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## **SUMNER TUNNEL MITIGATION**

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has a comprehensive mitigation plan to address travel impacts and provide cost effective alternative transportation options for residents and visitors ahead of the **scheduled closure of the Sumner Tunnel from Wednesday, July 5, through Thursday, August 31, 2023.** The tunnel will be fully closed for approximately two months to facilitate work on the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project.

Travelers are encouraged to **Ditch the Drive** and use alternative means of travel. MassDOT has created a menu of safe, efficient commute options while the tunnel is closed for repairs. Travelers can utilize [MassDOT 511](#) to help review traffic conditions and [MBTA's Trip Planner](#) to plan their public transit trips. Additional details on travel options are below:

### **TRAVEL TO/FROM EAST BOSTON AND NORTH END**

#### **MBTA Blue Line and Parking**

- The entire Blue Line in both directions will be fare-free to riders. Gates will be open at all Blue Line stations from Wonderland to Bowdoin.
- An additional train will be added to the Blue Line in the midday period to help support more riders riding the line.
- All MBTA parking lots and garages on the Blue Line will be reduced to \$2/day. Additional free parking is available near Wood Island Station.
- For paratransit customers, trips within  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of the Blue Line will also be fare-free to riders.
- Visit [mbta.com/Sumner](https://mbta.com/Sumner) for additional information.

#### **Discounted Tolls**

- Discounted tolls will be provided for the Tobin Bridge and Ted Williams Tunnel for those registered in the Resident Discount Program.
- Real Time Traffic monitoring will be available at 13 local intersections.

#### **MBTA East Boston Ferry**

- The East Boston ferry will be free during the tunnel's closure.
- The East Boston ferry service operates between East Boston at Lewis Mall and the downtown Boston area at Long Wharf. East Boston ferry service schedules are [available online](#) with all ferry service schedules available at [mbta.com/ferry](https://mbta.com/ferry).

#### **Seaport Ferry**

- Travelers can also use the [existing Seaport ferry](#), which offers service between North Station and the Seaport and East Boston and the Seaport.

### **TRAVEL TO/FROM THE NORTH SHORE**

#### **Commuter Rail and Parking**

- Zone 1A (\$2.40) fares along the entire Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail line directly into North Station. Parking at Salem and Swampscott is reduced to just \$2 per day. Free parking will be available at all MBTA lots north of Salem, including Beverly, Gloucester, Hamilton/Wenham, Newburyport, North Beverly, Monserrat, Rowley, and West Gloucester.
- Blue Line benefits also apply. Travelers are encouraged to consider the Wonderland Station parking lot if coming from the North Shore.



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#### **Lynn Ferry**

- Beginning Monday June 26, 2023, a new Lynn Ferry will operate five days/week on weekdays only, with 10 trips per day. Schedules are being finalized and will be released as soon as they are available.
- During the Sumner Tunnel shutdown, riders may use a Zone 1A fare (\$2.40). The Lynn Ferry will operate between the Blossom St. dock in Lynn to Long Wharf, Gate 4, in Boston (near Aquarium).
- Free parking at the City of Lynn-owned lot will be available near the Blossom St. dock. Bicycles are allowed on the ferry.

#### **Winthrop Ferry**

- MBTA will operate Winthrop Ferry service beginning this summer. During the Sumner Tunnel shutdown, riders may use a Zone 1A fare (\$2.40).
- The route will provide service to Winthrop, Quincy, Logan Airport, Aquarium and Seaport five days a week. Schedules are being finalized and will be released as soon as they are available.

#### **Salem Ferry**

- Travelers can also utilize the existing Salem ferry. Schedules available here:  
<https://www.bostonharborcruises.com/salem-ferry/>

#### **TRAVEL TO/FROM CHELSEA**

- Five bus routes in Chelsea free during the closure: 111/112/114/116/117
- SL3 (inbound only) free
  - Outbound still collecting fares

#### **TRAVEL TO/FROM LOGAN AIRPORT**

##### **Logan Express**

- There will be a 25% discount when you buy tickets online, and children under 17 ride free.
- Adding additional parking capacity at Braintree Logan Express.
- Providing passengers who take water transportation to the airport a “Ticket to Skip” to the front of the line for checkpoint screening.
- Added stop at Logan Airport by the Winthrop Ferry.

##### **Silver Line**

- An extra bus will be added to the [SL1](#) schedule between 8 AM – 2 PM to add more service frequency due to increased trip time on the Ted Williams Tunnel.
- The SL1 stops at Logan Airport and is always free for commuters traveling from the airport to Boston.

MassDOT also has a working partnership with public safety agencies and Boston EMS to support public safety during the Sumner Tunnel closure. There will be 2 dedicated ambulances for East Boston, 2 rotating ambulances to support the day shift, 2 rotating ambulances to support the evening shift, and 1 rotating ambulance to support the overnight shift.

For additional details on the Sumner Tunnel and the project, please visit [mass.gov/sumner-tunnel](https://mass.gov/sumner-tunnel) and sign up for email updates at [MassDOT](#).