



I-90 DRY RUN: Upcoming Lane Reductions on I-90 to Prepare for Commonwealth Ave Bridge Replacement Project

- From **11:59 PM on Friday, June 2, to 5:00 AM on Monday, June 5**, MassDOT will reduce I-90 to 2 lanes in both directions between the Allston Interchange and the Beacon Street Overpass.
- MassDOT and its contractor will be conducting a “dry run” of the traffic logistics on I-90 for the major construction that will take place from July 26 to August 14 (see next page).
- A “crossover” on I-90 will direct all vehicular traffic to either the eastbound or westbound roadways at different periods of time – see the map below.



About the Project

The Commonwealth Ave Bridge Replacement Project will replace the bridge that carries Commonwealth Avenue and the MBTA Green B Line over I-90/Mass Turnpike and the MBTA Commuter Rail. The existing bridge, constructed in 1965, is in poor condition. The project will replace a structurally deficient bridge while adding dedicated bike lanes and extensive pedestrian safety upgrades.

2017 Construction Window – Transportation Impacts

Between **Wednesday, July 26 and Monday, August 14**, these modes of transportation will be impacted in the Boston University/Saint Paul Street neighborhood:

- **MBTA Green B Line from Babcock Street to Blandford Street Stations:** closed from 9:00 PM on July 26 to 5:00 AM on August 14 (shuttle buses will run between Babcock Street and Blandford Street Stations)
- **Commonwealth Avenue eastbound and westbound between Brighton Avenue/Packard's Corner and Kenmore Square:** closed to private vehicular traffic from 7:00 PM on July 27 to 5:00 AM on August 14 (two-way access will be maintained for MBTA buses, emergency services, pedestrians, and bicyclists)
- **Boston University (BU) Bridge:** closed to private vehicular traffic from 7:00 PM on July 27 to 5:00 AM on August 14 (two-way access will be maintained for MBTA buses, emergency services, pedestrians, and bicyclists)
- **MBTA Bus Routes CT2 and 47:** detoured from normal routes from 7:00 PM on July 27 to 5:00 AM on August 14 (see project website for detour maps)
- **I-90 (Mass Pike) between the Allston Interchange and Beacon Street Overpass:** lane reductions from 9:00 PM on July 28 to 5:00 AM on August 7 and intermittent closures of Exit 20 on/off-ramps (2 lanes in each direction during peak period)
- **MBTA Commuter Rail Framingham/Worcester Line:** service impacts for two weekends (July 29-30 and August 5-6) – service will be maintained during weekdays; shuttle bus service from Boston Landing to Reservoir Station (Yawkey Way during Red Sox games)
- **Amtrak's Lakeshore Limited Line:** service impacts for two weekends (July 29-30 and August 5-6) – shuttle bus service between Albany, NY and Boston

These short-term impacts are necessary for MassDOT's contractor to work continuous shifts 24 hours a day using Accelerated Bridge Construction. This approach reduces the construction duration from four to five years to two intensive construction windows, with the second construction window occurring in 2018.

Please see the project website, www.mass.gov/massDOT/CommAveBridge, for a detailed project schedule, temporary traffic impacts and detour maps.

MassDOT's goal is to anticipate and manage potential traffic impacts. A key to this success is minimizing traffic volume as much as possible in the area. With that in mind, we are asking abutters and customers to:

- **Reduce** – Try to schedule your vacation during this planned construction period. Avoid the construction area as much as possible.
- **Reschedule** – Alter work schedules, commuting times, or work from home, if possible.
- **Re-mode** – Shift to public transportation, walking, or biking. One side of the bridge will remain open to pedestrians and bicycles throughout the project.

Stay Informed!

- Visit the project website, www.mass.gov/massDOT/CommAveBridge, to sign up for the project email list and encourage your colleagues, employees, friends, and neighbors to sign up.
- If you have any questions about the project, please contact Jim Kersten, MassDOT Legislative Liaison, at (857) 368-9041 or email CommAveBridge@dot.state.ma.us.