

I-90 ALLSTON MULTIMODAL PROJECT

TASK FORCE

GENERAL UPDATE

August 25, 2025



1. Project Path Forward

As a result of \$327 million of the \$335 million federal Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program grant funds for the I-90 Allston Multimodal Project having been rescinded, as part of the path forward, MassDOT is in the process of engaging outside experts to perform an in-depth cost analysis and an independent engineering analysis to examine how to deliver the most transportation benefits with available resources. MassDOT remains committed to achieving the goals of the Allston Multimodal Project. MassDOT is continuing to work with FHWA on the Interchange Modification Report, developing approaches to mitigating Grand Junction Rail outage(s) during construction, and the rail layout within Beacon Park Yard. Following rescission of the Reconnecting Communities grant, MassDOT will pause new submittals on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Supplemental Impact Report. MassDOT will resume submittals once the project is aligned with available resources and has a viable path to implementation.

2. Project Schedule

MassDOT will regularly update the Task Force on the cost analysis, independent engineering review, and other project related activities. A preliminary schedule will be developed once the Independent Review Team is procured and launched. As part of the path forward activities, the overall project schedule is being reviewed, including the schedule for filing the NEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement and MEPA Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report.

3. Interchange Modification Report (IMR)

MassDOT is addressing FHWA comments and expects to resubmit the IMR to FHWA later this month.

4. Mitigation of Grand Junction Rail Outage(s) During Construction

- MassDOT's consultant team is continuing 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, infrastructure improvements, legal and logistical feasibility as well as staffing needed to support service during a Grand Junction closure. Considerations may include upgrades to detour routes, and the cost and construction feasibility of

any alternative locations that could accommodate maintenance sites on the south side. The goal is to understand impacts of the GJR outage on the MBTA's, Amtrak's, and CSX's operations and determine whether improvements can be made so that rail operators would be able to support reliable service during a GJR outage.

- The MassDOT Consultant Team has been developing alternative staging strategies to reduce the duration of the Grand Junction outage. Draft alternative concepts, including the use of accelerated construction methods, have been developed and are under review and refinement by the design team. The MassDOT Consultant Team has met with and engaged with ABC and Harvard to discuss these alternative approaches and obtain feedback on the concepts. Further refinement of the concepts and evaluation of project impacts is ongoing, including potential environmental impacts. Project cost and schedule impacts are still required to determine the feasibility of the alternative staging concept.

5. Beacon Park Yard Rail

Layover Update

MassDOT continues to work with the City of Boston to identify alternate locations within the City to offset layover currently proposed at Beacon Park Yard. A consultant has been engaged by MassDOT Planning and is assisting in identifying and evaluating viable layover options.

Rail Layout

MassDOT in collaboration with the MBTA is performing an analysis of the rail elements needed to support current and future service at Beacon Park Yard to provide a resilient system while supporting future planned service along the Framingham/Worcester Commuter Rail Line. The results of this analysis will be presented at an upcoming Task Force Meeting.

6. Upcoming Task Force Meeting Dates, Times, and Location

Hybrid meeting registration link will be provided in advance of each meeting.

September 18, 2025

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Josephine A. Fiorentino Community Center, 123 Antwerp St., Brighton, MA 02135

October 16, 2025

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Josephine A. Fiorentino Community Center, 123 Antwerp St., Brighton, MA 02135

November 13, 2025

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Josephine A. Fiorentino Community Center, 123 Antwerp St., Brighton, MA 02135

December 11, 2025

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Josephine A. Fiorentino Community Center, 123 Antwerp St., Brighton, MA 02135