

**I-90 ALLSTON MULTIMODAL PROJECT  
TASK FORCE MEETING**

**GENERAL UPDATE**

**APRIL 15, 2025**

**1. Project Schedule**

Key upcoming milestones/activities include:

NEPA

2025 April	MassDOT/FHWA Over the Shoulder Review Process
2025 Late Summer	File DEIS

Interchange Modification Report (IMR)

2025 April	Submit the Interchange Modification Report to FHWA
2025 May	Receive initial feedback from FHWA
2025 June	Present Briefing to the Task Force

MEPA

2025 Late Summer	File Supplemental DEIR
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**2. Grand Junction Rail Temporary Outage**

- MassDOT's consultant team is currently working to identify different strategies and approaches to addressing rail operational needs during a planned Grand Junction Rail (GJR) outage. This includes evaluating equipment maintenance needs, legal and logistical feasibility as well as staffing needed to support any use of detour routes, and the cost and construction feasibility of alternative locations that could accommodate maintenance sites throughout the south side. The goal is to understand impacts of the GJR outage on the MBTA's and Amtrak's operations and determine how rail operators would be able to support reliable service during a GJR outage.
- A Better City (ABC) and Harvard University (Harvard) have proposed alternative staging strategies for reducing the duration of the temporary GJR outage. Their priority in presenting proposed alternatives is to re-evaluate previously developed Project staging in an effort to minimize disruptions to service and maintenance needs within limits acceptable to rail operators (MBTA, Amtrak and CSX). A review of the staging strategies is being conducted by MassDOT's consultant team. They are engaging with ABC and Harvard as they perform a constructability review of the staging alternatives and identify project impacts, including potential environmental impacts, potential multimodal impacts, as well as cost and schedule impacts, to determine the feasibility of these strategies.
- A presentation of the ABC/Harvard proposals and progress on the assessment by MassDOT's consultant team of the feasibility of advancing the proposed staging strategies will be reported at the May Task Force meeting, along with other contingency measures being evaluated for addressing the temporary outage.

**3. Multimodal Local Street Network**

The multimodal local street network presentation, which is part of the April 16, 2025 Task Force Meeting agenda, will be based on three interchange options – 3L, 3L Modified and 3-Bridge. Details on these interchange options can be found on the [Project Website as part of the Multimodal Local Streets Network Working Group documents](#).

**4. Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant**

MassDOT's Project schedule is currently aligned to maintain the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant obligation deadline.

**5. Project Funding**

MassDOT is currently updating the Project finance plan.