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DCR Traffic Advisory: Memorial Drive in Cambridge

WHAT: On Monday, October 20, 2025, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will begin work on Phase III of the Memorial Drive Greenway improvements in the City of Cambridge. Work will take place from the Eliot Bridge to the Anderson Bridge and is expected to be ongoing for approximately two years. As part of the work beginning the week of October 20, the parking lane along the north side of Memorial Drive will be permanently eliminated. While the work is ongoing, DCR will close various sections of Memorial Drive in the project area.

The project includes numerous parkway and parkland improvements that will provide a safer experience for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles that travel through this segment of Memorial Drive and the Charles River Reservation. The project includes a lane reduction to this existing parkway cross section from four lanes to two lanes, as well as new traffic and pedestrian signals, new historically appropriate ornamental light poles and improvements to the existing stormwater system. The project will expand the parkland with new trees; a wider, 11-foot multi-use path; a new 5-foot pedestrian only path; 56 new native tree plantings; native shrub plantings and 24 new London Plane tree plantings. Overall, the project will make major safety improvements to enhance connectivity and public access to the Charles River Reservation.

For more information on the project and construction updates visit the Memorial Drive Greenway Improvements, Phase III [webpage](#).

WHERE: Memorial Drive between the Eliot Bridge and the Anderson Bridge in the City of Cambridge

WHEN: Monday, October 20, 2025 – Fall 2027

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