



Governor Charlie Baker

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Boston: Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Work Impacts: July 26-August 14

MassDOT announced that due to the [Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Project](#), between **Wednesday, July 26 and Monday, August 14**, there will be significant service impacts to all modes of transportation in the Boston University/Saint Paul Street neighborhood of Boston along Commonwealth Avenue, for MBTA, commuter rail and Amtrak customers, BU Bridge vehicles and on I-90 (the Massachusetts Turnpike).



MassDOT May Board Meeting
May 8, 2017
Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza
Second Floor Board Room
Boston, MA 02150
[Full Meeting Schedule](#)

On the MassDOT Blog
MassDOT Recognizes Employers for Excellence in Commuter Options



MassDOT today celebrated over 200 Massachusetts businesses, colleges, and universities at the seventh annual Massachusetts [Excellence in Commuter Options](#) (ECO) Awards ceremony.

View the entire [Excellence in Commuter Options](#) blog post.

The event, held at historic Fenway Park, brings together businesses and institutions from across the Commonwealth that provide innovative programs and resources to encourage employees to commute by public transit, carpool, vanpool, bicycling, walking, or teleworking.



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Detours and transit shuttles will be necessary for some station stops on the MBTA's Green Line B Branch, MBTA Bus Routes CT2 and 47, the Worcester Commuter Rail Line, and Amtrak's Lake Shore Limited route. The impacts on all modes of transportation are a necessary part of having the MassDOT contractor work continuous shifts 24 hours a day and utilize Accelerated Bridge Construction techniques in order to reduce overall construction duration, minimize the impact on the traveling public and local community, and improve safety.

This project, which would take an estimated four to five years using conventional techniques with significant lane-takings and service disruptions, is scheduled for completion in 2019 under the accelerated plans, with future construction activities and service impacts expected in the summer of 2018. The project will replace the Commonwealth Avenue Bridge superstructure and add functional and safety improvements to Commonwealth Avenue, such as additional dedicated bike lanes and extensive pedestrian pathway improvements.

Check the [complete Blog post for greater detail of project impacts](#) on traffic and transportation services and dates for public meetings.

MBTA: Marathon Day, Weekend Service Updates

The MBTA is proud to host thousands of Marathon Day spectators and runners every year as they travel throughout Boston. To make traveling around the city easier on race day, there is a special [Marathon viewing map](#) with distances to the race course from transit stations and the MBTA is offering unlimited [travel tickets](#) for Marathon Day on the Framingham/Worcester Commuter Rail Line.



The Boston Marathon will be run on Monday, April 17, 2017, and before and after the race transit service will run on rush-hour schedules.

Pre-marathon activities are also scheduled on Saturday, April 15, and Sunday, April 16 so the MBTA will be adjusting various bus routes in and around Copley Square to circumvent street closings. In addition, on Marathon Day, various bus routes will be detoured and Copley Square Station will be closed.

Due to an increase in customers using the MBTA on Marathon Day, bikes are not allowed on any MBTA vehicles on Monday, April 17. Please note, backpacks, coolers, cans, bottles and large items are not permitted at the marathon.

Check the MBTA [Marathon Day event summary](#) for additional information.

Wellesley: Route 9 Project Begins April 24th

MassDOT has announced that on April 24 work-related activities will begin on a \$7 million project to repair and improve Route 9 throughout the town of Wellesley.

This significant construction project will consist of resurfacing operations, roadway repairs and related work and is expected to be completed this fall.



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Construction operations will occur at night during off-peak hours in order to minimize the impact on the traveling public and ensure crews and personnel are able to make improvements to this regionally important roadway. MassDOT operations will be coordinated with scheduled utility work this summer and the full schedule and work hours for this project is expected to be as follows:

April 24 through April 28

- ▶ Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m.: Crews will begin installing construction signage.

April 30 through May 12

- ▶ Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m.: Crews will continue installing construction signage.
- ▶ Sunday through Thursday, 8:00 p.m. through 5:30 a.m.: Operations will consist of adjusting roadway castings to the temporary grade. This work will begin at the Natick town line and work eastward along Route 9 in Wellesley.

May 14 through June 16

- ▶ Sunday through Thursday, 8:00 p.m. through 5:30 a.m.: Operations will consist of milling, paving operations, and adjusting casting. This work will begin on Route 9 eastbound at the Natick town line and continue eastbound towards Cliff Road.
- ▶ No work will occur between Cliff Road and Oakland Street, and crews will then continue working on Route 9 eastbound between Oakland Street and the intersection of Route 9 and Interstate 95.
- ▶ Operations then will shift to Route 9 westbound from the intersection of Route 9 and Interstate 95 towards Oakland Street, and then from Cliff Road to the Natick town line.

Lane closures during these overnight hours will be necessary in order to allow crews and contractors to safely and effectively conduct operations including milling, paving, and casting.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

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