

Allston Multimodal Project Update

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Project Overview

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The Allston Multimodal Project will provide a number of operational and safety benefits for the Allston neighborhood and regional transportation network including modernizing I-90, improved bicycle and pedestrian network including connections to the Charles River, and a new MBTA West Station. The project incorporates connection improvements for EJ communities and provides a foundation for planned West Station and existing and proposed local neighborhoods.

Proposed West Station: provides for expanded rail service, express rail service, supports improved pedestrian/bicycle connections, planned bus and shuttle services, and improves neighborhood access to the MBTA.

Job Creation: Economic analyses performed to date on the project indicates significant job creation both for the construction of the project, as well as within the newly created development parcels created by new roadway layouts.

Neighborhood Demographics: The project area and connected communities represent a significant population in the Commonwealth and a significant portion of the Statewide economy including EJ populations.

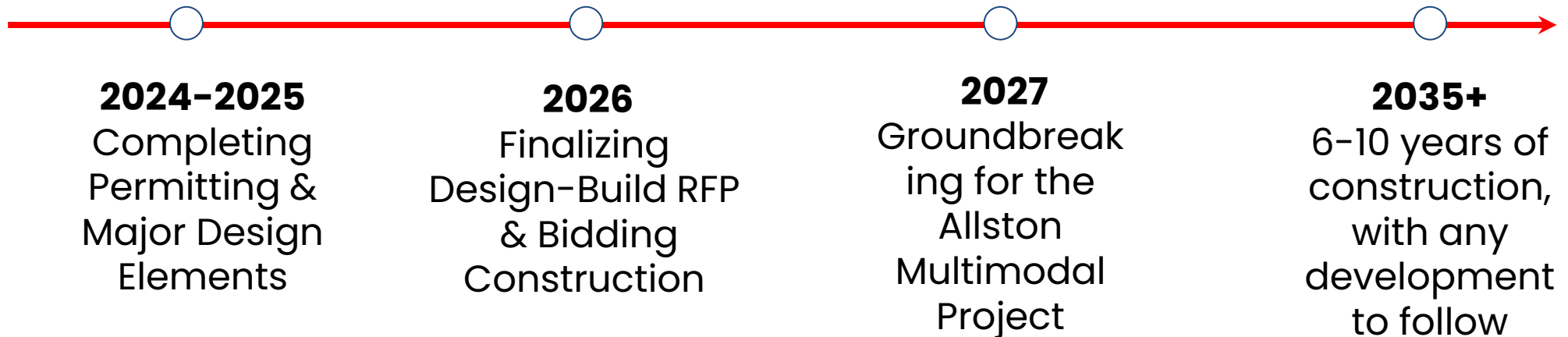
Project Costs: The current estimated costs for the project are \$1.97 billion based on a 2023 project estimate update and an escalation/inflation value of 4.5% annually and 7½ year long construction duration.

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Project Timeline

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Current Timeline:



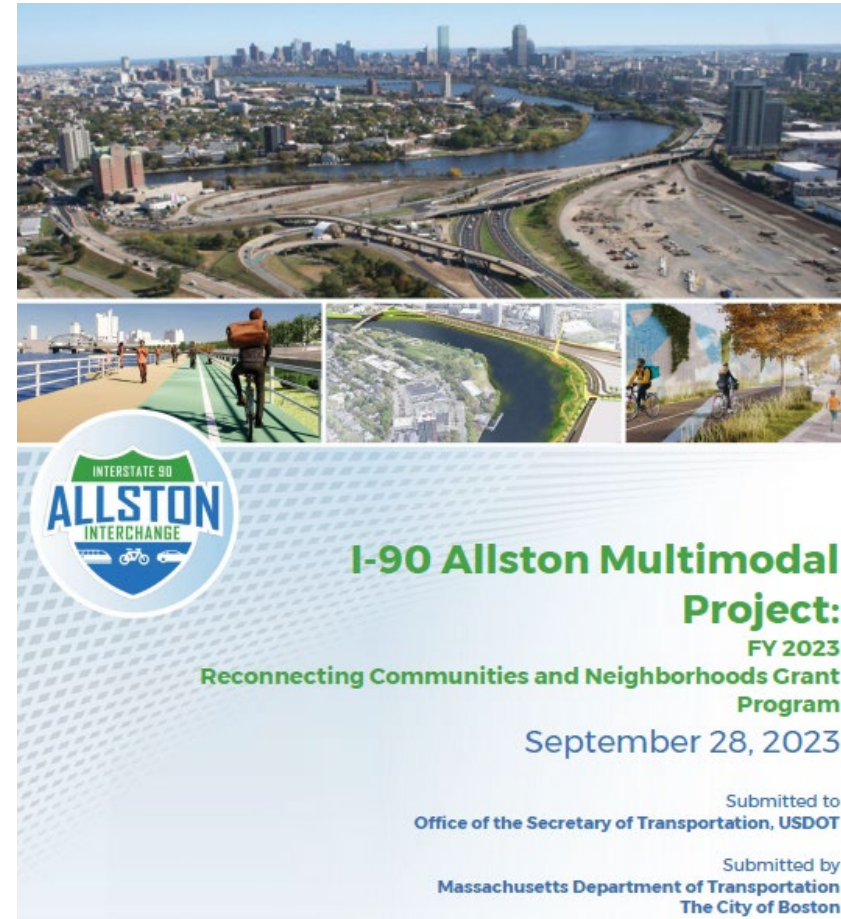
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Project Updates – USDOT Grant

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USDOT Grant:

- The Allston Multimodal project was recently awarded \$335 Million in USDOT Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Federal Discretionary Grant money.
- MassDOT lead applicant, jointly with the City of Boston
- Strong financial commitment and collaboration between MassDOT and the City of Boston, Harvard University and Boston University
- Obligation deadline, September 2026



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Project Updates: Cambridge Street Bridge, Allston

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Cambridge Street Bridge, Allston:

- MassDOT announced in March, that the Cambridge Street Bridge over I-90 and the Commuter Rail will be fully replaced as part of the Multimodal Project

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Project Updates – Multimodal Connectivity

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Multimodal Connectivity:

- MassDOT is striving to provide additional enhancements to bicycle, pedestrian and accessible multimodal connectivity amenities:
 - South Side Buffer Path
 - Franklin Street Pedestrian Bridge,
 - Agganis Pedestrian Bridge
 - Paul Dudley White Commuter Path.



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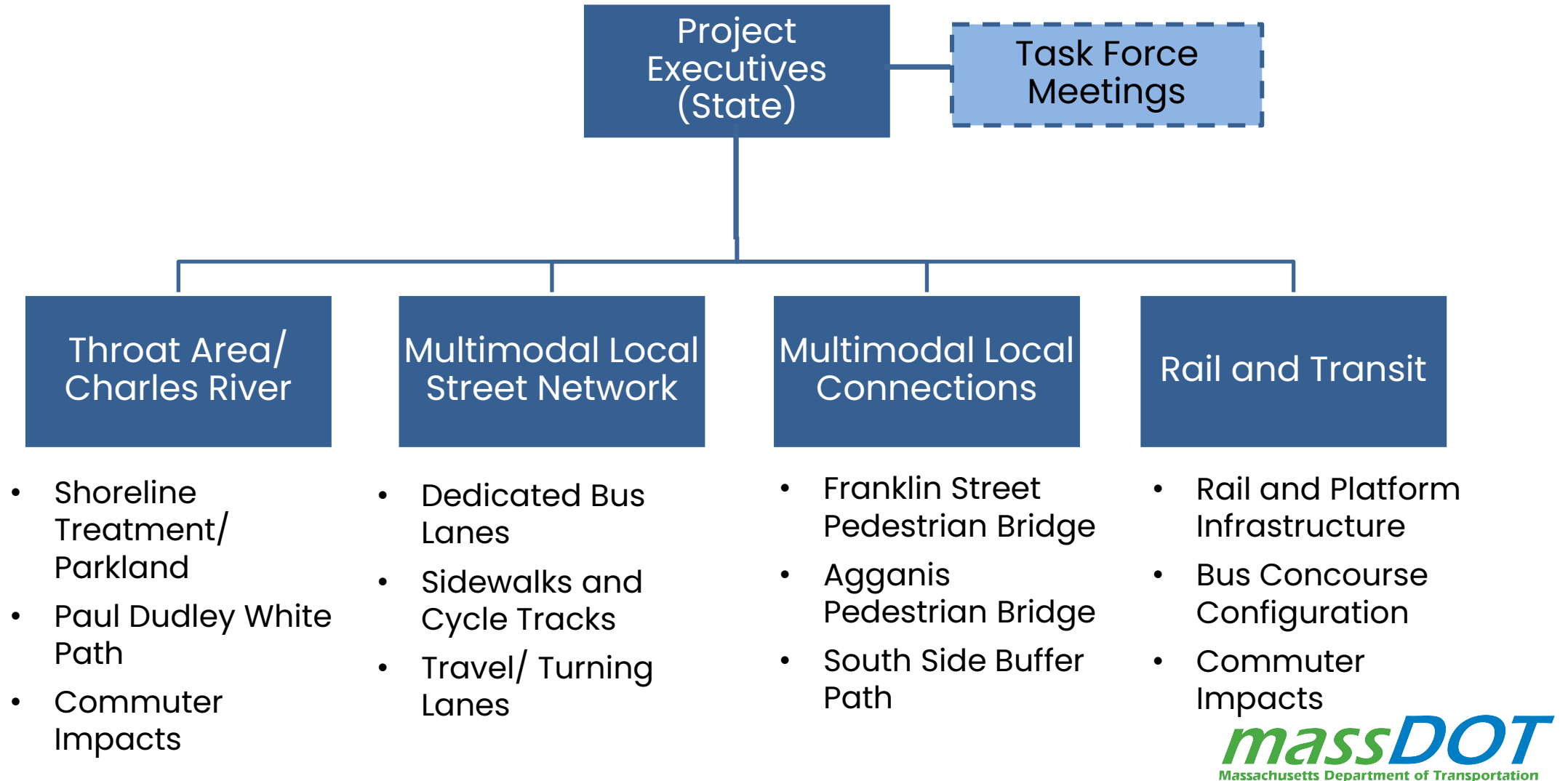
- Focused discussion on design tasks and decision points
- Regular, more frequent meetings, weekly or biweekly
- Structured reporting to Project Executives and Task Force
- Timely communication to meet permit/ grant deadlines
- Identifying prioritization of alternatives that have been presented, by September of 2024

15% design level needed to advance documentation and analysis for DEIS/ SDEIR filings

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Thank You

