



## *I-90 Allston Multimodal Project October 2024 Newsletter*

The I-90 Allston Multimodal Project continues to progress towards its goal of dramatically improving livability and connectivity for residents in Allston. This project update will share recent developments, key dates, and where to find more information.

### **Recent Project Developments**

#### **Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant (RCN)**

MassDOT and the City of Boston were awarded a USDOT Federal discretionary grant of \$335.4 million to advance the design and construction of the I-90 Allston Multimodal Project. To learn more about the grant program, visit [transportation.org/reconnection](https://transportation.org/reconnection).

#### **Working Groups**

The I-90 Allston Multimodal project team convened four Working Groups to discuss critical elements of design needed to advance documentation and analysis for environmental filings. The Working Groups began in mid-summer and will continue through early fall. To learn more about the Working Group structure and process, visit [mass.gov/info-details/2024-i-90-allston-multimodal-project-working-groups](https://mass.gov/info-details/2024-i-90-allston-multimodal-project-working-groups).

1. The **Throat Area/Charles River Working Group** will discuss the Charles River shoreline, its parklands, and the Paul Dudley White Path. To learn about the Working Group and view meeting materials, visit [mass.gov/info-details/2024-throat-area-charles-river-working-group](https://mass.gov/info-details/2024-throat-area-charles-river-working-group).
2. The **Multimodal Local Street Network Working Group** will discuss design alternatives for the dedicated bus lanes; sidewalks and cycle tracks; and travel and turning lanes. The Working Group has been temporarily paused until CTPS model analysis has progressed and the Local Street Network design has progressed. To learn about the Working Group and view meeting materials, visit [mass.gov/info-details/2024-multimodal-local-street-network-working-group](https://mass.gov/info-details/2024-multimodal-local-street-network-working-group).
3. The **Multimodal Local Connection Working Group** will discuss design alternatives for the Franklin Street Pedestrian Bridge, the Agganis Way Pedestrian Bridge, and the South Side Buffer Path. The Working Group has been temporarily paused to give the design team the opportunity to further develop the local connections being discussed. To learn about the Working Group and view meeting materials, visit [mass.gov/info-details/2024-multimodal-local-connections-working-group](https://mass.gov/info-details/2024-multimodal-local-connections-working-group).
4. The **Rail and Transit Working Group** will discuss design alternatives for rail and platform infrastructure and bus concourse configuration. The Working Group has been temporarily paused until further notice. To learn more about the Working Group and view meeting materials, visit [mass.gov/info-details/2024-rail-and-transit-working-group](https://mass.gov/info-details/2024-rail-and-transit-working-group).



## Ongoing Coordination

### I-90 Allston Multimodal Task Force

The project team continues to meet with the Task Force to share project updates, relay information from other agencies, and gather feedback on the designs. The next Task Force meeting is being planned for the conclusion of the Working Group meetings. To view the presentation shared at the most recent Task Force meeting on June 10, visit <https://www.mass.gov/lists/documents-and-2024-meeting-materials-allston-multimodal-project>

### River Users

The project team met with various Charles River stakeholders to share the design options for the shoreline and parkland in the Charles River/Throat Area. Comments from this meeting informed the project team on how different elements of the design impact River Users. To view the presentation shared at the April 24 River User meeting, visit <https://www.mass.gov/lists/documents-and-2024-meeting-materials-allston-multimodal-project>

### State and Federal Agencies

The project team continues to regularly meet with state and federal agencies to ensure proposed designs comply with federal and state laws and regulations.

## Next Steps

Feedback from the Working Groups and other stakeholders will be used to prioritize design alternatives to meet upcoming permit and grant deadlines.

Fall 2025	National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
Fall 2025	Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act (MEPA) Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report (SDEIR)
Summer 2026	MEPA Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)
Fall 2026	NEPA Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) / Record of Decision (ROD)
Fall 2026	RCN Grant funds to be obligated by September 30, 2026

## Learn More and Contact the Project Team

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