

# Frequently Asked Questions

This document provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding MassDOT's Newton-Weston Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation at I-90/I-95. These answers were provided by MassDOT and the Contractor to proactively address the concerns of abutters and the traveling public. If you have a concern that is not addressed by these answers, please visit the project website:

<https://www.mass.gov/newton-weston-bridge-replacement-and-rehabilitation-at-i-90i-95> or email the project team: [I-90newton-weston@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:I-90newton-weston@dot.state.ma.us)

## How can I follow the progress of construction?

Regular updates on construction progress are posted to the project website and sent to project email subscribers. To subscribe to receive updates, go to the project website <https://www.mass.gov/newton-weston-bridge-replacement-and-rehabilitation-at-i-90i-95>. At the bottom of the page, under Contact Information, follow the link to [sign up for project updates](#).

## How is MassDOT and the Contractor mitigating impacts felt by abutters?

Impacts such as noise and vibrations are unavoidable in the work zone. Work plans have been submitted and accepted by MassDOT that require the Contractor to use mitigating measures as needed. In the event of a project-related complaint, the Contractor will investigate and determine if additional mitigation measures are required.

A noise complaint hotline has been established to address potential noise impacts caused by construction. The phone number is: 617-202-4498.

## Is the project's final design available to the public?

This project uses the Design-Build method of construction, meaning that one entity designs and constructs the project, so design and construction are combined into a single stage. For this reason, certain aspects of the project are still in its design phase, and a full set of construction plans are not available as of winter 2024.

You can view the scope of work and details on construction and traffic management on the project website's [documents and meeting materials](#) page.

## Does the project scope include constructing noise barriers?

Yes. Noise barriers will be constructed along I-90 westbound near the Oakland Avenue neighborhood and I-90 eastbound from Charles Street to Auburn Street. Construction of the eastbound noise wall is scheduled for May 2025, westbound noise wall construction is scheduled for May 2027.

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## **As part of the project, will a pedestrian path be created for the Pigeon Hill neighborhood?**

The project's primary objective is to replace and rebuild the identified eight bridges. However, provisions are being made with the project's landscaping to allow for a future path to be constructed by others.

## **Will there be any improvements to pedestrian and bicycle access?**

While the project's primary focus is on rehabilitating and replacing bridges, it will not preclude a future project that aims to improve pedestrian and bicycle access in the area.

## **Are you coordinating with other projects in the area?**

Yes. The project team is fully aware of the projects in the area and is committed to actively coordinating with respective project teams to mitigate construction impacts.

## **What will the environmental impacts of this project be?**

The project will improve stormwater treatment in the area. New drainage systems and catch basins will be installed to address water runoff and assist with pretreating before being discharged into the Charles River. In addition, the project will include landscaping that aims to attract and assist pollinators.

## **Will there be impacts to Charles River access during construction?**

As part of the construction schedule, there will need to be some restrictions to the river in order to remove bridge piers and build new supports. However, the project team will have provisions to maintain access for boaters. Recreational users of the Charles River shall follow posted rules for safe passage through the jobsite.

## **Will there be impacts to MBTA service during construction?**

Coordination with the MBTA is currently ongoing for two weekend service suspensions in May and June 2025 to support the superstructure replacement of the I-90 bridge over MBTA. Additional information will be published when available.

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## How can I find out more?

Please visit the project website below for more details, to sign up for updated and email alerts, and to view the latest resources on the Newton-Weston Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation at I-90/I-95.

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