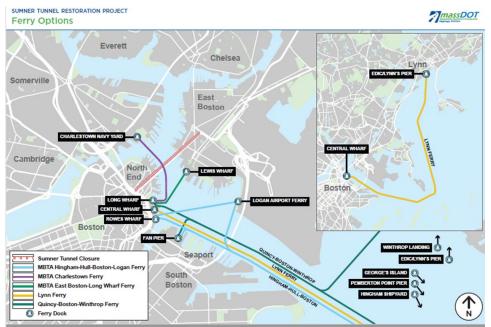


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SUMNER TUNNEL MITIGATION

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has a comprehensive mitigation plan to address travel impacts and provide cost effective alternative transportation options for residents and visitors ahead of the <u>scheduled closure of the Summer Tunnel from Friday, July 5, through Monday,</u> <u>August 5, 2024.</u> The tunnel will be fully closed for approximately one month to facilitate work on the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project.

Travelers are encouraged to once again **Ditch the Drive** and use alternative means of travel. MassDOT has created a menu of safe, efficient commute options while the tunnel is closed for repairs. Additional details on travel options are below:

TRAVEL TO/FROM EAST BOSTON AND NORTH END

MBTA Blue Line and Parking

• The entire Blue Line in both directions will be free to riders. Gates will be open at all Blue Line stations from Wonderland to Bowdoin.

- The MBTA completed significant track work this spring and removed all the Blue Line's speed restrictions, providing for faster and more frequent service.
- An additional train will be added to the Blue Line in the midday period to help support more riders riding the line.
- All MBTA parking lots and garages on the Blue Line will be reduced to \$2/day. Additional free parking is available near Wood Island Station.
- Visit mbta.com/Sumner for additional information.

Fare-free service for customers boarding key Chelsea bus routes

• Routes 111, 112, 114, 116, 117 and Silver Line 3.

Discounted Tolls

- Discounted tolls will be provided for the Tobin Bridge and Ted Williams Tunnel for those registered in the Resident Discount Program.
- Real Time Traffic monitoring will be available at 13 local intersections.

East Boston Ferry

- The East Boston ferry will be free during the tunnel's closure.
- The East Boston ferry service project operates between East Boston at Lewis Mall and Long Wharf – North. East Boston ferry service schedules are <u>available online</u> with all ferry service schedules available at <u>mbta.com/ferry</u>.

TRAVEL TO/FROM THE NORTH SHORE

Commuter Rail and Parking

- Zone 1A (\$2.40) fares along the entire Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail. Parking at Salem and Swampscott is just \$2 per day.
- Free parking at lots north of Salem, including Beverly, Gloucester, Hamilton/Wenham, Newburyport, North Beverly, Monserrat, Rowley, and West Gloucester.

• Blue Line benefits also apply. Travelers are encouraged to utilize the Wonderland Station parking lot if coming from the North Shore.

Lynn Ferry

- The Lynn Ferry will operate between the Blossom St. dock in Lynn and Long Wharf – North in Boston.
- Free parking at the City of Lynn-owned lot will be available near the Blossom St. dock. Bicycles are allowed on the ferry.
- Riders may use a Zone 1A fare (\$2.40).
- The Lynn Ferry will operate seven days/week.

Winthrop Ferry

- MBTA will operate Winthrop Ferry service/\$2.40 one-way trip.
- Service to Winthrop, Quincy, Logan Airport, Aquarium and Seaport.

TRAVEL TO/FROM LOGAN AIRPORT

Logan Express

- There will be a 25% discount when you buy tickets online, and children under 17 ride free.
- Adding additional parking capacity at Braintree Logan Express.
- MBTA Silver Line (SL1 & SL3) buses can use the I-90 EB Emergency Ramp.
- Providing passengers who take water transportation to the airport a "Ticket to Skip" to the front of the line for checkpoint screening.
- Added stop at Logan Airport by the Winthrop Ferry.

On the RIDE, trips that begin and end within ¾ of a mile of the MBTA modes that are free will also be free from July 5 to August 5.

MassDOT also has a working partnership with public safety agencies and Boston EMS to support public safety during the Sumner Tunnel closure. There will be 2 dedicated ambulances for East Boston, 2 rotating ambulances to support the day shift, 2 rotating ambulances to support the evening shift, and 1 rotating ambulance to support the overnight shift.

For additional details on the Sumner Tunnel and the project, please visit <u>mass.gov/sumner-tunnel</u> and sign up for email updates at <u>MassDOT</u>.