



West Roxbury Parkway over MBTA Bridge Replacement Project





Pre-closure Public Information Meeting


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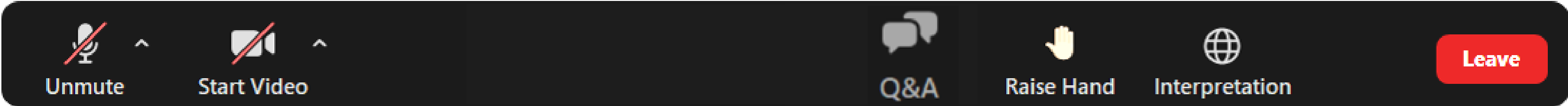
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- Taylor O'Neill

Recent Public Outreach

- Bi-weekly construction updates sent to project email subscribers and posted to the project website
- Flyered the project area – 6/17
- Pre-closure briefing to area stakeholders – 6/18
- Pre-closure briefing to City of Boston– 6/23
- Pre-closure briefing to elected officials – 6/24
- Flyers sent electronically to area stakeholders
- Newspaper noticed published:
 - *Boston Globe* – 6/11
 - *El Mundo* – 6/11 and 6/18



West Roxbury Parkway Bridge Replacement Pre-Closure Public Information Meeting

What is happening?

Work is underway to replace the West Roxbury Parkway Bridge and make improvements to the Belgrade Avenue intersection in Boston's West Roxbury neighborhood. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public about the full bridge closure that is scheduled to take place from July to December of 2026.

How will this affect you?

Accelerated Bridge Construction methods will be used to remove and replace the bridge during the full closure. West Roxbury Parkway between the intersection at Belgrade Avenue and the Holy Name rotary on Centre Street will be closed from July 20, 2026, until early December 2026. Periodic weekend shutdowns of the MBTA Commuter Rail Needham Line will occur during the closure. The presentation will provide further details on this operation, as well as a general project update.

When

Thursday June 25 , 2026
6:00 P.M.

Where

www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events



Visit <https://www.mass.gov/west-roxbury-parkway-bridge-replacement> for more information.



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Project inquiries may also be emailed to WestRoxPkwyBR@dot.state.ma.us

Agenda

- 01** Project Background
- 02** Construction Progress
- 03** Upcoming Roadway and Rail Impacts
- 04** Closure Timeline
- 05** Next Steps
- 06** Questions & Answers





Project Location and Background

Project Location



Project Background

- Existing structure has significant deterioration and is reduced to one lane in each direction; project will restore third travel lane to bridge
- Project scope includes a new bridge, safety improvements for all roadway users, and new traffic signals at Belgrade Avenue intersection
- Installing new 5-foot sidewalks and adding separated bike lanes
- A full bridge closure is required to replace the existing structure
- Currently one year into a two-year total construction duration
- For more information, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/west-roxbury-parkway-bridge-replacement>



Construction Progress

Progress

Roadway Progress

- Signal improvements at the intersection of West Roxbury Parkway and Belgrade Avenue

Bridge Progress

- Substructure repairs
- Utility rerouting



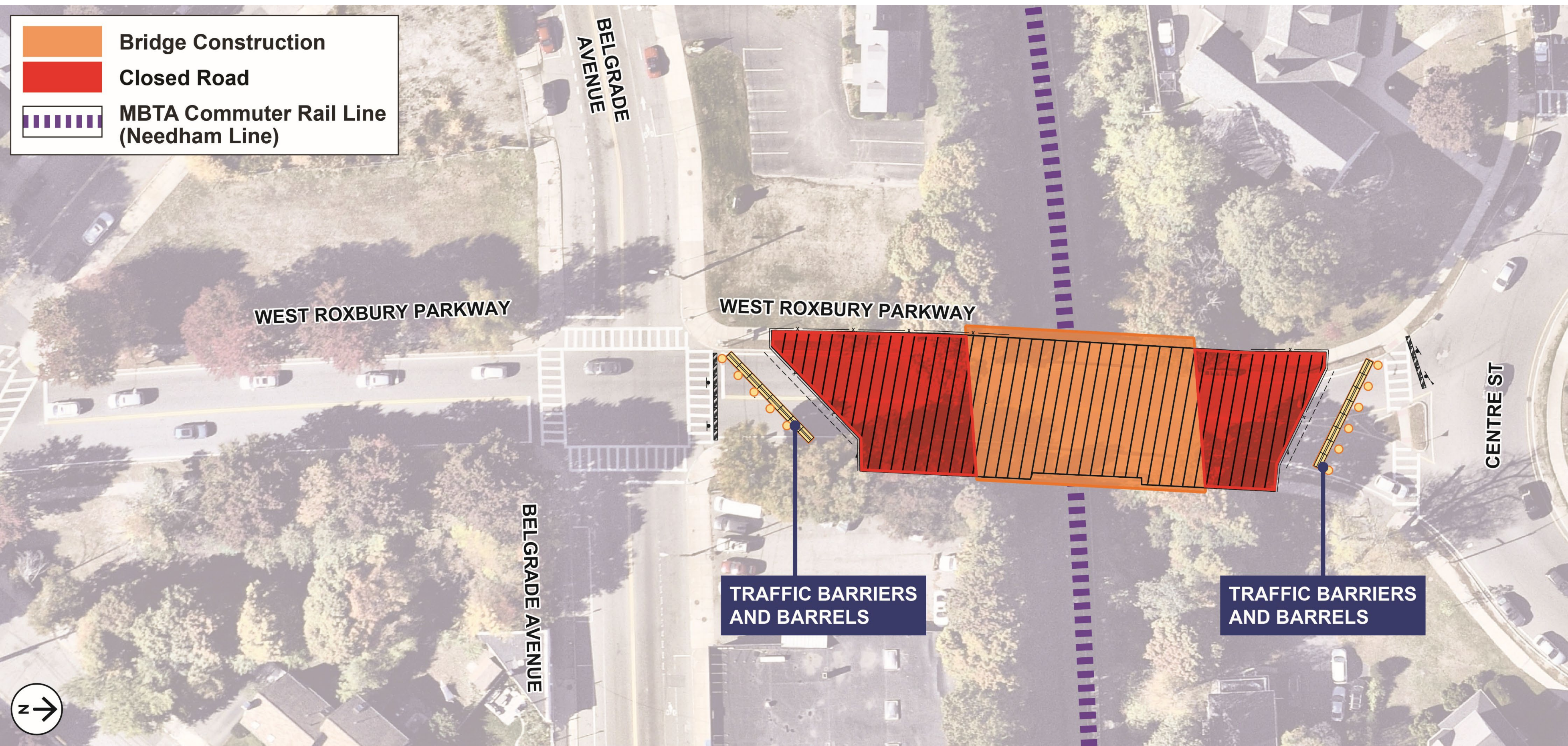


Upcoming Roadway and Rail Impacts

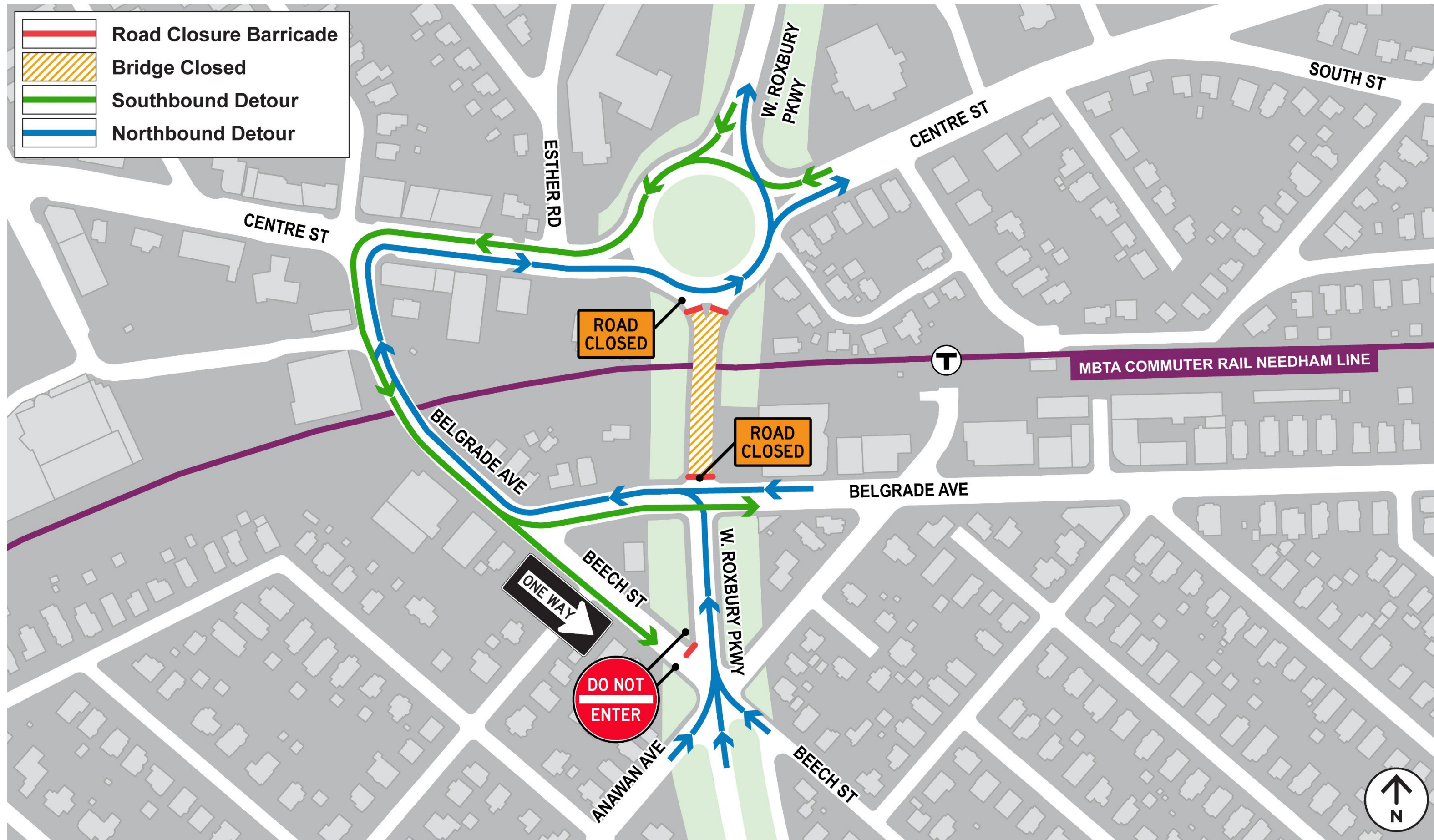
Roadway Closure

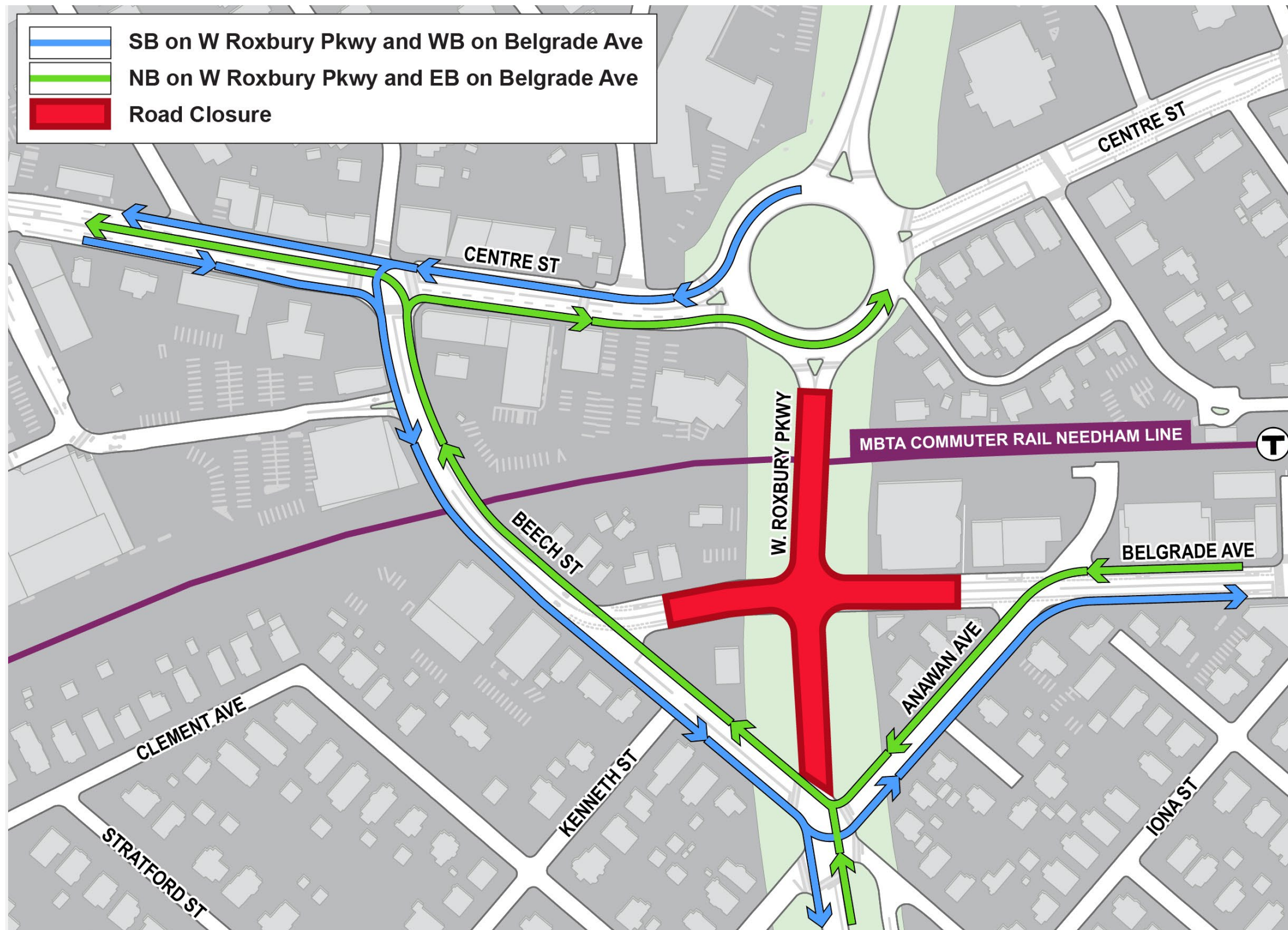
- West Roxbury Parkway between the intersection at Belgrade Avenue and the Holy Name rotary on Centre Street will be closed from July 20, 2026, until early December 2026
- During the closure, Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) methods will be used to remove and replace the bridge's superstructure
- Signed detours will be in place for northbound and southbound traffic and pedestrians
- Traffic control measures will be in place and altered accordingly
- Bridge demolition weekend
 - Continuous work from Friday July 24 to Monday July 27
 - No use of impact devices between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Roadway Closure Impacts



Proposed Detour





Full Depth Roadway Reconstruction

- During the bridge closure, the Belgrade Avenue and West Roxbury Parkway intersection will undergo full depth roadway reconstruction
- Date TBD
- Traffic detoured as shown
- Continuous daytime and nighttime work. Muted back up alarms will be utilized
- A separate advisory will be sent closer to the date of the operation

Traffic Management

- MassDOT understands that traffic is a significant concern of neighborhood residents
- Detour routes were designed to keep traffic off residential roadways
- Closures and detour routes will be communicated to navigation companies (Google Maps, Waze, etc.) which will encourage users to utilize the detour routes
- MassDOT is coordinating with adjacent DCR and City of Boston roadway projects
- Police detail will be on site to help manage traffic during the first week of the bridge closure
- Project entails improvements which will improve traffic flow through the area
 - New cameras at the Belgrade Ave intersection to allow Boston Transportation Department to better coordinate timing of area traffic signals
 - Completed bridge will restore three travel lanes to the roadway

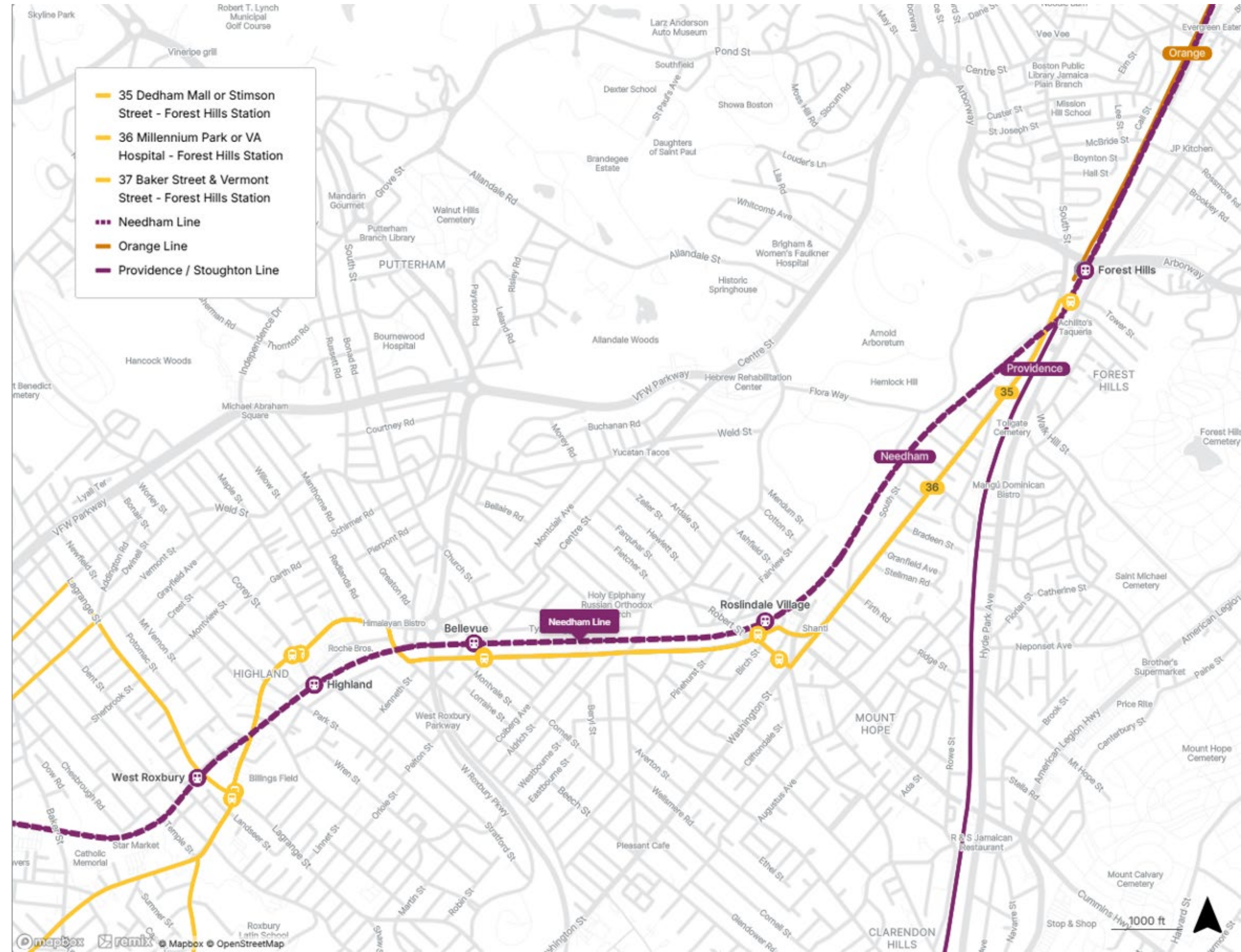
Commuter Rail Weekend Shutdowns

- During the closure, weekend shutdowns of the MBTA Commuter Rail Needham Line between Needham Heights and South Station will support bridge work and utility relocations
- 1 project-specific weekend shutdown to support bridge demo
 - 10 p.m. on Friday, July 24 to 5 a.m. on Monday, July 27
- 7 existing MBTA weekend shutdowns
 - Each MBTA shutdowns will take place from 12:01 a.m. on the initial day to 11:59 p.m. on the last day
 - Fri 8/14 – Sun 8/16
 - Fri 9/18 – Sun 9/20
 - Fri 10/16 – Mon 10/19
 - Fri 10/23 – Mon 10/26
 - Fri 11/6 – Sun 11/8
 - Fri 11/13 – Sun 11/15
 - Fri 12/4 – Sun 12/6

Alternative MBTA Bus Service

West Roxbury – Forest Hills

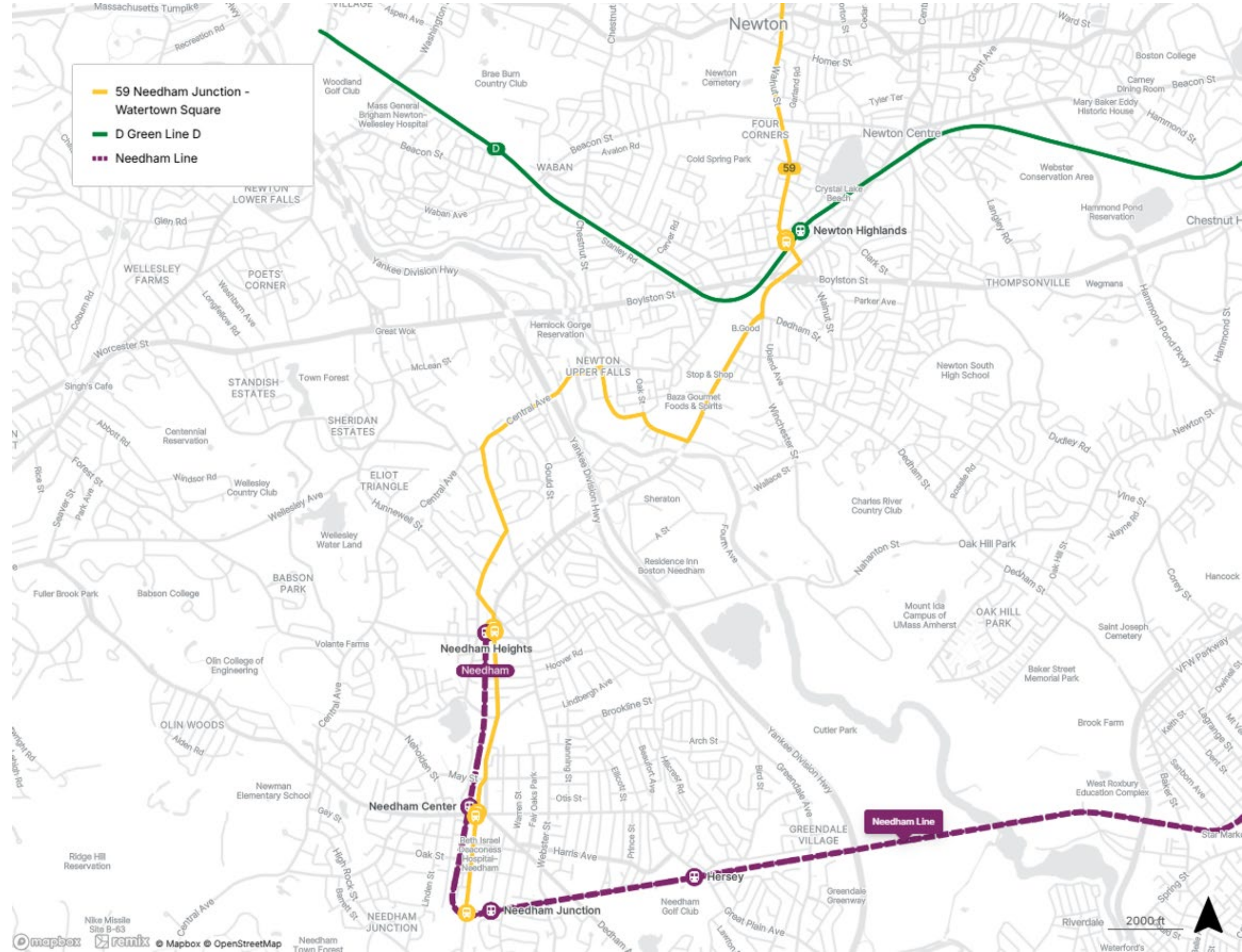
- West Roxbury-Roslindale Village customers are asked to use Routes 35/36/37 between West Roxbury and Forest Hills



Alternative MBTA Bus Service

Needham Heights - Hersey

- Needham Junction-Needham Heights customers are asked to use Route 59 between Needham Junction and Newton Highlands GL-D station



Ongoing Community Impacts

Work Hours

- Daytime: 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (extended shifts may go till 9:00 p.m.)
- Overnight: 9:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. (as needed)
- 24-hour work as needed.

Noise

- The Contractor will monitor noise levels nightly to minimize disruptions
- Night work expected during the closure
- A 24-hour hotline will be established for abutters to report excessive noise

Emergency Response Time

- MassDOT is coordinating with Boston Police and Emergency Services to limit effects on response times from construction and the bridge closure

Traffic on Local Roads

- MassDOT will share the detour with GPS companies to keep traffic off local roads
- MassDOT is coordinating with other active projects in the neighborhood



**How will we
keep you
informed?**

Next Steps



Summer 2026

Beginning of full bridge closure



Winter 2026

End of full bridge closure



Winter 2026/2027

Construction pause for winter



Spring 2027

Landscaping and finishing work



Summer 2027

Project complete

Full depth roadway reconstruction at Belgrade Ave intersection

How We Will Keep You Informed

- Dedicated project website: <https://www.mass.gov/west-roxbury-parkway-bridge-replacement>
- Project email address: WestRoxPkwyBR@dot.state.ma.us
- Subscribe to receive regular updates and traffic advisories
- Needham Line CR Alerts: <https://www.mbta.com/schedules/CR-Needham/alerts>
- Team to communicate updates through the City of Boston, West Roxbury and adjacent neighborhoods, and local community organizations
- Team to coordinate with navigation companies (Google Maps, Waze, etc.)



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Questions and Answers

Questions and Answers Session



- “Raise your hand” to be unmuted for verbal questions



- Submit your questions and comments using the Q&A button



- Please state your name before your question



- Please share only 1 question or comment at a time, limited to 2 minutes, to allow others to participate



- To ask a question via phone, dial *9 and the moderator will call out the last 4-digits of your phone number and unmute your audio when it is your turn.



- Please take a few minutes to complete the survey after the meeting to let us know how your experience was with this virtual meeting.

**All questions and comments are subject to disclosure for public records.
Please use these functions for project related business only.**



Thank You

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