



# ALLSTON MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Task Force Meeting

January 15, 2026

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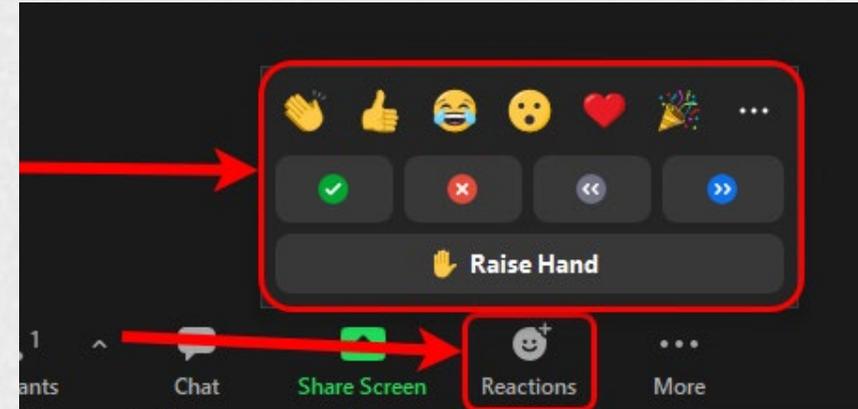
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- Submit your questions and comments
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# Today's Agenda pt. 1

- **Welcome/Introductions**
- 2026 Year Ahead
- Project Goals and Priorities
- Early Action Projects – Initial Project Screening
- Next Steps

# Today's Agenda pt. 2

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## 2026 Year Ahead:

- Independent Review, Request for Responses Update
  - Cost and Engineering Analysis
- Continued Allston Task Force Engagement
- Cambridge Street Preservation Project Update
- Boston Layover Study
- Lincoln Street Noise Barriers Public Engagement



# Today's Agenda pt. 3

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# AMTP Project Goals:

1. Provide safe, multimodal connections from the Allston neighborhood and the regional transportation network and Charles River.
2. Expand and improve multimodal connections among Boston, Metrowest, Worcester and Springfield.
3. Provide opportunities for future redevelopment of Beacon Park Yard.

# Today's Agenda pt. 4

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# Early Action: Project Considerations

- Early Action Projects:
  - MassDOT and the current Allston design team is investigating focused early action projects
  - Intent is to demonstrate ongoing commitment to improving transportation infrastructure in Allston
  - Projects evaluated will be selected for independent utility, readiness, and compatibility with future Allston Multimodal Transportation Project (AMTP)

# Early Action: Initial Screening Defined

- **Initial Screening** identifies early actions that are within the scope of the prior AMTP and could potentially be advanced as standalone projects.
- While actions that were not previously considered part of the AMTP scope will not be further reviewed as early actions in this forum, this review does not preclude consideration of these actions as potential future priorities of MassDOT.
- Initial screening does not include a determination of technical or operational feasibility, agency support, or project prioritization considering long-range planning, fiscal constraints, and public input.

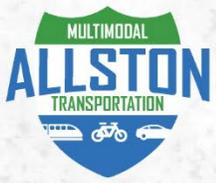
# Early Action: Item Framework pt. 1

- AMTP Scope
  - In-scope early actions are project elements that were previously considered part of the scope of the AMTP. As early actions, these may be actions sponsored by MassDOT Highway Division or other state agencies.
- Standalone Projects
  - Standalone projects are usable and would be a reasonable expenditure even if no additional transportation improvements in the area are made. The project would be justified as it addresses identifiable needs even if the AMTP is not constructed.

## Early Action: Item Framework pt. 2

- Environmental Review required for any potential item
  - Without a more detailed scope and design of the proposed action, determination of the level of environmental review at this stage can only be estimated.
  - State and/or federal historic resources review would be required for all actions.
  - MEPA review is triggered when one or more of the review thresholds documented at 301 CMR 11.03 are met. Any action within the AMTP project area that triggers MEPA review would require an Environmental Impact Report.
  - NEPA would be triggered if federal funding or federal permits are required for the action. The source of funding for these actions is not yet known.

# Early Action: Project Ideas (1 of 4)



Early Item Project Element <i>(List generated from Task Force &amp; public input)</i>	Included in Prior AMTP Scope	Potential Stand- alone Project
<b>1. Prioritize transit, railroad, and local connections</b>	These are considered part of project goals	These are considered part of project goals
<b>2. Franklin Street Pedestrian Bridge</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>3. Lincoln Street Noise Barriers</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>4. Rail Relocations</b>	Yes	No

# Early Action: Project Ideas (2 of 4)



Early Item Project Element <i>(List generated from Task Force &amp; public input)</i>	Included in Prior AMTP Scope	Potential Stand- alone Project
<b>5. West Station</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>6. Allston Community Path</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>7. Cambridge Street Bridge Replacement</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>8. Intersection at Double Tree Hotel</b>	Yes	Yes

# Early Action: Project Ideas (3 of 4)



Early Item Project Element <i>(List generated from Task Force &amp; public input)</i>	Included in Prior AMTP Scope	Potential Stand- alone Project
<b>9. River Street Bridge</b>	No	Yes
<b>10. Western Avenue Bridge</b>	No	Yes
<b>11. Address the river's edge/Paul Dudley White Path</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>12. Clean up effluence into the Charles River</b>	Yes	Yes

# Early Action: Project Ideas (4 of 4)



Early Item Project Element <i>(List generated from Task Force &amp; public input)</i>	Included in Prior AMTP Scope	Potential Stand- alone Project
<b>13. Projects along the Worcester Mainline</b>	No	Yes
<b>14. Accessibility improvements to non-accessible stations along the Worcester Line</b>	No	Yes
<b>15. Prioritize Newton Stations with full high-level platforms and elevators (beyond adding mini-high platforms)</b>	No	Yes

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# Next Steps

- Proposed Upcoming Task Force Meeting Dates  
February 26, March 24, April TBD
- Potential Topics at Upcoming Task Force Meetings
  - Independent Consultant Review
  - City of Boston Beacon Park Yark Regional Framework
  - Early Action Projects
- Other Suggested Topics for Upcoming Task Force Meetings?

# Thank You!

