Project Advisory

Eliot Bridge Preservation Project

Barge Relocation from Cambridge-side Arch to Center Arch

What is Happening?

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and their Contractor will be relocating the construction barge from the Cambridge-side arch to the center arch on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. This relocation adheres to the planned repairs of the center arch. The construction barge will be in the center arch until further notice. Please follow the directions of the marine details and proceed with caution. Please note that all operations and dates are subject to change. We will do our best to provide timely updates.



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How Will This Affect You?

The relocation of the construction barge will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, and take several hours to safely complete. During this time, the center and Cambridge-side arches may be closed simultaneously and only when necessary. The Boston-side arch will remain open to marine traffic. Once the turbidity booms, buoys, and channel markers have been repositioned for work in the center arch, the barge will be pushed into place. The center arch will be closed to marine traffic until further notice. At this time, the Cambridge-side arch will reopen, allowing marine traffic in both the Boston-side and Cambridge-side arches. Please proceed with caution and follow the directions of all marine details.

As a reminder, channel markers and buoys will be positioned in the waterway leading up to the bridge in both directions to warn and guide boaters. The work zone under the center arch and storage areas will be lined with channel markers and buoys.

Travel Tips

Please take care to pay attention to all traffic control devices. Miscellaneous work may take place outside of the established work zones and will be scheduled for nighttime hours to minimize waterway traffic impacts to the greatest extent possible. The work zone and storage areas will remain in the river for the duration of this operation.

How Can I Find More Information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

Project website https://www.mass.gov/eliot-bridge-preservation

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