

Highway Administrator's Report

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Modified At-Grade Option
(Looking East)

Details of Modified At-Grade – Benefits

- Removing elevated bridge structure to allow for an improved gateway into the city
- Improving I-90 geometry with flatter and straighter alignment
- Mitigating longer-term maintenance and life-cycle costs
- Replacing the Grand Junction Bridge (GJR) over Soldiers Field Road
- Eliminating the visual barrier of the elevated viaduct and providing enhanced neighborhood views
- Providing a fully separated and widened PDW Path for pedestrians and bicycles
- Incorporating a boardwalk in the Charles River resulting in improved views
- Allowing for an attractive and highly desired pedestrian/bicycle connection from Agganis Way to Charles River
- Public support and consensus of local elected officials, various stakeholders and advocates, and residents

Next Steps - Permitting

- **Coordination with Regulatory Agencies**
 - MassDOT will continue to coordinate with FHWA and other federal and state agencies with jurisdiction or special expertise with respect to potential impacts or effects associated with the Project
- **Notice of Project Change**
 - Incorporate updated design refinements and provide a preliminary overview of potential impacts since the 2017 DEIR
 - Respond to agency and public comments received on the 2017 DEIR
 - Expected to be published for public comment by the end of 2021
- **Advancement of DEIS/SDEIR**
 - Evaluate each alternative and describe potential mitigation for unavoidable adverse impacts
 - Respond to the scope from the Secretary's Certificate
 - Respond to agency and public comments received on the NPC
 - MassDOT will work closely with FHWA and MEPA while developing this joint document

Next Steps – Finance Strategy

- Federal Discretionary Funding
- Federal Formula Funding
 - Not impacting current program
- Value Sharing From Key Stakeholders (City of Boston and Abutting Universities)
- Metropolitan Highway System
 - No toll increase on I-90
- Mitigation and add-ons responsibility

ACEC Awards – 2020 and 2021



2020

Bronze Award

- Faunce Corner Road Reconstruction – Dartmouth
- Casey Arborway – Boston

Silver Award

- Woods Memorial Bridge – Everett/Medford
- Fanny Appleton Ped Bridge – Boston
- Route 2 Bridge Replacement - Lexington

2021

Bronze Award

- Morton/Gallivan Intersection – Boston
- Dorothy Pond Dredging - Millbury

Silver Award

- Route 146 Interchange – Millbury

Gold Award

- Kelley Square - Worcester

2020 Grand Conceptor:

I-95/I-93 (Route 128) Bridge Project – Wellesley/Needham



Mike McGrath

- 26 Years of service
- Most recently as
- Chief Construction Engineer
- Career Accomplishments:
 - Grew construction program from \$400M to over \$1B annually
 - Implemented Design/Build
 - Managed ARRA construction
 - Managed ABP
- Wishing Mike and his wife Alison many years of a happy retirement.

New MassDOT Travel Time Dashboard coming soon!

