

# Highway Report

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# Belden Bly Temporary Drawbridge – Lynn/Saugus

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- Temporary bridge closed 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 following identification of cracking on deck panels
- Repair plan developed consisting of 24/7 effort targeting Sunday reopening
- Crews working around the clock resulted in bridge reopening at noon, Friday, Oct. 17





# Belden Bly Replacement Project – Lynn/Saugus

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- Ongoing replacement project completed traffic shift to new bridge the week before Thanksgiving
- Remaining work on replacement: sidewalk work, retaining wall, pavement, demolition of temporary bridge
- Full beneficial use Summer 2026



# Recent Events

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10/16/2025: Institute for Transportation Engineers  
Southeastern New England



10/23/2025: American Council of Engineering Companies



# Recent Events

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10/24/2025: Moles



10/28/2025: Moving Together

# Recent Events



10/29/2025: American Road and Transportation Builders Association



11/17-11/21 AASHTO

# Grant Central Updates

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- MassDOT first launched Grant Central in May 2024 for all highway grant programs
- Massive success with 350 communities registered
- Relunched Grant Central on Nov. 6 with key updates:
  - Two new grant programs: Unpaved Roads, Community Culverts
  - New fully integrated application: one-stop experience for all six competitive grants
  - Seamless experience that allows users to submit just one application regardless of funding source sought
  - Construction grants: now up to \$1 million, a \$500,000 increase from prior rounds
  - Equipment grants: up to \$250,000 through select programs
  - Trainings and updated guidance for all programs available
- These enhancements further simplify and streamline the process for Municipalities and RTAs to advance local transportation projects
- Application portal opened on Nov. 6 and remains open through Jan. 9





# Name a Snowplow Contest – Winter 2025/2026

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- Fourth annual contest launched Nov. 12
- Application portal closes Dec. 5
- Open to Massachusetts elementary and middle school students
- Winners chosen from two groups: K-4, 5-8
- Total of 12 winners, two per Highway District
- Submit names at:  
[Mass.gov/name-a-snowplow-contest-2025-26](https://www.mass.gov/name-a-snowplow-contest-2025-26)
- Selection of past winners:



# Thank You

