



GREEN LINE EXTENSION PROJECT



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GLX Community Working Group
Monthly Meeting #46
September 7, 2021

Agenda - Meeting #46

Welcome & Safety Moment **GLX Transition to Revenue Service**

- Terry McCarthy, MBTA – GLX Deputy Program Director, Stakeholder Engagement

Construction Update

- Jeff Wagner, GLXC Public Involvement Manager

Q & A

- All



Welcome & Safety Moment



School Safety

- Terry McCarthy, GLX Deputy Program Manager, Stakeholder Engagement

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National Safety Council*



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1. Safety Moment

Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road - National Safety Council (NSC) tips Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

- According NSC, most student in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old. Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn.
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians



1. Safety Moment (2)

Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road (National Safety Council tips)

Sharing the Road with School Buses

- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Allow a greater following distance when following a bus.
- It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks





MBTA / GLX Transition to Revenue Service

- Terry McCarthy, GLX Deputy Program Manager, Stakeholder Engagement



GLX Transition to Revenue Service

GLX Rail Activation Planning includes transitioning communication channels between the public and the project to the MBTA

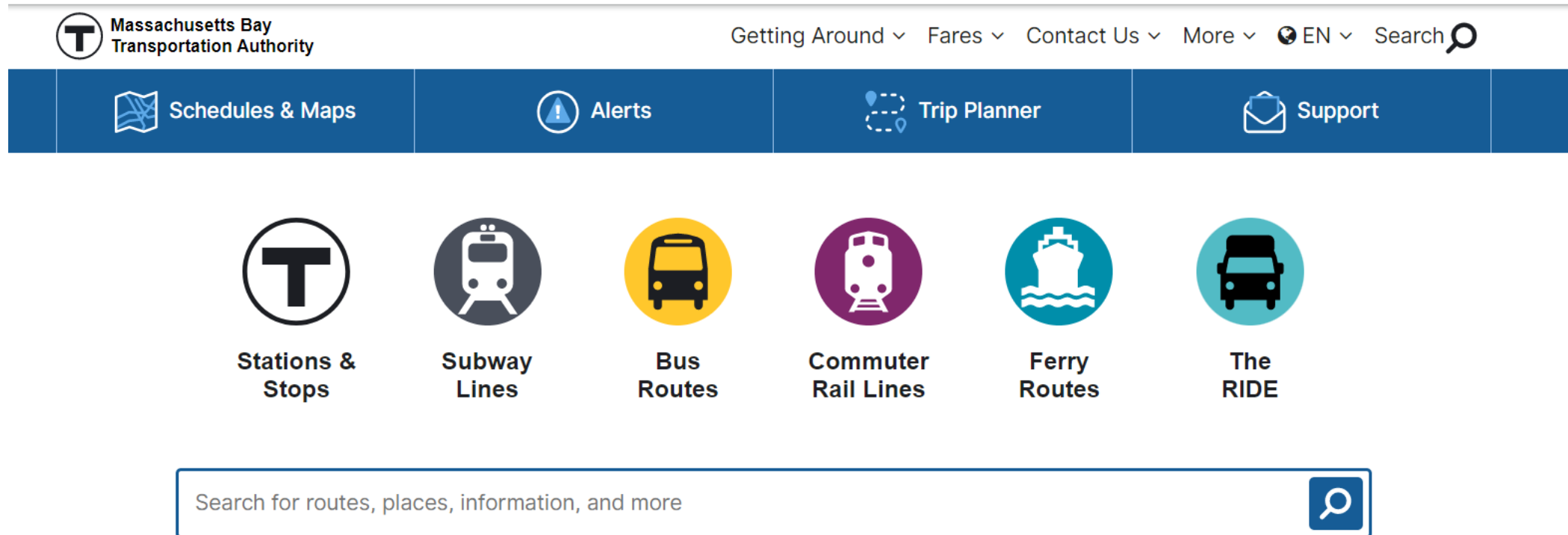
➤ **Important to note:**

- Heavy civil construction is expected to be substantially complete by early winter
- Catenary, signal work, training, testing, and commissioning are not generally high-impact activities



GLX Transition to Revenue Service (2)

Navigating MBTA communication channels:



GLX Transition to Revenue Service (3)

GLX email, info@glxinfo.com will remain in service and staffed until Revenue Service is achieved on both the Union and Medford Branches:

- The GLX Hotline (1-855-GLX-INFO) will transition to the following MBTA channels later this year (2021)



GLX Transition to Revenue Service (4)

MBTA Emergency Contacts and Alerts Listed on Website

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Getting Around ▾ Fares ▾ **Contact Us** ▴ More ▾ EN ▾ Search 🔍

Customer Support 617-222-3200 TTY 617-222-5146 Monday — Friday: 6:30A until 8:00P Saturday — Sunday: 8:00A until 4:00P Send us your comments or questions View all contact numbers	Transit Police Emergency: 617-222-1212 TTY: 617-222-1200 Contact the Transit Police See Something, Say Something	Service Updates Receive notifications of MBTA service alerts by e-mail or text message (SMS). About T-Alerts Sign Up for T-Alerts @MBTA Twitter Updates
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GLX Transition to Revenue Service (5)

MBTA Customer Support Tickets

Email Us

You can expect a response to most tickets within 5 business days. Accessibility complaints require a full investigation, which may take up to 30 days.

All fields with an asterisk* are required.

Message

Category*

- ☐ Complaint
- ☐ Comment
- ☐ Question
- ☐ Compliment

Let us know how we can help*

If applicable, please make sure to include the time and date of the incident, the route, and the vehicle number.

3000 characters maximum

Time/Date of incident

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Friday, September 03, 2021

Additional Details (optional)

Adding more details helps us more effectively respond to your concerns.

Mode

Select

Upload photo

☐ I do not want a response from the Customer Support Team.

Contact Info

First Name*

Jane

Last Name*

Smith

Email*

janesmith@email.com

If you'd like us to give you a call, please give us the best number where we can reach you.

Phone number

(555)-555-5555

☐ I have read and agree to the [Privacy Policy](#)

☐ I would like to receive email updates on new MBTA services and promotions

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GLXC Construction Update

➤ Jeff Wagner, GLX Public Involvement Manager



Safety – Human Machine Interface

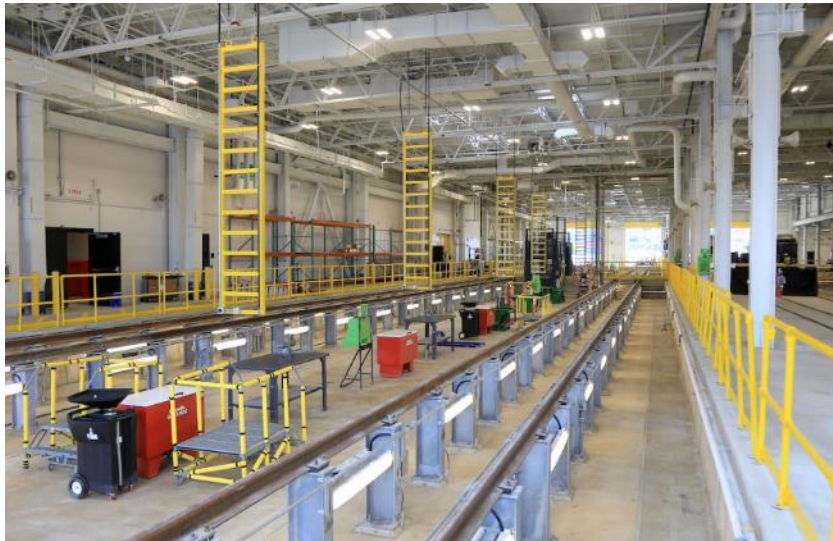
- Human Machine Interface awareness for specific tasks must be addressed pre-job briefings
- Establish traffic patterns which minimize to the greatest degree possible interaction between foot traffic & heavy equipment
- Instruct all subcontractor trucks and delivery personnel that reversing must be done with a spotter when maneuvering through congested/confined work areas
- Spotters & ground guides shall be used in the vicinity of foot traffic
- Delineate your work area whenever practical
- Address Human Machine Interface and construction traffic in all work planning
- Watch out for each other!



Construction Highlights – Vehicle Maintenance Facility



- Vehicle Maintenance Facility has been handed over to MBTA Operations

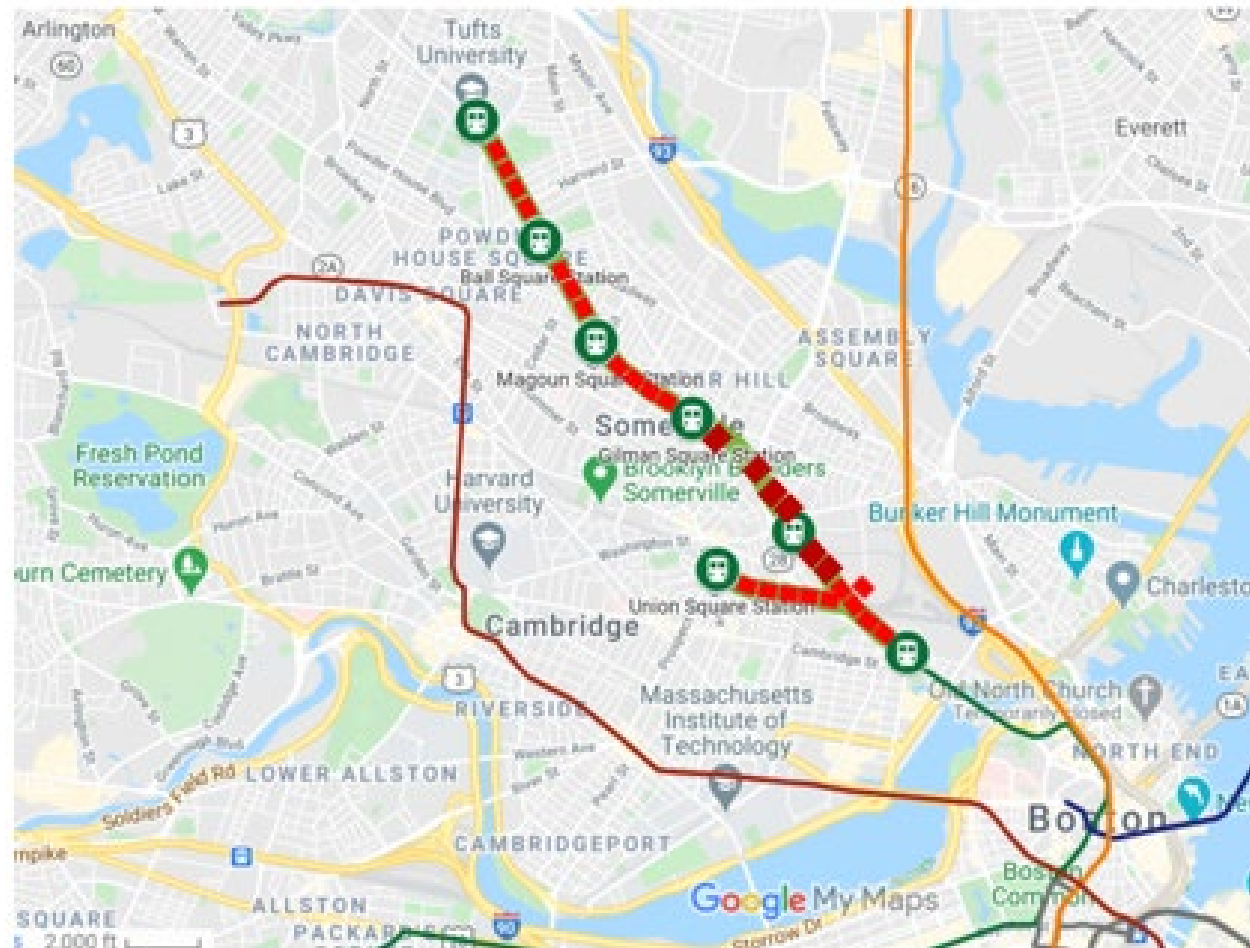


Construction Highlights – Light Rail Track Placement



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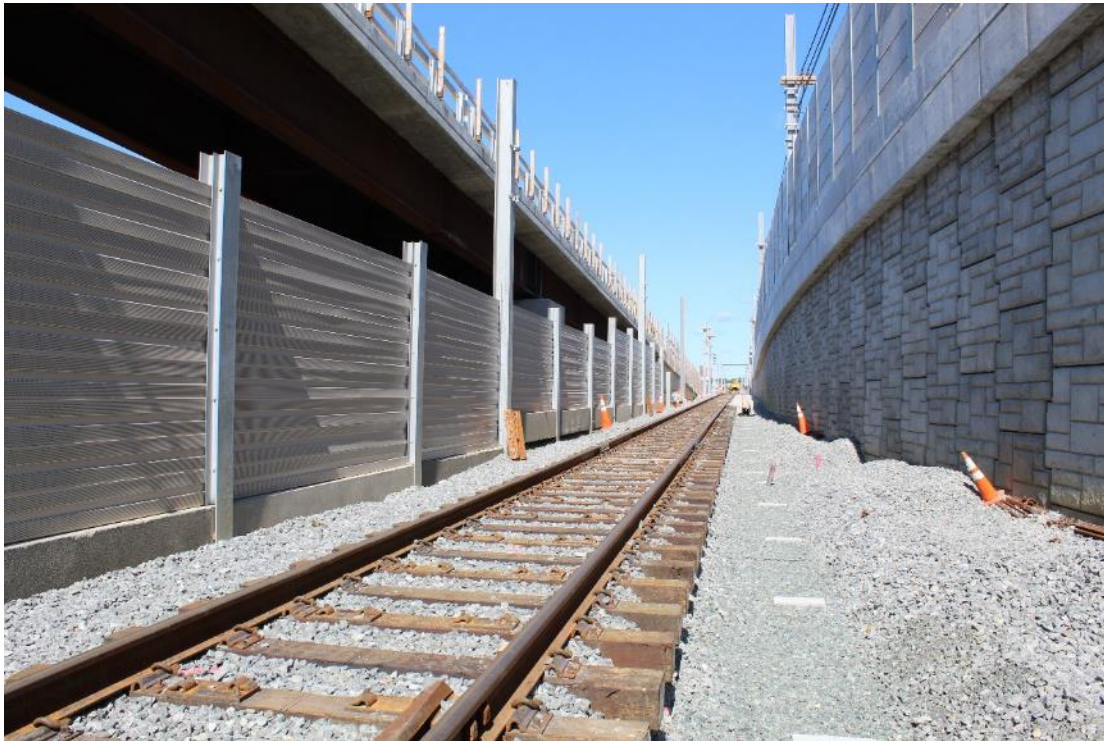
- Track work progressing especially in yard leads to Vehicle Maintenance Facility (VMF)
- Single line gaps remain at Magoun Square & Ball Square Stations and at Medford/Tufts Station (both tracks)



Construction Highlights – Light Rail Track Placement con't



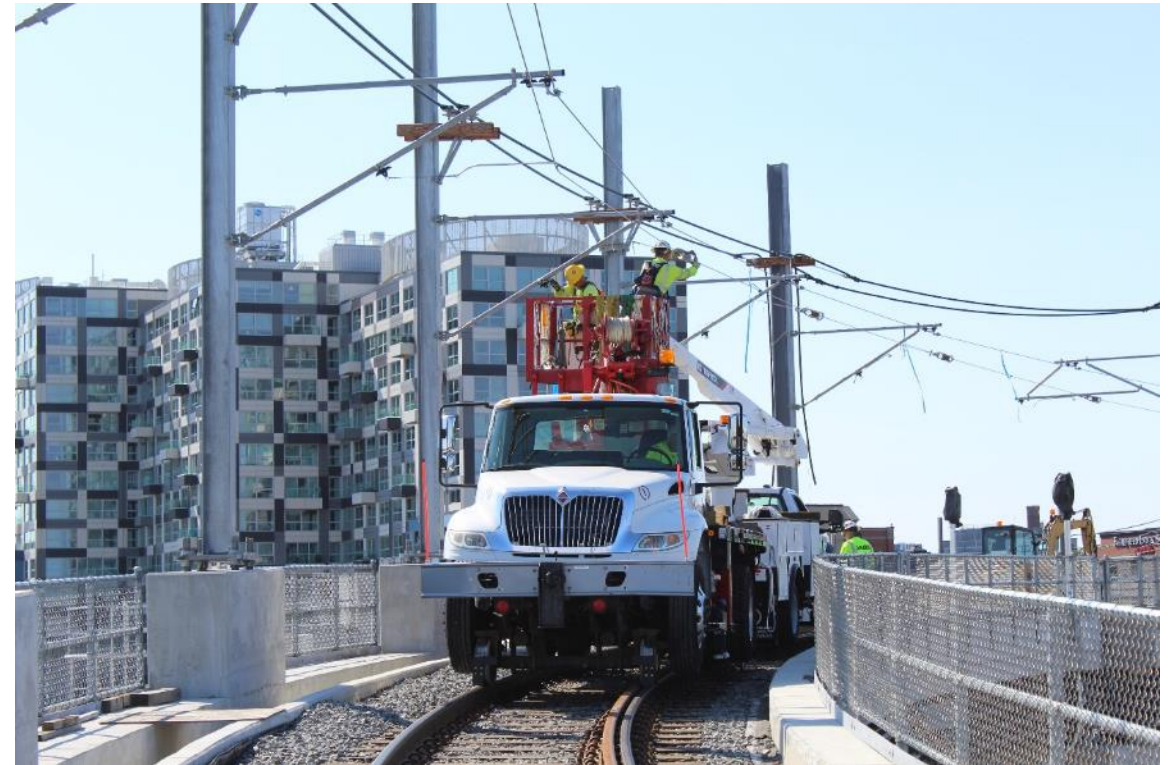
- Track work has been focused on lines leading into the VMF



Construction Highlights – Systems Installation



- Crews have catenary wire adjusted to final height on Branch 1
- Cable placement on Branch 2 along the viaduct is progressing



Construction Highlights – Red Bridge TPSS



- Getting power to the Union Square Branch of the system including the Traction Power Substation is a priority in order to start testing



Construction Highlights – Union Square Station



- System & Electrical work is active throughout the station area



Construction Highlights – Lechmere Station



- Electrical & systems work continues at viaduct level
- At street level structural steel painting, substructure finishing/cleaning & detail work continues



Construction Highlights – Lechmere Station con't



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Construction Highlights – East Somerville Station



- Work on the station platform continues
- Bike storage building is taking shape as is Community Path



Construction Highlights – Gilman Square Station



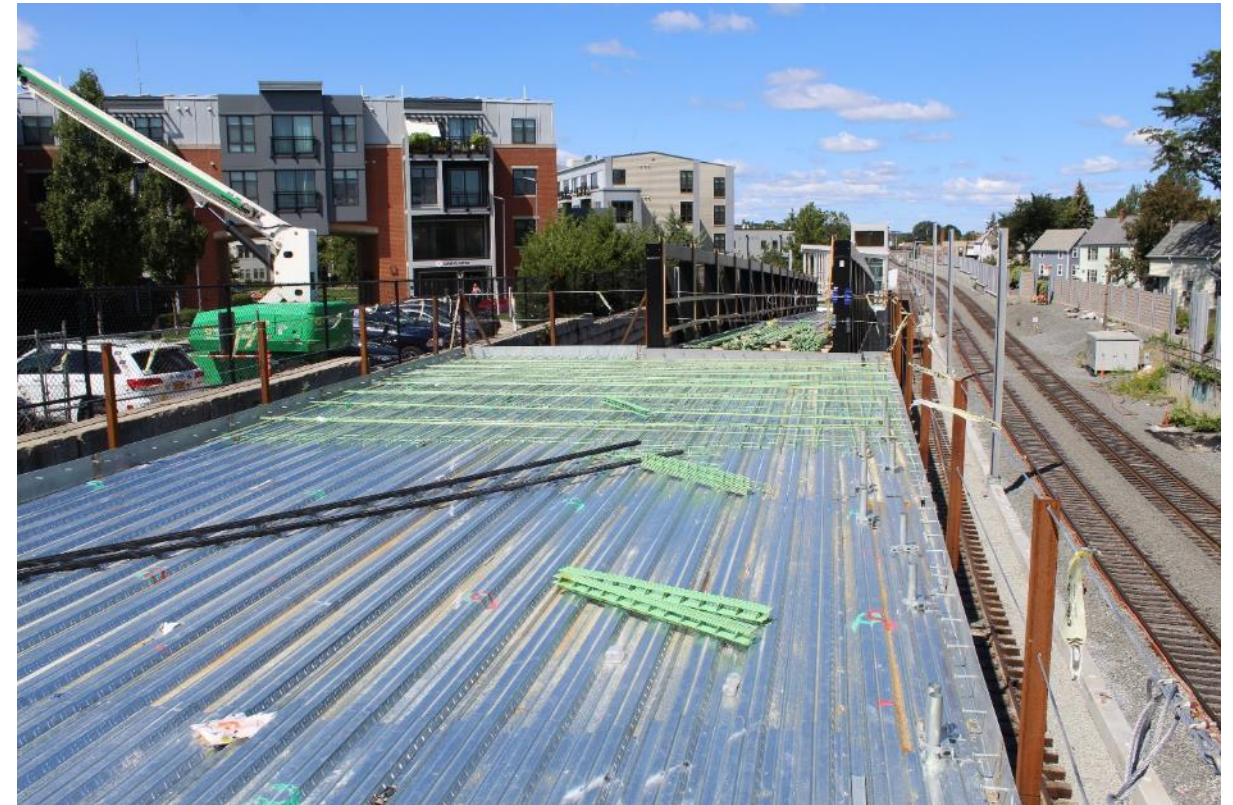
- Work is active throughout the Gilman Square Station including on the elevated platforms and at track level



Construction Highlights – Magoun Square Station



- Inbound light-rail track remains to be placed at the station
- Expecting to pour concrete for the elevated platform from Lowell St. later this month



Construction Highlights – Ball Square Station



- Structural, systems and electrical work continues across the Ball Square Station footprint.
- Noise wall panel placement continues between Newbern & Granville Ave



Construction Highlights – Medford/Tufts Station



- Getting track placed in this area is a priority
- Work is active at all levels of the station and at the pedestrian bridge



Construction Highlights – Washington St.



- Painting will wrap up this month at Washington St.
- Additional work on the south sidewalk is needed before opening to pedestrians



Construction Highlights – Medford St. Bridge



- Work is advancing on the bridge deck, sidewalks, parapets and abutment



Construction Highlights – School St. Bridge



- School St. Bridge sidewalk opened Aug. 24.
- Working to get bridge open to traffic as soon as possible



Construction Highlights – Community Path



- Neighbors can clearly see where the Community Path positioned from Lowell St. south
- In Cambridge near Water St. the Path is established along Morgan Ave. next to Zinc Apartments



Outreach – Hotline Responses

- 1,993 inquiries thru Hotline, e-mail or direct contact with outreach staff project to date. 49 contacts received in August.
- 1,918 actions closed out to date





Q & A

