

ELIOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT

Frequently Asked Questions

This document provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding MassDOT's Eliot Bridge Preservation Project. These answers were provided by MassDOT and the Contractor to proactively address the concerns of the Charles River boating community. If you have a concern that is not addressed by these answers, please visit the project website: <https://www.mass.gov/eliot-bridge-preservation> or email the project team: eliotbridgepreservation@dot.state.ma.us

What is the scope of the Eliot Bridge Preservation Project?

This preservation project entails the following maintenance and repair work: resetting the brick veneer and granite caps, repairs to the bridge deck and truss, widening sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, bridge joint replacement, milling and paving, replacing the median barrier and installing decorative streetlights.

How will marine traffic be managed during construction?

Management of marine traffic will follow the navigation plan that is approved by the Coast Guard. A comprehensive navigation plan was developed by the Contractor and will be submitted to the Coast Guard for approval. MassDOT anticipates that the navigation plan will be approved by spring of 2025.

The boating community is advised to sign up for email updates and advisories. To subscribe to receive updates, go to the project website <https://www.mass.gov/eliot-bridge-preservation>. At the bottom of the page, under Contact Information, follow the link to [sign up for project updates](#).

How will pedestrian traffic be managed during construction?

Impacts to the sidewalk on Eliot Bridge will begin in Phase 2A which is scheduled to take place in the Spring of 2025. Pedestrian access will be maintained along one side of the bridge and will entail a detour route through the existing underpass.

Will lighting be installed below Eliot Bridge?

The purpose of this project is to preserve the Eliot Bridge. The scope is limited to maintenance and repairs to restore the existing bridge and extend its lifespan for another 10 to 20 years. As there is currently no lighting below the Eliot Bridge, the scope does not include installing lighting.

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Will the Contractor utilize lights and buoys during construction in the Charles River?

The use of lights and buoys during construction will be determined by the Coast Guard. The barge used for construction will be blocked off with buoys and will be staged underneath the arch being worked on.

How will we know when the Contractor is closing a bridge arch?

Advance notice of bridge arch closures and other major impacts will be posted to the project website and sent to project email subscribers. To subscribe to receive updates, go to the project website <https://www.mass.gov/eliot-bridge-preservation>. At the bottom of the page, under Contact Information, follow the link to [sign up for project updates](#).

How can I find out more?

Please visit the project website below for more details, to sign up for email updates and advisories, and to view the latest resources on the Eliot Bridge Preservation Project.

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