

Highway Administrator's Report

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Sumner Tunnel Project

**ARE YOU
PREPARED?**



Sumner Tunnel Project

First Full Closure:
July 5 – August 31

Plan your commute:
Mass.gov/Sumner-Tunnel

Project Hotline:
Sumner100@dot.state.ma.us

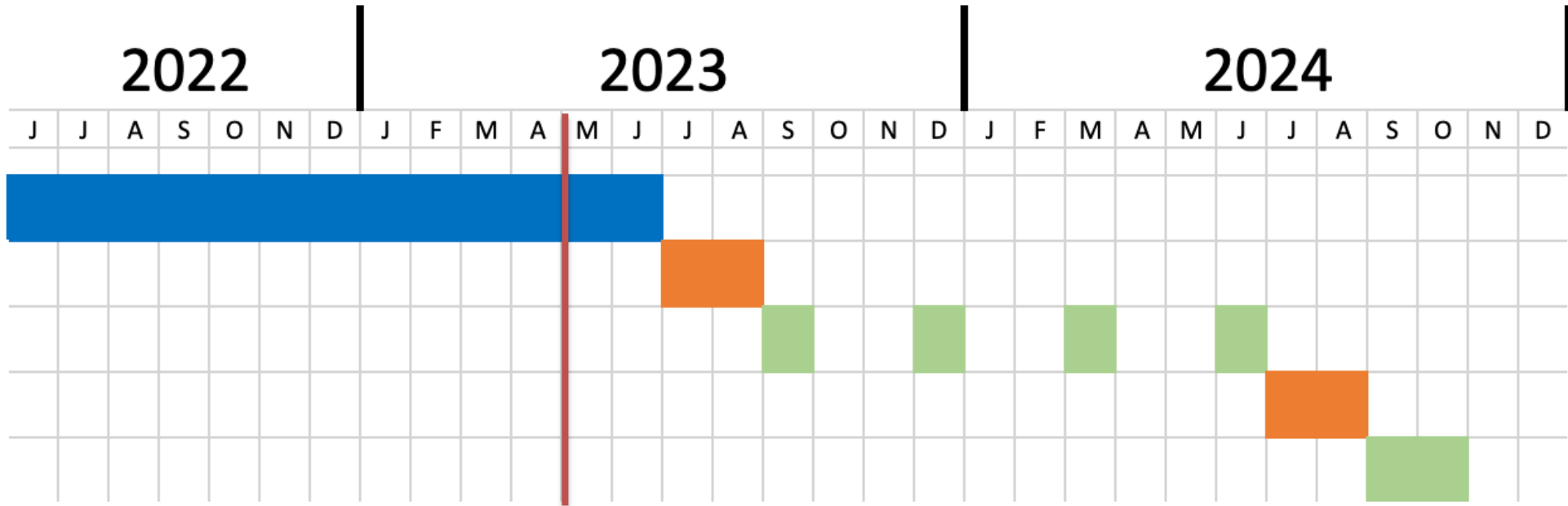
Project Email:
[\(508\) 510-2920](tel:5085102920)

**Use your phone
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code to the right
to sign up for
Sumner Tunnel
Project Updates.**



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Tunnel Shutdown – Two Seasons



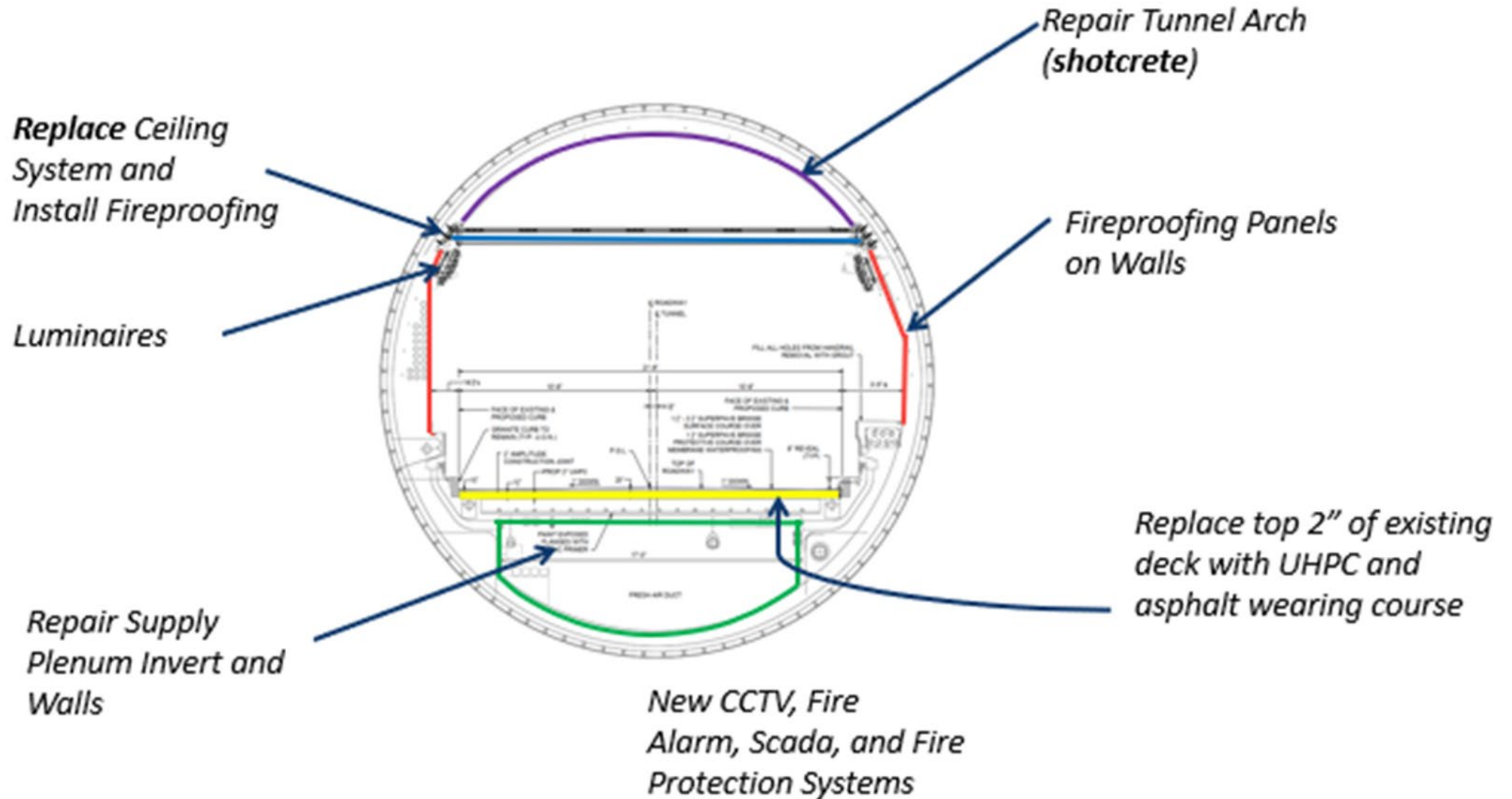
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Condition of Tunnel

Spalled concrete, corroded rebar, and rusted support beams



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Mitigation Strategies



Ongoing community engagement



Safety:

Contingency plans and ongoing coordination with Boston Fire, Police, Emergency Services, and Hospitals



Real time and on the ground traffic monitoring and detour modification when needed



Two-way communication with the public via dedicated project email and hotline



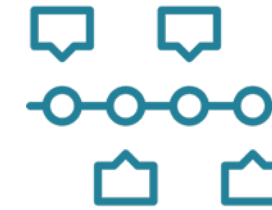
Coordination with the MBTA to ensure public transit options



Ferry service from East Boston for duration of project



Coordination with GPS companies



Updating the public throughout the project timeline

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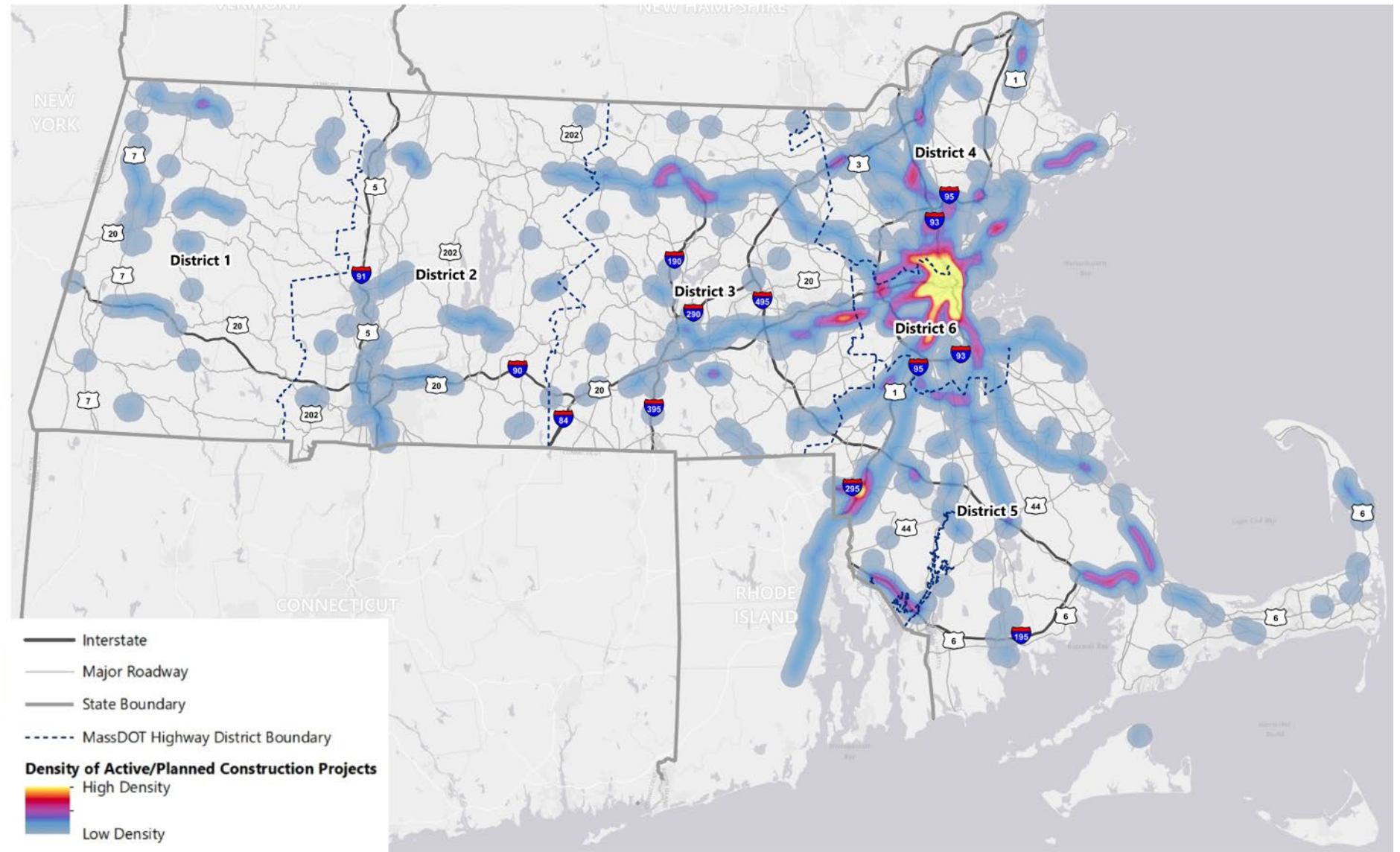
- Remode on Transit
 - Free Ferry From East Boston
 - Free monthly MBTA pass for July and August for those registered in the East Boston Resident Discount Program and certain residents of Revere and Winthrop
 - Zone 1A fares for Salem and Swampscott inbound and outbound CR
 - Reduced price for MBTA parking at BL Wonderland station, down to \$2/day
 - Additional parking near Wood island MBTA Station
 - Open South Boston I-90 EB emergency ramp for SL1 buses
- If You Have To Drive
 - Discounted tolls in the Ted Williams Tunnel and the Tobin Bridge for those registered in the Toll Discount Program
 - Optimizing signal timing and installing RTTM

Major Projects

2023 Statewide Projects with Impacts Project Density Heat Map

- 450 Projects

Project Type	Number	Percent of Total
Roadway	263	58%
Bridge	100	22%
Transit	52	12%
Ped/Bike	18	4%
Utilities	17	4%
Owner/Proponent	Number	Percent of Total
MassDOT Highway	360	80%
MBTA	48	11%
Other	42	9%



Major Projects

Route 79 / Davol Street – Fall River



Current Work:

\$115M project to remove the viaduct and reconfigure the Rt. 79 Interchange, reconnect neighborhoods, and provide multi-modal accommodations to improve overall mobility and enable economic development opportunities.

Route 79 has been closed permanently and all traffic has been shifted to Davol Street

Spring Cleaning

Litter Pickup has started and will continue throughout the Summer and Fall, utilizing:

- In-house labor forces
- Contractor Services
- Inmate Crews, when available
- Coordination with volunteer organizations
- Adopt-A-Highway
- Messaging Campaign

Earth Day 2023

- Clean-up events in all 6 Districts
- Around 100 volunteers at over a dozen locations

Litter crews will continue to work throughout the summer and fall

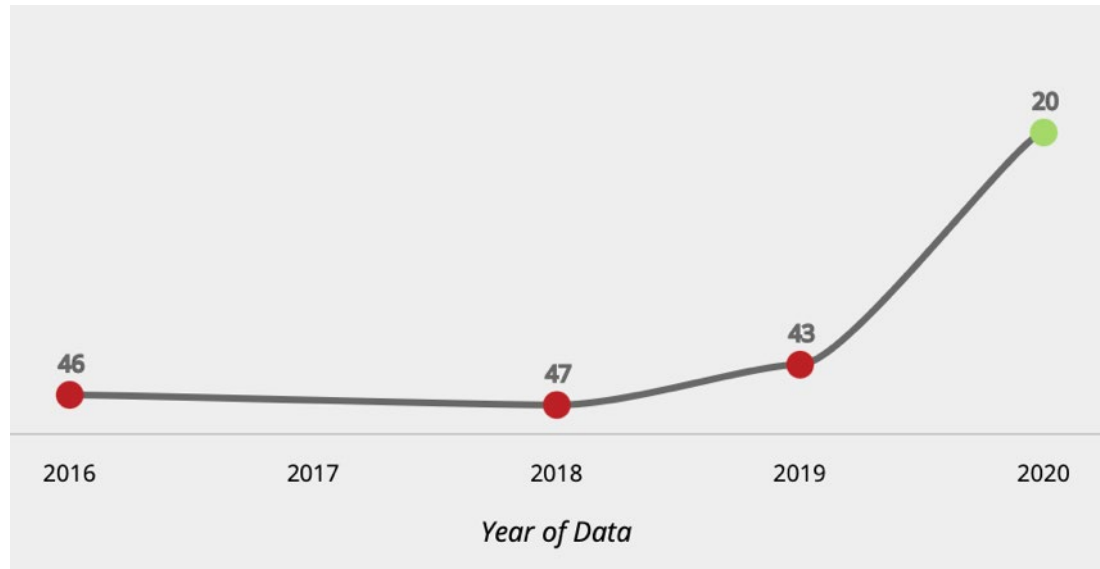


Workzone Safety

Go Orange Day



Process Improvements



“Massachusetts highway system ranks 20th in the nation in overall cost-effectiveness and condition. This is a 23-spot improvement from the previous report, where Massachusetts ranked 43rd.”