

Highway Report

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Remembering David Sousa

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- David was a valued MassDOT employee for 14 years, working out of District 5
- Over 200 staff members and trucks from MassDOT attended David's memorial services
- Departments of Transportation from states across New England sent staff and trucks
- Numerous cities and towns, contractors, police, fire, and EMS attended in a show of solidarity



I-90/I-495 Project Update

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- A traffic pattern change went into effect on July 24th and will conclude in 2025
- Construction activity required the I-495 SB mainline traffic to shift into the median
- The crossover begins just north of the MBTA railroad bridge, extends over I-90, and concludes just prior to crossing the Fruit Street overpass of I-495
- Temporary ramp connections are provided to maintain all movements to and from I-495 SB and I-90
- Stage 1 of the project will wrap up soon. Stage 2 of the project is expected to last until May 2026, and involves completing the future southbound portion of I-495 and the two other ramps

Cape Cod Bridges Program

Funding

- USDOT recently awarded 993M Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant to MassDOT for the Sagamore Bridge Project.
- Other sources of funding for Sagamore Bridge Project include \$372M in MEGA (USDOT) funds, \$700M in State bond funds, and \$350m in USACE funds.
- MassDOT/USACE have secured funding to cover 100% of Sagamore Bridge Project (\$2.13B).

Schedule

- FHWA requires NEPA process to conclude within 2 years (Feb. 2024– Feb. 2026).
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement must be published by May 2025 to meet schedule.
- Continuation of robust public involvement and design development is required to meet NEPA schedule.
- USDOT requires BIP funding to be obligated by September 30, 2026.
- Due to escalation, every year of delay results in \$160M of cost increases.

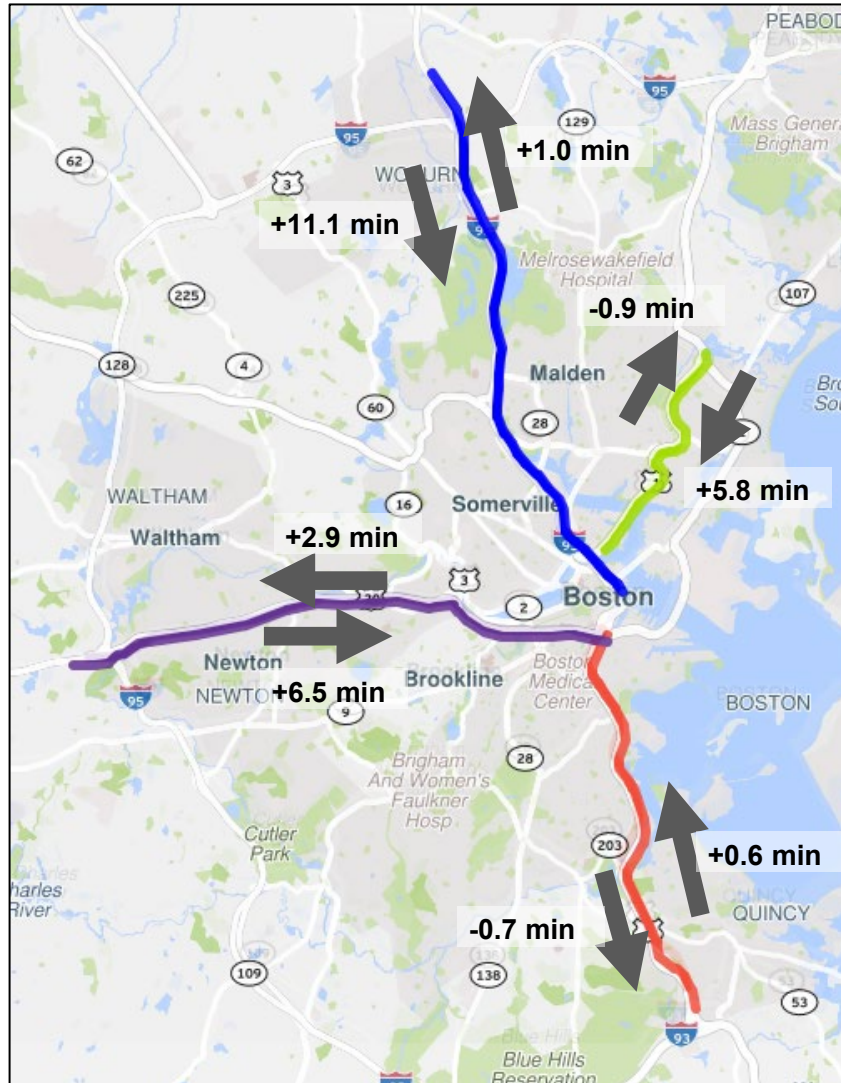
Design Agreement

- Critical need to continue design development due to funding requirements, regulatory timelines, and market conditions.
- Design agreement to be presented for Board approval at October meeting.

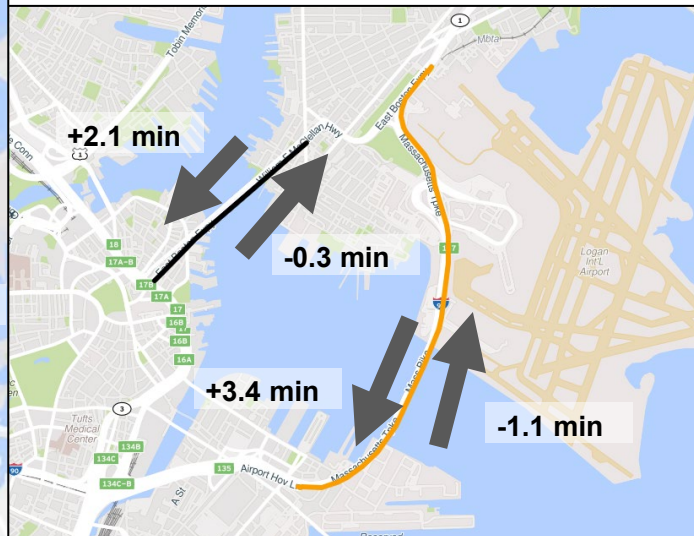
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Major Routes into Boston and Changes in Average Peak Hour Travel Times

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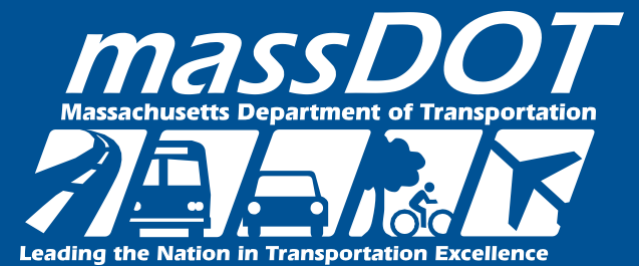


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- I-90 between I-95/128 and I-93
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Note: The numbers shown represent the travel time changes for the peak hour only

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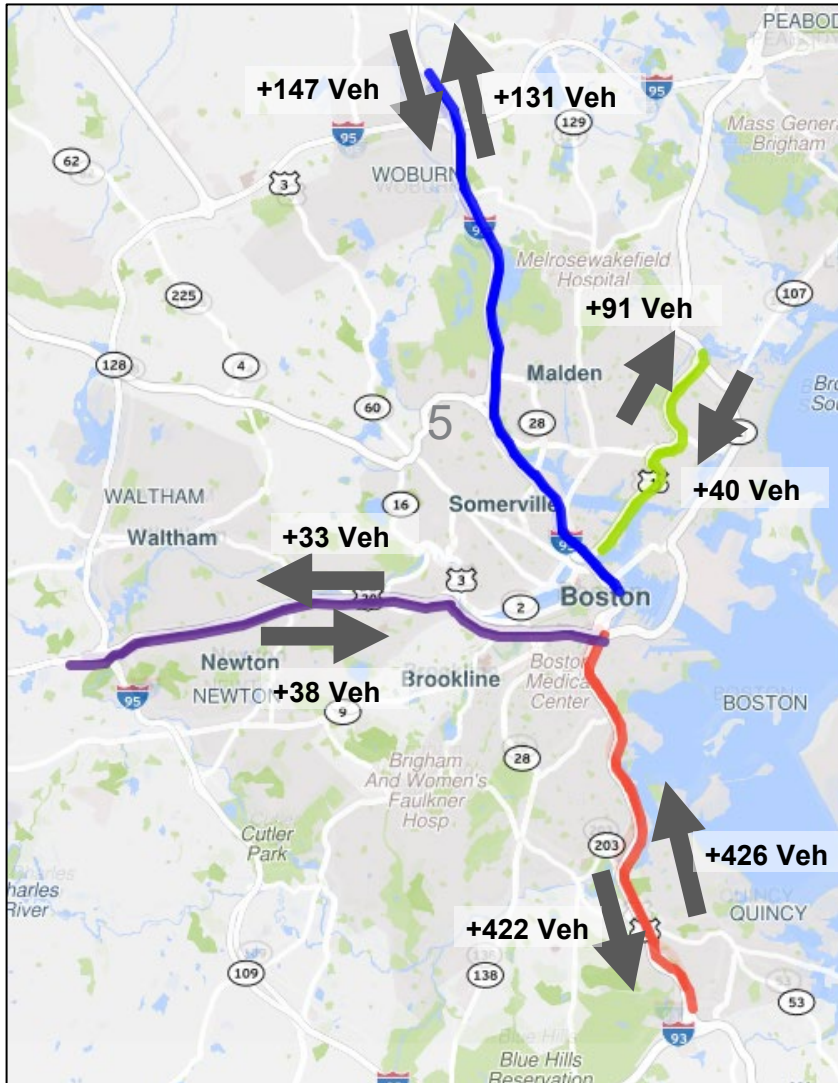


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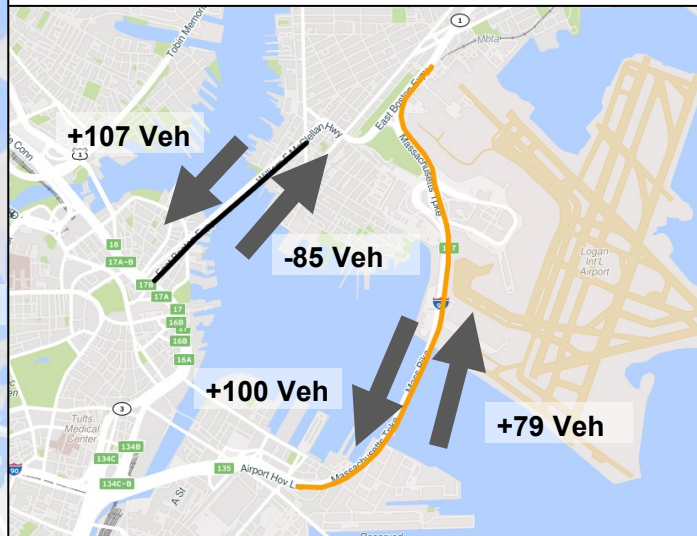
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Major Routes into Boston and Changes in Peak Hour Volumes

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