



I-90 ALLSTON INTERCHANGE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

MASSDOT/FMCB JOINT MEETING
APRIL 13, 2020 – MASSDOT BOARD ROOM

Today's Agenda

- **Project Status Update**
 - Major Themes from Public Comment Period
 - NEPA/MEPA Process
- **Anticipated Next Steps**
- **Discussion**



Project Status Update



- **Preparing Scoping Summary Report that provides a summary of major comments and issues received as part of scoping process**
- **Re-evaluating which Build options to advance in the NEPA and MEPA processes based on comments received from the public and government agencies**
 - **Primary issue: Identify Build options to advance for the Throat**
 - **Design refinements on West Station focus on 4 track options**
- **Ongoing NEPA/MEPA Process coordination with FHWA and EEA**
- **Task Force Meeting to be scheduled**
- **Additional progress update at May Joint Board Meeting**

Major Themes of Public Comments

- **Alternatives**
 - Support for a 4 track West Station and elements of the original Flip West Station & Rail Layout
 - Support for a Cambridge St. Bypass Road
- **Construction**
 - Minimize single track operation on the Worcester Line during construction
 - Avoid water quality impacts of a trestle over the Charles River during construction
- **Mitigation**
 - Travel Impacts: Support for improved ped/bike facilities, commuter rail and bus connections
 - Environmental Impacts: General interest in a mitigation package that address noise and air quality concerns as well as climate change/resiliency concerns and impacts to the Charles River
- **Summary**
 - Most comments were focused on the Throat Area and West Station.
 - Concerns regarding the construction period durations and disruptions

Major Themes of Government Agency Comments

- **Alternatives**
 - Consider alternatives without a temporary trestle
 - Include environmental impacts of constructing each option
- **Construction**
 - Include detailed discussion of construction staging, operation, and mitigation for the proposed alternative
 - Concern regarding DOT option to operate single track section on the Worcester Line during construction
- **Mitigation**
 - Evaluate how each alternative can be designed to avoid or minimize direct and indirect impacts
 - Address climate change/resiliency concerns
 - Address impacts to water quality and stormwater impacts of the Charles River
- **Mobility Impacts**
 - Include anticipated motorized and non-motorized service effects of the proposal during construction
- **Environmental Justice**
 - Consider noise, air, traffic, and mobility as potential impacts
 - Explain how service at West Station will impact emissions

NEPA Process - Federal

- Produce Scoping Summary Report that advances the No Build and one or more Build options in the DEIS
- Provide responses to public comments received on Scoping Report
- Cooperating Agencies Meeting scheduled for 4/29

MEPA Process – State

- Produce the MEPA Notice of Project Change (NPC) consistent with NEPA Scoping Summary Report
- MassDOT will address status of Build alternatives that were carried in the DEIR and advance No Build and Build options consistent with the NEPA process
- NPC will be available for public comment

Next Steps: Upcoming Milestones (Anticipated)

- Scoping Summary Report : Summer 2020
- MEPA Notice of Project Change (NPC) : Summer 2020
- NEPA Interchange Modification Report (IMR) : Late Fall 2020
- NEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) : Winter 2021
- MEPA Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) : Spring 2021
- NEPA Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)/Record of Decision (ROD) : Fall 2021