of the same type involved in the derailment
- Major signal work continues concentrated in four areas:
  - Broadway-JFK, JFK-Ashmont, JFK-North Quincy, JFK-Cabot
  - Signal restoration expected to continue through summer
  - Incremental progress with signal restoration will result in service improvements
- Future state: Red/Orange Line signal upgrades to digital audio frequency track circuits will replace existing analog technology
  - Currently working with contractor to re-sequence project to start in Columbia Junction
- Progress in repairs to track, third rail, and power has brought service up to 10 trains per hour, resulting in six-minute headways between JFK/UMass and Alewife during peak



# Red Line Service Restoration



- On a **typical weekday**, the T operates **13-14 trains per hour** during peak service
  - **4:30 minute headways** in the trunk and **9 minute headways** on each branch
    - **Average trip time** from Braintree to South Station is **30 minutes**
- From **June 12-14**, due to damaged infrastructure, the T operated only **6 trains per hour** during peak and **required a transfer at JFK** for Braintree passengers
  - Headways inconsistent and **service gaps of 15+ minutes**
  - **Average trip time** from Braintree to South Station was **55+ minutes**
- Last week (**June 17-21**), after conducting repair work at Columbia Junction, the T was able to improve to **10-11 trains per hour** and provide a **one-seat ride for Braintree passengers**
  - Headways of **5:45 minutes** in trunk and **11:30 minutes** on branches
  - **Average trip time** from Braintree to South Station was **40 minutes**
- **Going forward**, service will continue to improve as team repairs the infrastructure and makes other operational improvements



## Three Key Signal Bungalows Damaged



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# Red Line Train Control Outage Area

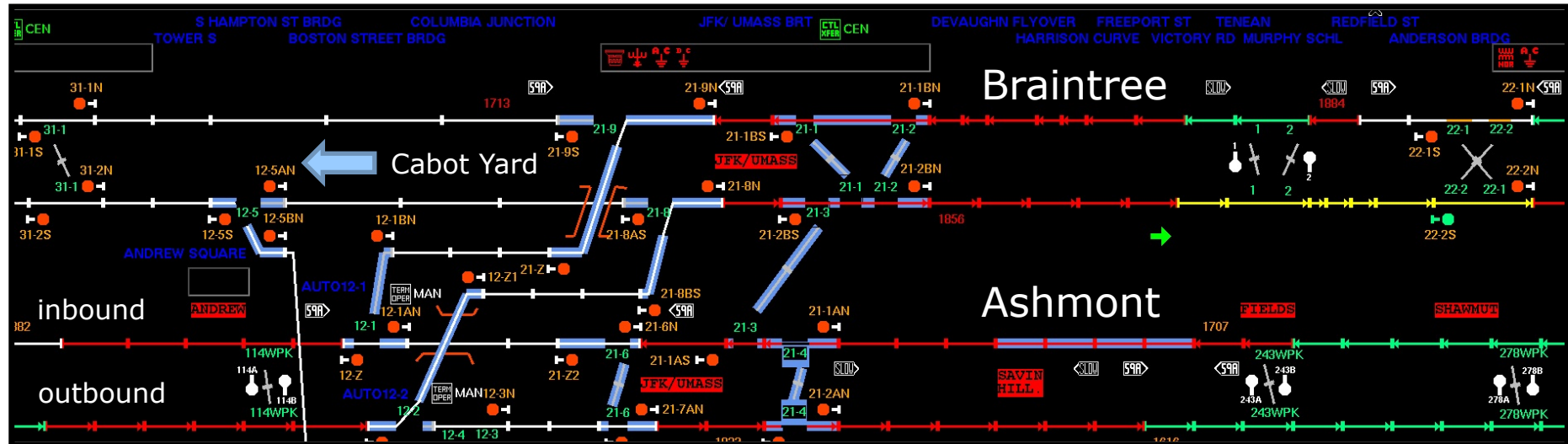


Manual Operation in place:

- Braintree Branch:  
Broadway to North Quincy
- Ashmont Branch:  
Broadway to Fields Corner
- Requires approximately 50 personnel in the field per day



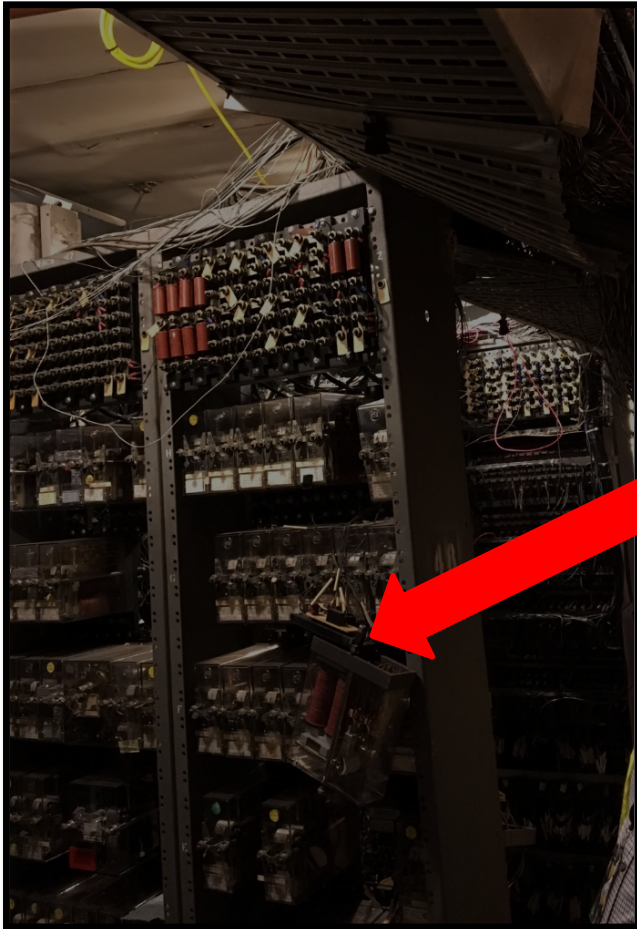
# Columbia Junction-Red Line



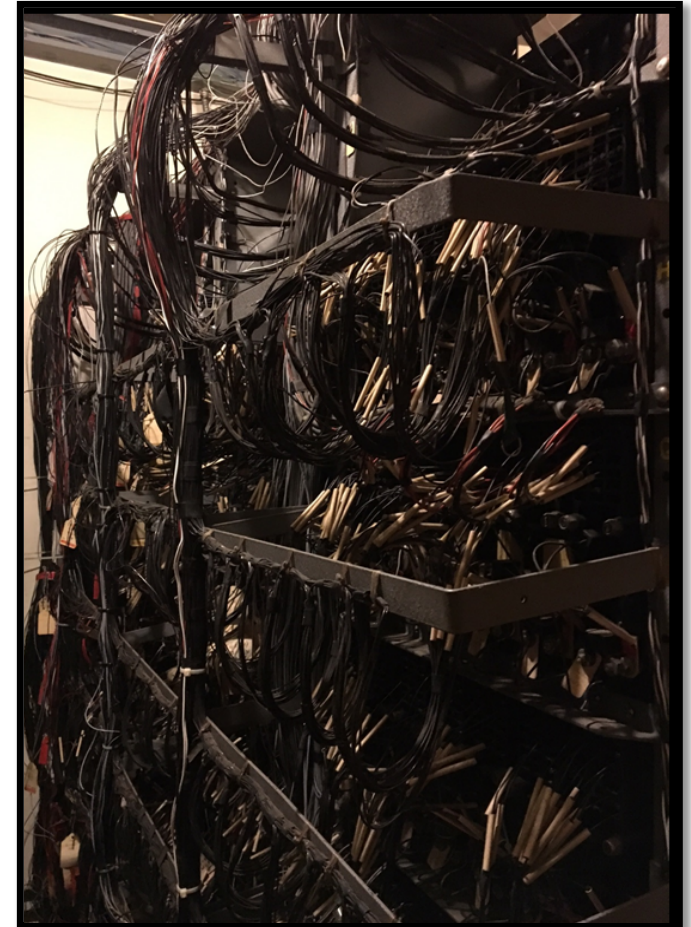
- Track Circuits control speed, spacing, and switch movement
- 99 track circuits in affected area (Columbia Junction)



## Front and Back of Signal Racks



**Front**

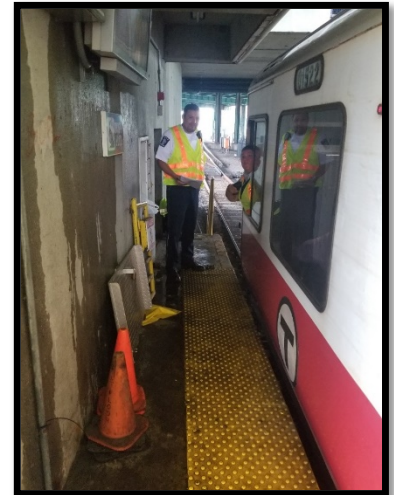
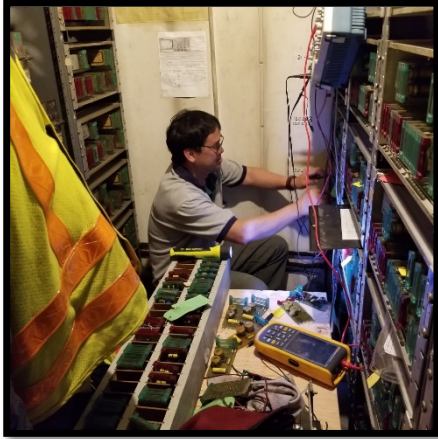


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# Thank You

To our employees and contractors running the Red Line and working on repairs



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