

North Washington Street Bridge Replacement

Construction Look-Ahead: July 26 – August 8, 2020

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

MARINE IMPACTS

- From **7/20 – 8/11**, a temporary Safety Zone on the Charles River will prohibit transit through all spans of the North Washington Street Bridge to allow the safe removal of the center span of the existing bridge.
- As of 7/24, 20% of the center span of the existing bridge has been removed.
- No vessel or person shall be permitted to enter the Safety Zone without obtaining permission from the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or a designated representative. Mariners should plan accordingly for the channel closure and avoid the project site.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

- Inspection and wrap up of fender system, installation of fencing system around work zone, and demolition of existing bridge, including demolition of swing-span, removal of asbestos, and water pipe system.

WORK HOURS

- Most work will be done during the daytime (4:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Other work will be done overnight (10:00 pm. – 4:00 a.m.)
- In multiple shifts (6:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.)

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

- Prior to 7/24: drainage work, installation of the fender system, and shifting traffic from existing bridge to temporary bridge.

TRAVEL TIPS

The sidewalk on the temporary bridge is on the west (Charles River) side of the structure. The Lovejoy Wharf stairs near Converse are open to the public with the opening of the temporary bridge, the adjacent section of the Harborwalk passing under the bridge remains closed.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass.