



Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Maurice J. Tobin Memorial Bridge and the Chelsea Viaduct (U.S. Route 1) are undergoing rehabilitation in order to remain safe and in service through the 21st Century. Not subject to major rehabilitation since the 1970's due to concern for regional mobility, work must be undertaken now to ensure this vital roadway link can continue to serve Massachusetts and New England. When complete, this project will remove 15% of the structurally deficient bridge deck in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In order to minimize the impacts to the 63,000 vehicles per day using Route 1, the MBTA Bus Routes that cross the viaduct and bridge, and the residents of Chelsea, MassDOT is coordinating the two projects, and resequencing the construction phasing for each project so that construction is carried out efficiently, effectively, and in a timely manner. These changes will lessen the impact on commuters and abutters, and reduces the risk of project delays.

Massachusetts residents see these two projects as one, and so does MassDOT.

CHANGES TO PROJECT SEQUENCING

Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves work has been resequenced to reduce nighttime operations and travel impacts for all bridge users. The new construction plan shifts work on the Chelsea Viaduct to 2019 to match Tobin Bridge traffic management, continuously allowing 2 lanes of travel in each direction during peak commute hours for the duration of the project.

Overall these changes will speed up construction, increase the availability of two travel lanes in each direction, reduce the impacts on commuters using the corridor, and allow for main line work completion in 2020.



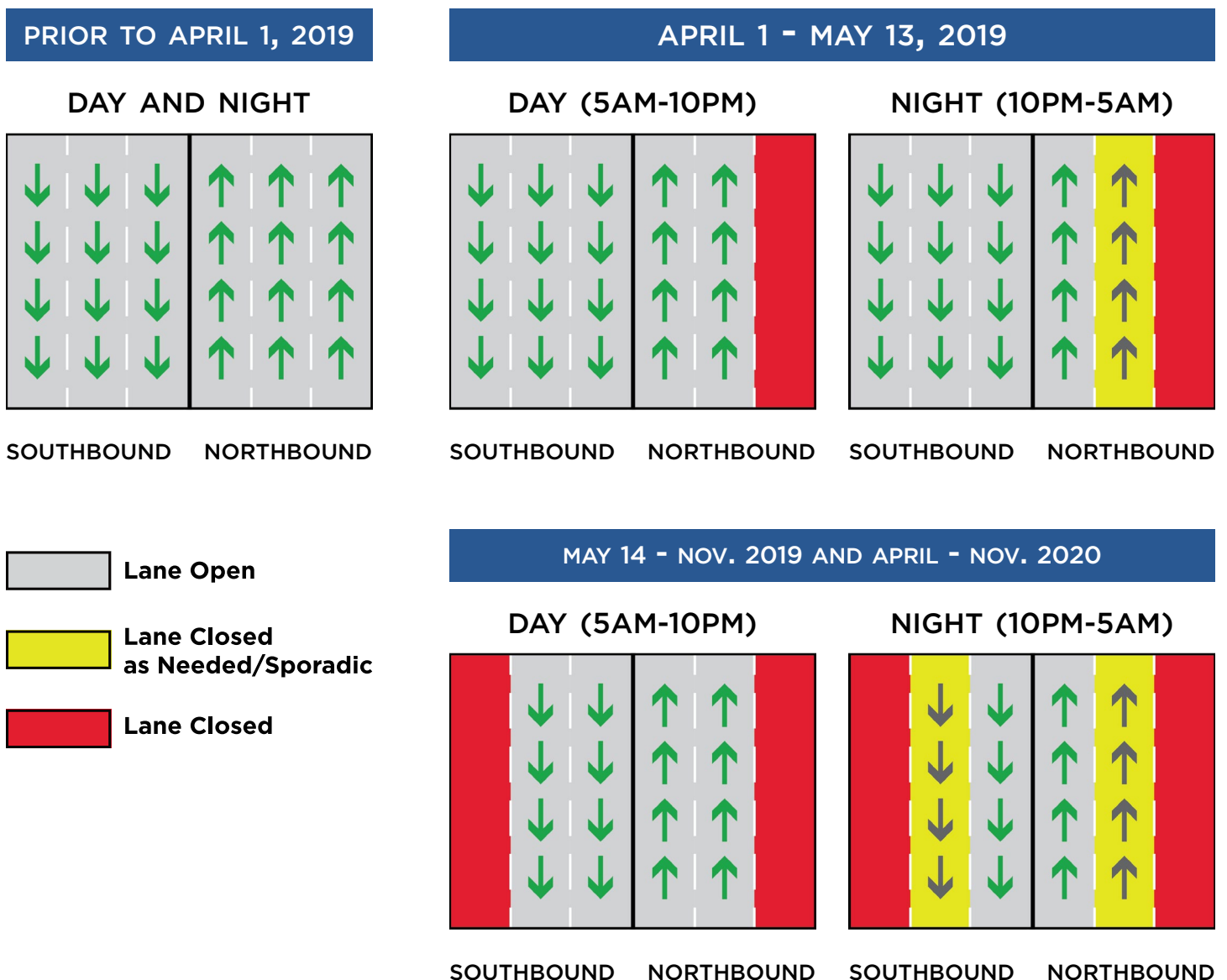
TRAFFIC IMPACTS

MassDOT is taking steps to reduce impacts on the traveling public while these critical structures are repaired and rehabilitated. However, commuters should expect traffic impacts during construction. Once the work zone is fully established, some MBTA bus routes will experience travel delays of up to 20 minutes during peak travel times.

Portions of Route 1 in Chelsea will be reduced from 3 lanes in each direction to 2 lanes in each direction during peak commute hours from Spring 2019 to the end of 2020. During some nights and weekends in 2019, Route 1 Northbound will be reduced to one lane at times. During some nights and weekends in 2020, Route 1 Southbound will be reduced to one lane at times. Once the work zone is fully established, some MBTA bus routes will experience travel delays of up to 20 minutes during peak travel times.

Advanced warning signs will be placed on corridors throughout the region in order to inform commuters of the project and ensure they have accurate and up to date information about travel times and options.

TOBIN BRIDGE/CHELSEA CURVES ROUTE 1 CAPACITY



ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL MODES

MassDOT is committed to providing commuters with reliable travel options between their destinations. The reliability of trains, buses and commuter rails is continuously tracked. See how reliable your new commute could be at <http://www.mbtabackontrack.com>.

Visit <https://mbta.com/schedules/commuter-rail> to find a commuter rail train that works for your schedule. Download the MTicket app for schedule and parking information and to purchase your Commuter Rail tickets.

North Shore commuters are encouraged to consider the Newburyport/Rockport or Haverhill Lines which serve North Station. Those nearer to Boston may opt for Blue Line service; a large Park and Ride garage is available at Wonderland Station in Revere. Silver Line 3 service is unimpacted by this project, but free inbound fares will be offered at the Chelsea, Bellingham Square, Box District, and Eastern Avenue SL3 stops for the duration of construction.

PUBLIC TRANSIT OPTIONS

COMMUTER RAIL

North Shore commuters are encouraged to consider the Newburyport/Rockport or Haverhill Lines which serve North Station. Commuters will be able to use a CharlieCard to travel between North Station and Chelsea on the Commuter Rail.

The Haverhill Line historically has parking capacity at Haverhill and Bradford stations. The Newburyport/Rockport Line historically has parking capacity at Newburyport, Salem, and Lynn stations.

Visit <https://mbta.com/schedules/commuter-rail> to find a Commuter Rail train that works for your schedule. Download the MTicket app for schedule and parking information and to purchase your Commuter Rail tickets. Customers can monitor @MBTA_Parking on Twitter for capacity updates.

MBTA Blue Line

Those nearer to Boston may opt for Blue Line service; a large Park and Ride garage is available at Wonderland Station in Revere. The MBTA will be adding additional trains to the Blue Line to increase public transit capacity. Additional cost of Blue Line trains will be paid for with MassDOT Highway Division project funds.

Silver Line 3 Chelsea (SL3)

Silver Line 3 service will not be impacted by this project. Inbound SL3 service will be free at the Chelsea, Bellingham Square, Box District, and Eastern Avenue SL3 stops for the duration of construction. Additional cost of Silver Line 3 fares will be paid for with MassDOT Highway Division project funds.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on public transit options, visit <https://www.mbta.com/TobinBridge>.

For more information on the project, traffic impacts, and how to get involved, you can visit the project website at: <https://www.mass.gov/tobin-bridgechelsea-curves-rehabilitation-project> or contact:

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