

Project Advisory

Eliot Bridge Preservation Project

Barge Relocation from Boston-side Arch to Cambridge-side Arch

What is Happening?

MassDOT and their Contractor will be relocating the construction barge from the Boston-side arch to the Cambridge-side arch on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. This relocation is in adherence to the planned repairs of the Cambridge-side arch. The construction barge will be in the Cambridge-side 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 commence on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. and take several hours to safely complete. During this time, the Boston-side and Cambridge-side arches may be closed simultaneously and only when necessary. The center arch will remain open to marine traffic. A request for an additional marine detail has been submitted and, if available, will be on site; at a minimum there will be a detail in the water. Once the turbidity booms, buoys, and channel markers have been repositioned for work in the Cambridge-side arch, the barge will be pushed into place. The Cambridge-side arch will be closed to marine traffic until further notice. At this time, the Boston-side arch will reopen, allowing marine traffic in both the Boston-side and center 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 Cambridge-side 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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