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Energization of Overhead Wires and Train Testing on Madison Avenue

As part of the restoring MATA's steel wheel trolley operation, the organization will perform ongoing testing of the trolley car system beginning March 2022.

On March 20, the overhead wires for the Memphis Area Transit Authority along Madison Avenue will be permanently energized. Energization of this segment will mean that Trolley testing will be occurring, intermittently, in this area. As testing progresses, the overhead wires will remain energized, and the public will see a U2 car commonly used in San Francisco traveling on the Madison line track. However, the MATA steel wheel trolley cars will not be available for customers at this time.

For your safety, overhead wires should always be considered energized when strung from power pole to power pole.

FOR YOUR SAFETY:

- Meeting live overhead wires can lead to serious injury or death. Please be aware of your surroundings. Keep all high reaching devices such as ladders, drones, and remote-controlled planes away from the energized overhead wires.
- Use designated pedestrian walkways and only cross the tracks at designated crossings.
- Always follow the direction of security personnel and flaggers.
- Always follow traffic and pedestrian signs.

Crews will be performing a series of train system tests on Madison Avenue. Testing will include emergency brake and static testing. Please note that the Trolley (U2 Car) will be tested under different emergency scenarios to confirm safety requirements, and that testing will not be representative of normal operations. Testing will occur during the hours of 6:00am – 6:00pm for approximately 45 days. Trains will be always escorted by crews and will be monitored 24 hours a day by security.

Road users may encounter the trains along the tracks and crossing intersections.

To accommodate this work, the public will be impacted in the following areas:

- There will be occasional noise associated with this work, including the movement, and braking of the U2 Car, and the bell dings to alert the public of the moving train.
- There will be occasional flashing lights emitting from the U2 Car.

- There will be minimal traffic disruption with occasional train crossings at the roadways and intersections that cross the Madison line tracks. Flaggers will be on-site where required.
- Flag persons will be on-site to ensure traffic flow and safety of pedestrians.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as the project progresses. For more information, visit our website www.matatransit.com or contact us via email at ridersfirst@matatransit.com or by phone 901-274-6282.