

Bridge Superstructure Replacement and Widening Bowker Overpass over I-90/ MBTA/ Ipswich Street Boston, MA



What is happening?

MassDOT is repairing and widening the structurally deficient Bowker Overpass over I-90, the MBTA rail lines, and Ipswich Street. This critical \$84 Million project will:

- Repair the Bowker Overpass bridge structure over I-90/MBTA /Ipswich Street
- Widen the structure to include a new multimodal Charlesgate Bridge with bi-directional bike lanes and a shared-use path
- Enhance the greenway and Emerald Necklace system
- Reconstruct traffic patterns at the Boylston Street and Bowker Overpass intersection
- Remove the existing off-ramp structure over the Muddy River and relocate it to Charlesgate West

This project will be completed over a total of seven phases (1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4) with construction beginning in the Summer of 2025 and scheduled for completion in the Winter of 2029.

Project Benefits

In addition to the necessary replacement of the aging overpass, this project aims to bring benefits to the community, including:

- Improvements to pedestrian and cyclist connectivity and access to surrounding parklands
- Enhanced ADA compliance for all pedestrian accommodations
- Preparations for future park and green space improvements
- 100+ new trees, 150+ new shrubs, and 3500 perennials and ferns planted in the project area

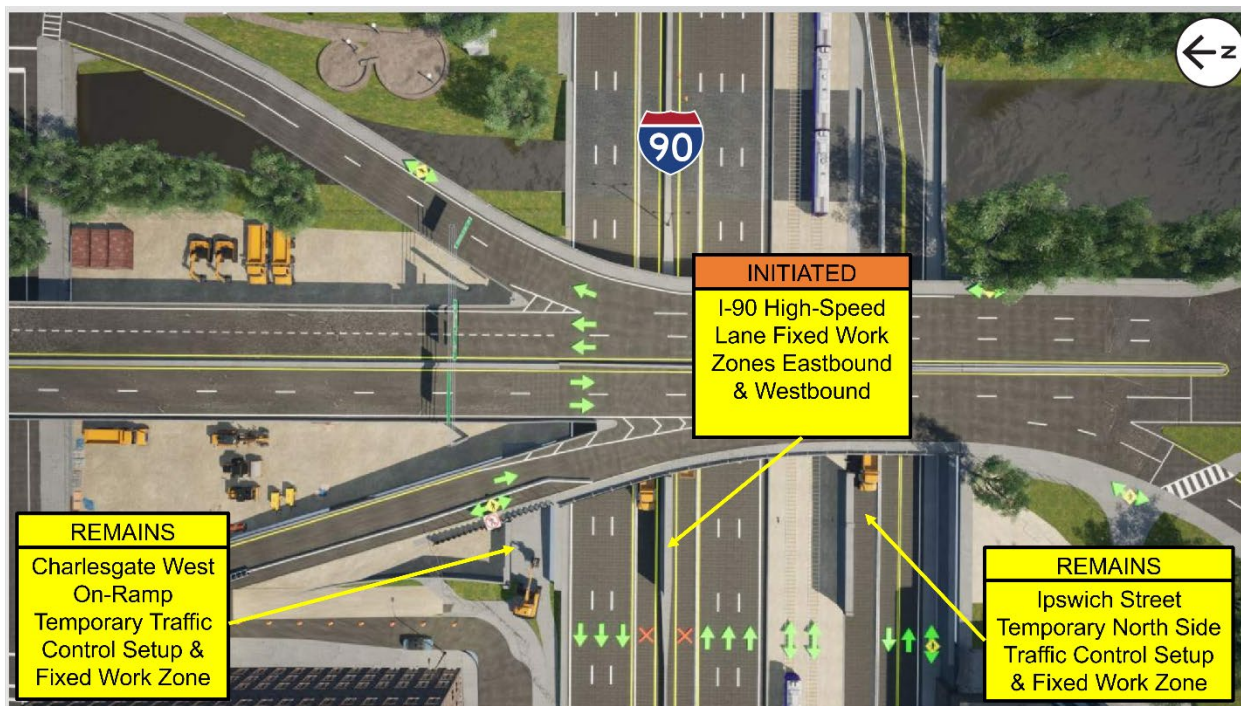
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Stage 1B Construction Schedule and Impacts

Work is expected to occur during weekday daytime hours, with night and weekend operations as needed. Stage 1B will take place from Spring 2026 to Fall 2026. An updated fact sheet will be issued before each new phase of work to provide updated information. During this stage, impacts will include:

- I-90 reduced to 3 eastbound and 3 westbound lanes
- High-speed Lanes on I-90 used for work zones from Spring 2026 to Fall 2026
- 3 lanes maintained on Bowker Overpass and Charlesgate Bridge; temporary pedestrian path
- Lanes on Ipswich Street shifted north/ south as needed; temporary pedestrian path

Appropriate signage will be used to direct vehicles, bike riders, and pedestrians through the area as needed. All timelines and staging details are subject to change.



How can I find out more?

Please visit the project website below for more details, to sign up for updates and email alerts, and to view the latest resources on the Bowker Overpass Bridge Superstructure Replacement and Widening.

Project website <https://www.mass.gov/bowker-overpass-project>

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