



South Boston – William J. Day Boulevard

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direction**

**Bicycle lanes, pedestrian accommodations, and new parking being
added**

**Overnight road closures this week to allow necessary paving and line striping
work**

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) are announcing that William J. Day Boulevard road reconstruction work in South Boston will continue this week, resulting in a roadway which will have one motor vehicle travel lane in each direction with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations and some additional parking permitted. Work will occur between the driveway of the Massachusetts State Police Barracks and the intersection with Farragut Road.

These upcoming improvements are the result of the combined findings of the South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan and a recent Day Boulevard Road Safety Audit, which found that traffic volumes do not warrant its current four lane (two lanes in each direction) configuration for motor vehicle travel. Construction activities occurring now had originally been scheduled for 2019 but have been accelerated, based upon public feedback and input received over the past several weeks.

During overnight hours this week, MassDOT construction crews will carry out paving work and will then install buffered bicycle lanes in each direction of Day Boulevard between the driveway of the Massachusetts State Police Barracks and the intersection with I Street. In addition, new parking spaces for vehicles will be provided along sections of Day Boulevard between I Street and O Street, and a left-turn lane will be added at the intersection with L Street. Existing parking along the corridor will be maintained.

To accommodate these improvements and the necessary construction operations, such as paving and placing pavement markings, there will be overnight closures this week on Day Boulevard between Babe Ruth Park Drive and O Street. These closures will take place each evening between 8 p.m., and 5 a.m., and are expected to conclude on the morning of Friday, August 31.

Additionally, crews will be making other improvements in the coming weeks including upgrading traffic signals, signs, and sidewalk panels.

During the overnight road closures this week, an overnight “No Parking” ban will be in effect in some areas. Traffic patterns will be clearly marked, and a police detail will be on site. Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston, South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot.

Visual message boards are activated to inform travelers of the road closures next week. MassDOT and DCR will continue to provide updates throughout the course of construction.

MassDOT and DCR encourage the public to be mindful of these impacts. Those traveling through the area should reduce speed and use caution and seek alternate routes. The schedule for this work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

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