

Highway Report

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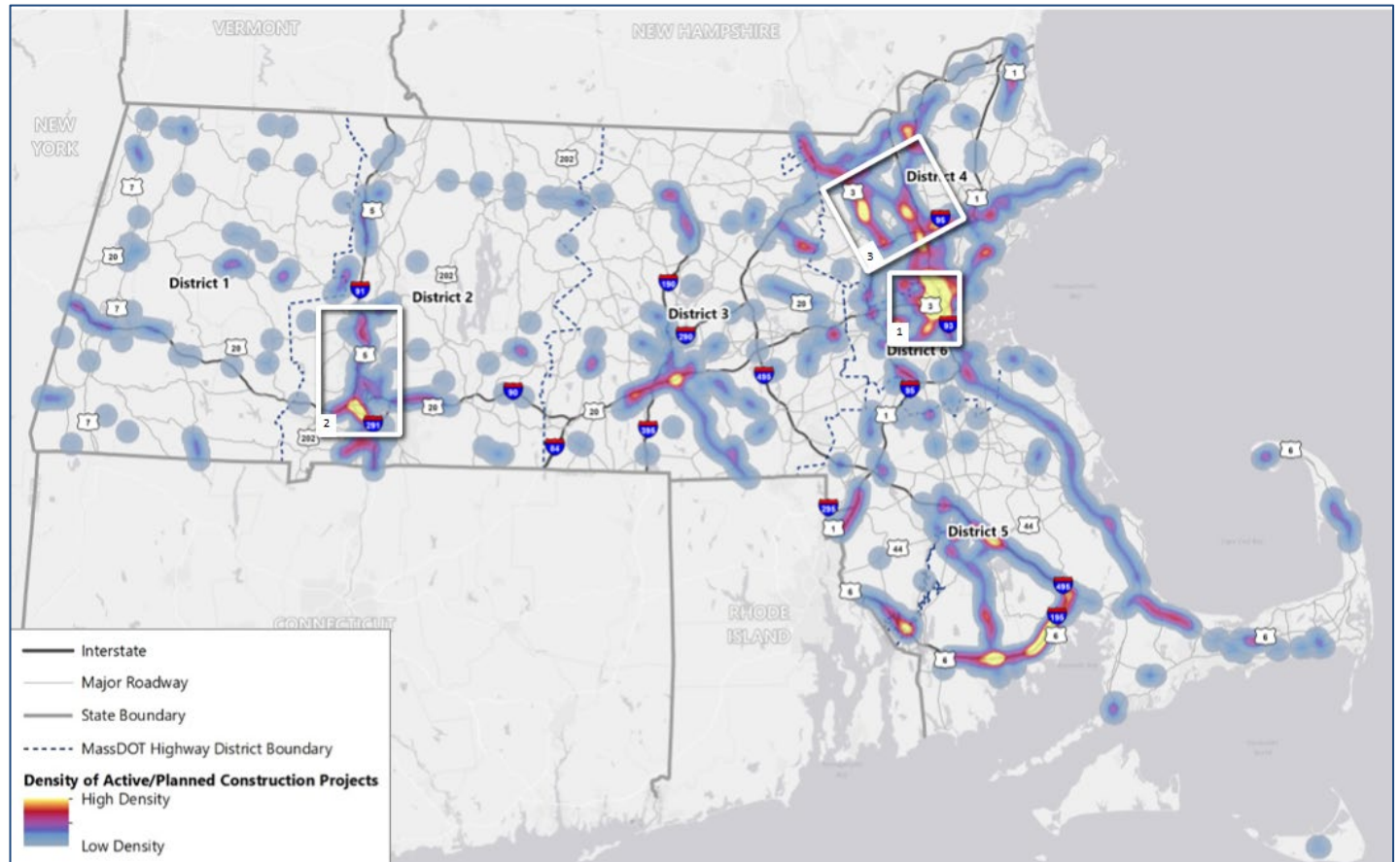
Construction Hotspots

2026 Statewide Projects with Impacts

483 Projects

Project Type	Number	Percent of Total
Roadway	272	56%
Bridge	169	35%
Transit	10	2%
Ped/Bike	20	4%
Utilities	12	3%

Owner	Number	Percent of Total
MassDOT Highway	430	89%
Other	53	11%



As of March 1, 2026

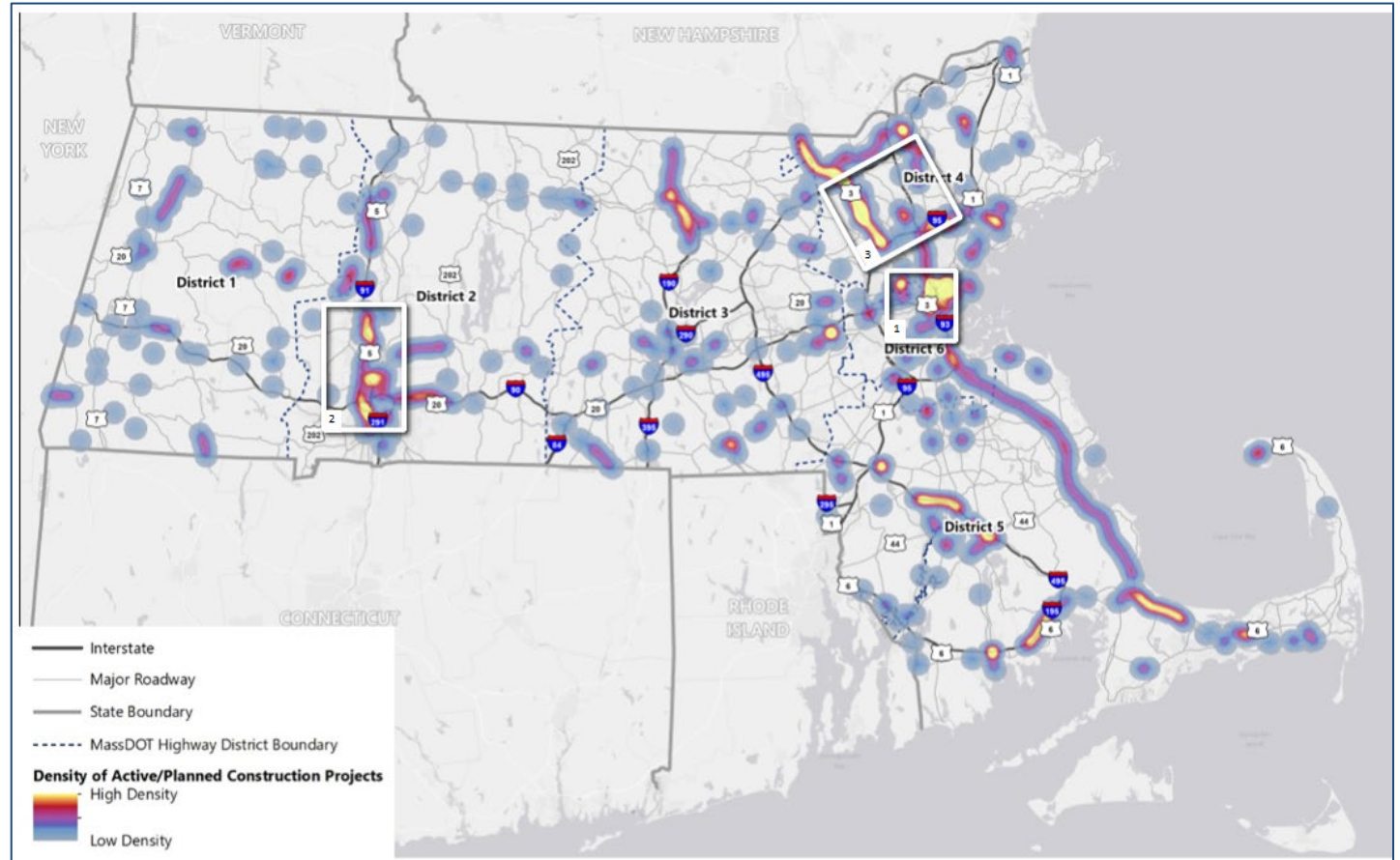
Construction Hotspots

2027 Statewide Projects with Impacts

354 Projects

Project Type	Number	Percent of Total
Roadway	182	51%
Bridge	152	43%
Ped/Bike	16	5%
Utilities	4	1%

Owner	Number	Percent of Total
MassDOT Highway	341	96%
Other	13	4%



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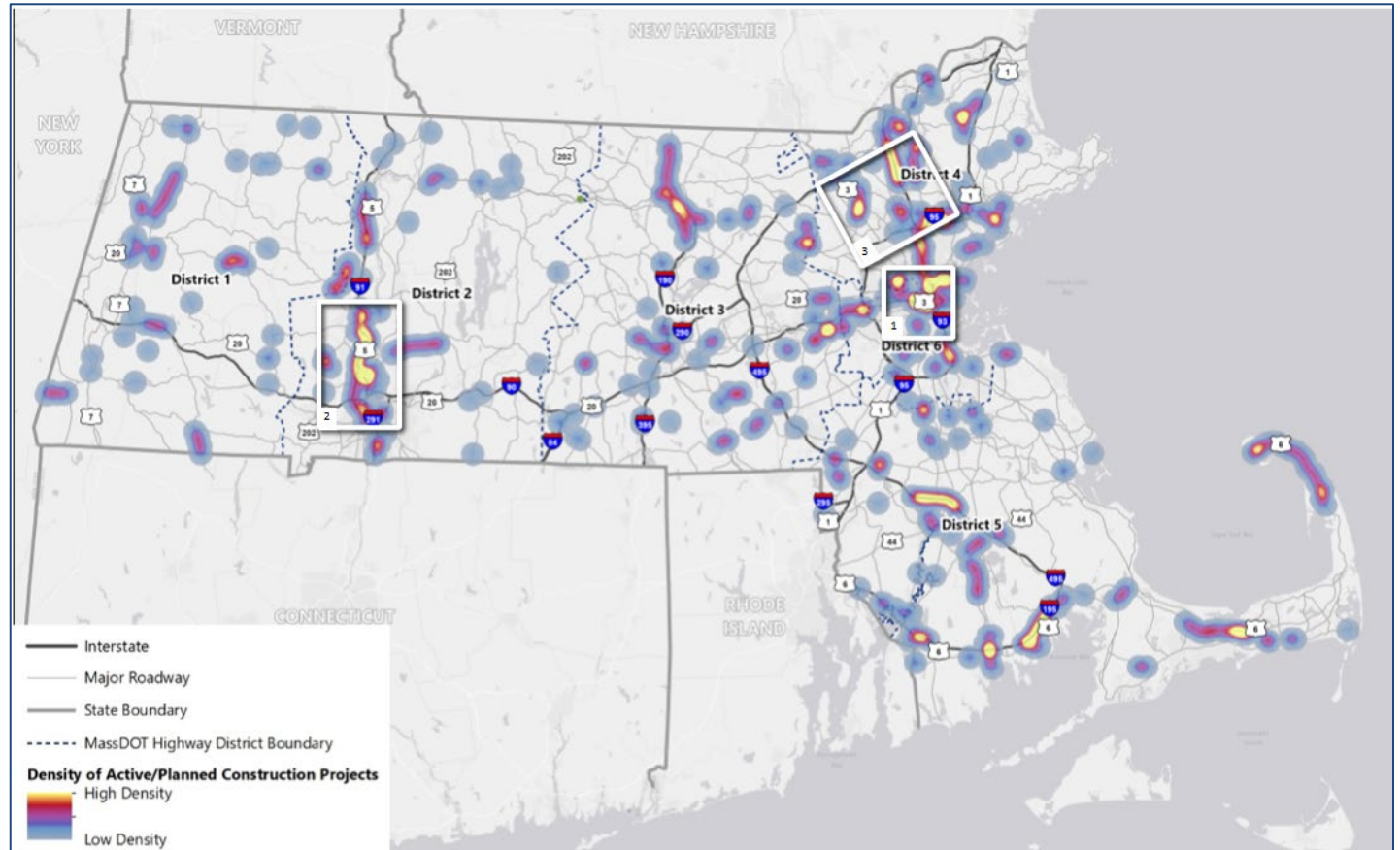
Construction Hotspots

2028 Statewide Projects with Impacts

296 Projects

Project Type	Number	Percent of Total
Roadway	159	53%
Bridge	120	41%
Ped/Bike	14	5%
Utilities	3	1%

Owner	Number	Percent of Total
MassDOT Highway	288	97%
Other	8	3%

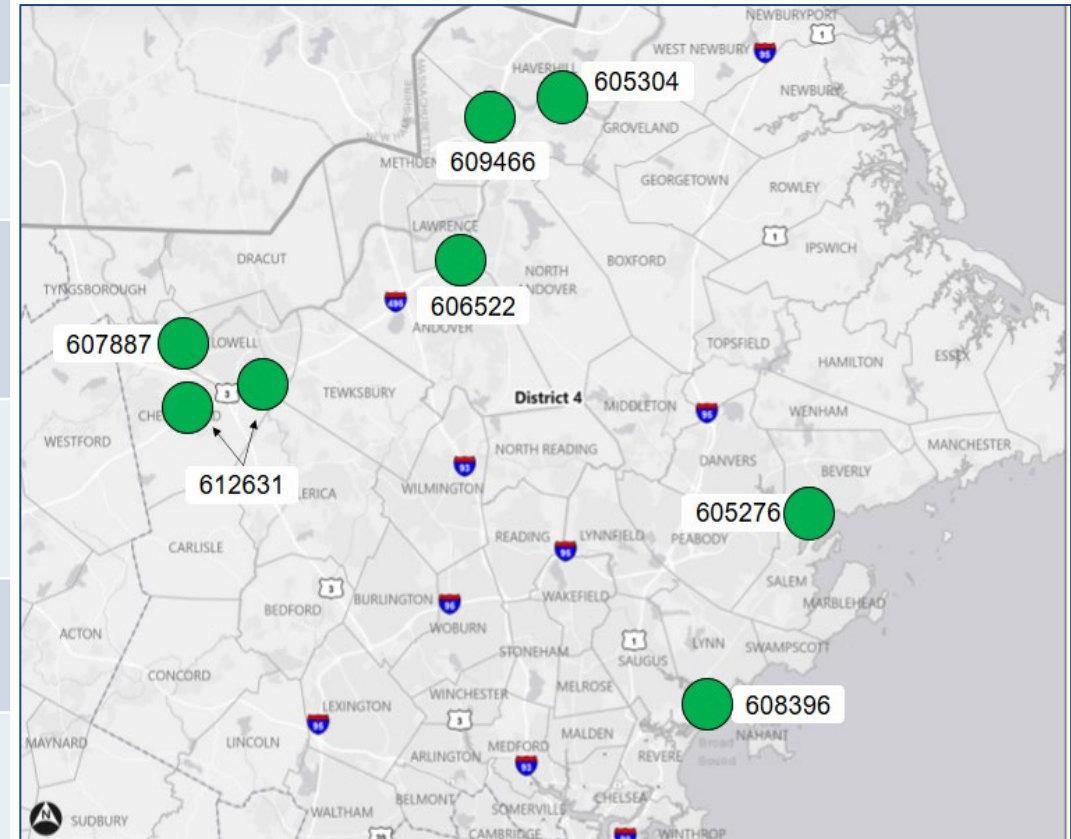


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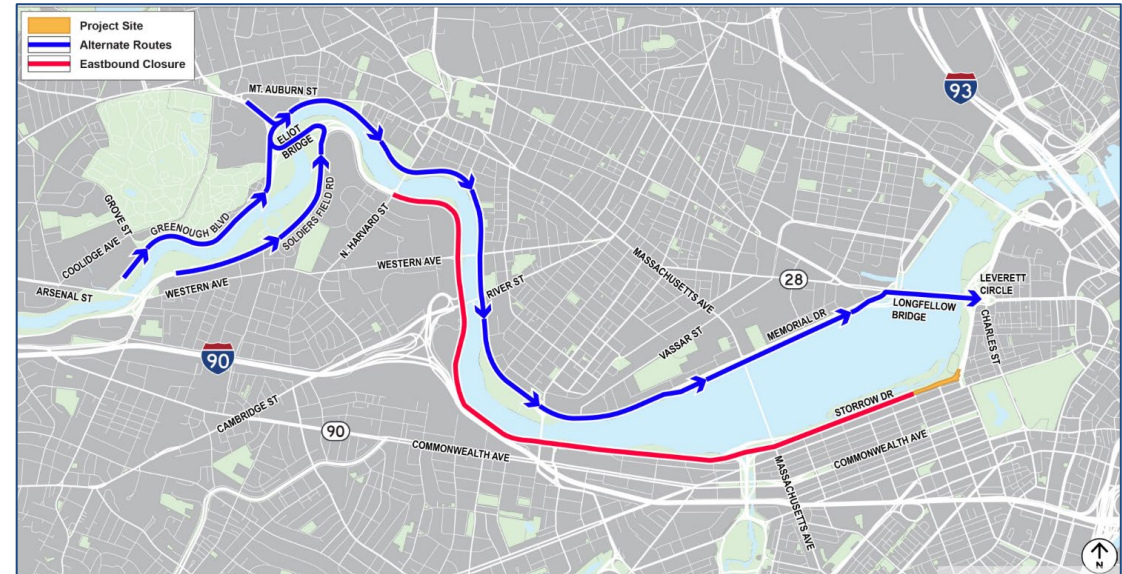
District 4 Design-Build Projects

Project	Construction
Andover (606522) – Bridge Rehabilitation, I-495 over Route 28 (SB), I-495 over B&M and MBTA, I-495 over Route 28 (NB)	2023–2027
Chelmsford (612631) – Bridge Replacement, Gorham Street (Route 3A) over I-495, and Replacement of Westford Street over I-495	2024–2028
Haverhill/Methuen (609466) – Bridge Replacement, Industrial Avenue over I-495, I-495 (NB & SB) over Merrimack River and Route 110	2025–2030
Lowell (607887) – Bridge Replacement, Rourke Bridge – Wood Street Extension over Boston and Maine Railroad and Merrimac River	2025–2030
Haverhill (605304) – Bridge Replacement, Bridge Street (Route 125) over the Merrimack River and the Abandoned B&M RR	2025–2032
Beverly/Salem (605276) – Drawbridge Replacement and Rehabilitation of Kernwood Avenue over Danvers River and Replacement of Bridge Street over Bass River	2028–2035
Lynn/Revere (608396) – Bridge Reconstruction, Route 1A over Saugus River	2028–2031



Storrow Drive Tunnel

- Phase I: nightly closures Sunday-Thursday, 8 p.m. – 5 a.m.
- Construction schedule will shift to minimize travel impacts for local events (TD Garden, Fenway, others)
- Schedule deliberately avoids conflicts with summer 2026
- Detour affects eastbound travel only



- Phase I: concrete ceiling repairs
- Phase II: expected fall 2026 for additional structural work
- Interim repairs will secure tunnel while replacement project initiated
- Built in 1950, extends 1,280 feet
- 58,000 vehicles per day
- Contractor: SPS New England

FAIR Bridge Program Update

District	Towns	Anticipate d Adv. Date	Anticipated Contract Notice to Proceed
1	ASHFIELD, CHARLEMONT, CLARKSBURG, HAWLEY	5/30/2026	SEPTEMBER
1	CHESTERFIELD, HINSDALE, MIDDLEFIELD, PITTSFIELD, SANDISFIELD	5/30/2026	SEPTEMBER
2	GILL, NORTHFIELD, ROYALSTON, WINCHENDON	6/27/2026	OCTOBER
2	BELCHERTOWN, HAMPDEN, MONSON, SOUTH HADLEY, SOUTHWICK	6/27/2026	OCTOBER

advertised projects

District	Town	Description	Status	Note
1	MIDDLEFIELD	ACROW BRIDGE INSTALLATION, M19002-05N - TOWN HILL RD OVER FACTORY BROOK	CONSTRUCTION	PROJECTED TO RE-OPEN IN APRIL
1	ASHFIELD	A13027-5CT FASCIA BEAM REPAIRS	PROCUREMENT	SUMMER CONSTRUCTION
1	ROWE	BRIDGE PRESERVATION, R10006-0FC	PROCUREMENT	EXPECTED START OF WORK JULY
2	ERVING-WENDELL	E10006=W15005-0LG, FARLEY RD OVER MILLERS RIVER	CONSTRUCTION	STATE FUNDING SUPPORT TO ACTIVE TOWN PROJECT

current task orders



FAIR Bridge Program Update

Town Hill Road over Factory Brook – Middlefield



August 2025
Closure



December 2025
Demolition



January-March 2026
Construction



April 2026
Bridge Open

FAIR Bridge Program Update

Beldingville Road over Bear River – Ashfield

- Work to address advanced beam section loss to prevent posting/restriction of the bridge
- Construction currently underway



Existing Conditions 2025

FAIR Bridge Program Update

Brandon Road over French River – Dudley

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- Key access route for trucks and support vehicles for wastewater treatment plant
- Vehicles currently detoured across river further north through Main Street and connecting roads
- Town-funded design for temporary structure, \$600,000 in state funding secured; 50 percent of the balance funded by FAIR through reimbursable grant
- Currently in procurement

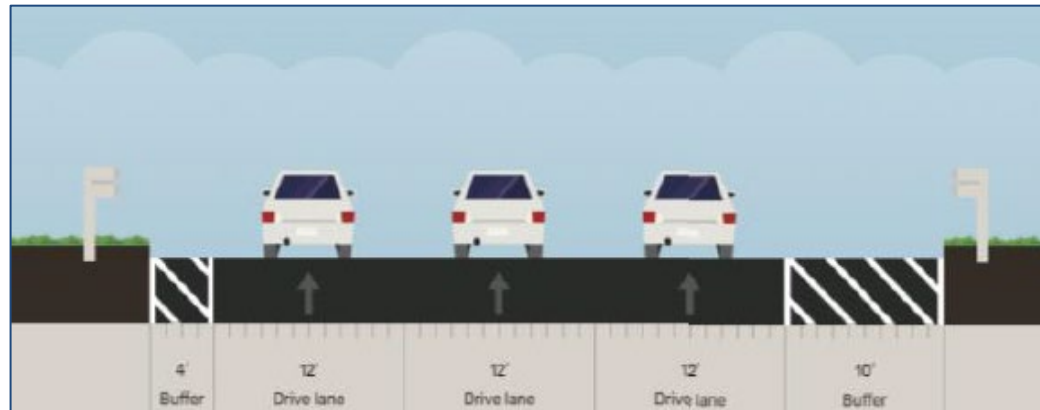


I-90/I-84 Congestion Improvements

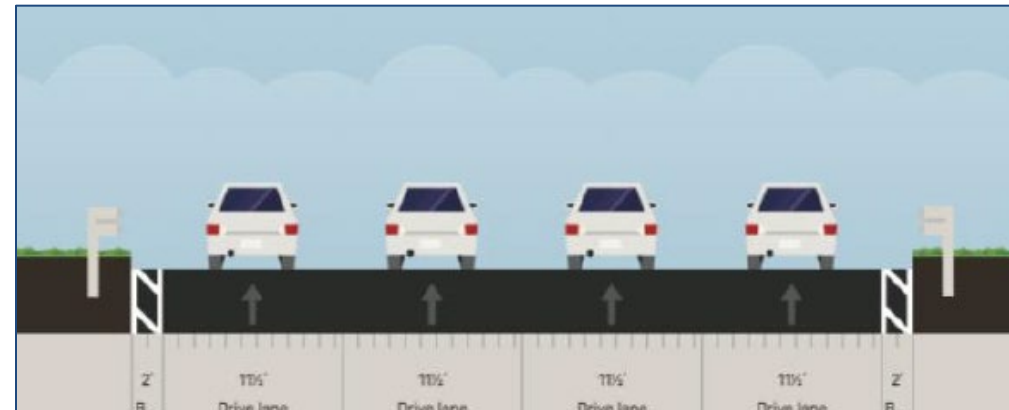
Observed Conditions

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- Issue: routine heavy congestion, queuing on weekends, May–November
- Congestion appears to be a factor in crashes on I-90 EB: 67% of crashes between I-84 and Charlton service plaza are rear-end crashes; 29% occurred on Sundays
- Action taken: D3 conducted evaluation, extended existing acceleration lane by ~5,500 feet to Charlton service plaza
- Result: improved travel times: 40% less time or 8.5 minutes saved per vehicle on peak PM Sundays; queuing on I-84 EB reduced by over 90%



I-90 EB lane configuration before improvements

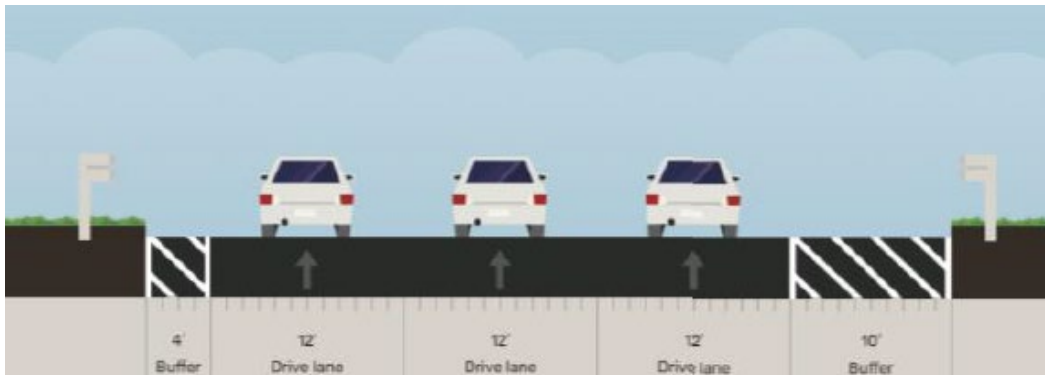


I-90 EB lane configuration after improvements

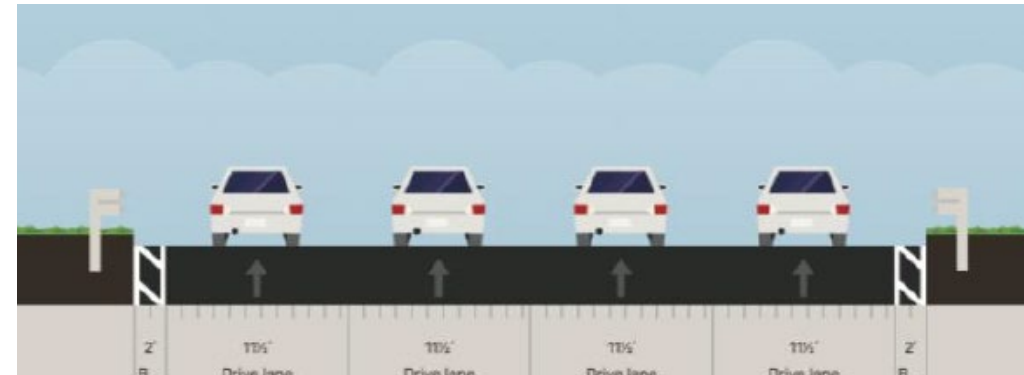
I-90/I-84 Congestion Improvements

Implementation

- District 3 decided to implement the improvements as quickly as possible in an ongoing I-90 resurfacing project, as the improvements could be constructed with signage and pavement marking modifications (within the existing roadway)
- The extended acceleration lane was completed in November 2025 (prior to Thanksgiving)
- Estimated cost of improvement was approximately **\$1.0 million**. Approximately \$4 million was saved by implementing this through the ongoing resurfacing project



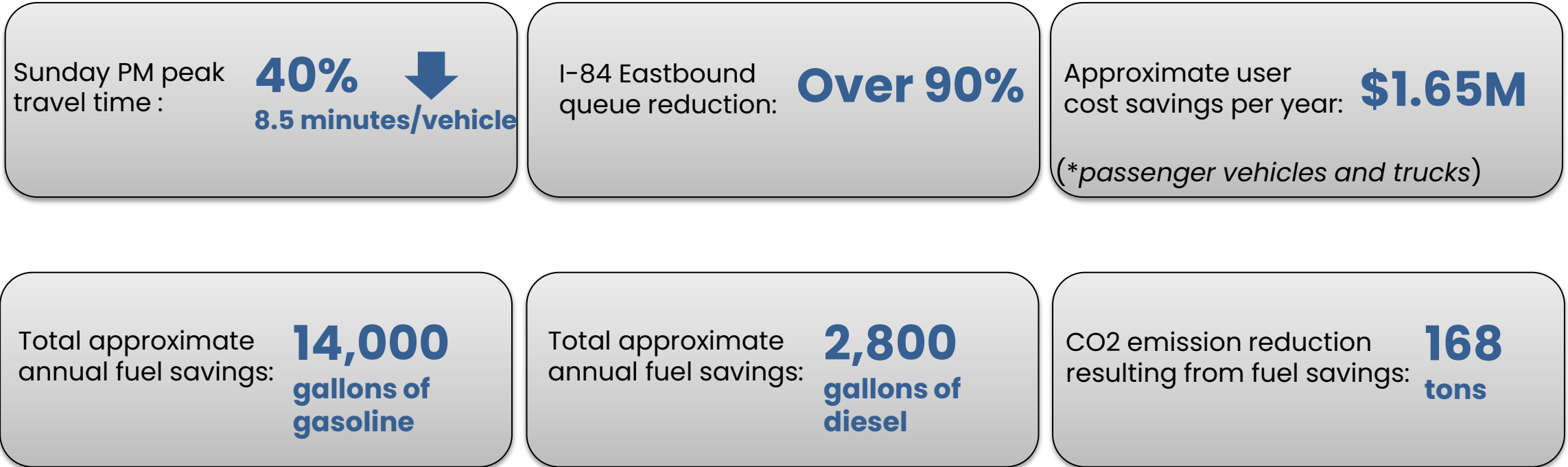
Former lane configuration



New lane configuration

I-90/I-84 Congestion Improvements

Net Benefits



Thank You



Appendix

I-90 Eastbound at I-84 Congestion Improvements

Project Background

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- District 3 initiated an operational analysis and evaluation of the existing merge at I-90 eastbound and I-84 eastbound in Sturbridge and Charlton.
- The purpose of the evaluation was to identify potential improvement alternatives to reduce existing congestion and queuing that routinely occurs on weekends from May – November.
- Congestion appears to be a factor in crashes that occur on this segment of I-90 eastbound
- 67% of crashes on I-90 eastbound between I-84 and the Charlton EB Service Plaza are rear-end crashes
- 29% of crashes on I-90 eastbound between I-84 and the Charlton EB Service Plaza occurred on Sundays