

ROUTE 1A

WALPOLE MASSACHUSETTS



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Since the spring of 2021, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has been constructing corridor improvements on Route 1A (Main Street), from the Route 1A/Route 27 intersection in Walpole to the Norwood town line. This newsletter will describe the work that has been completed in 2023 and lay out construction operations and milestones planned for 2024.

Route 1A is Walpole's main commercial corridor, as well as one of the region's main thoroughfares. This project was initiated to address deficiencies in the roadway infrastructure. The improvements will address public safety concerns and improve economic development by providing safe and practical access to businesses and supporting future growth through renewed infrastructure.



New roadway, pavement markings, curbs, and sidewalk

to be completed in six phases. At the end of the 2022 construction season, the Contractor had completed phases one through three, and by the summer of 2023 they completed the remaining phases.

The Contractor has begun installing temporary pavement markings in the same position as the proposed permanent markings. These include crosswalks, stop bars, turning lanes, and Island markings. The Contractor has installed most of the permanent signage project-wide.

This year, the Contractor completed curb, wall, and driveway reconstruction. As the construction season



Bicycle Signage



State Route Signage



Side Street Sign

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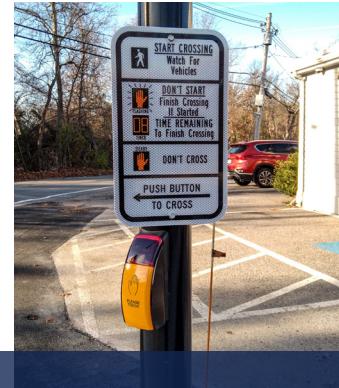


draws to a close, they have been filling depressions and providing ramps along Route 1A, as well as cleaning and securing the project area in preparation for the winter shut down. The Contractor has made significant progress installing ADA Compliant concrete sidewalks and wheelchair ramps.

The refuge island has been installed at the intersection of Main Street and Gould Street. Its purpose is to support pedestrian movement by helping them safely cross the unsignalized intersection. New traffic signals have been activated at the intersection of Bullard Street/ Willett Street and Main Street and at the intersection of Fisher



Bullard Street Pedestrian Signal



Fisher Street Pedestrian Signal



Street and Main Street. The existing signal at the Stop & Shop intersection has been upgraded to modern standards.

BRIDGES

The schedule to replace the bridge carrying Route 1A over the Neponset River entailed demolishing and rebuilding the bridge one lane at a time to maintain two lanes of traffic throughout construction. At the end of the 2022 construction season, the Contractor demolished and reconstructed the northbound side of the bridge. In 2023, they demolished and reconstructed the southbound side. The permanent gas main was installed this year. Following that, permanent sidewalks were constructed, restoring pedestrian access to both



Fisher Street Traffic Signal

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Neponset Bridge



Rail Road Bridge Fence

sides of the bridge. The Contractor inspected the bridge over the MBTA Commuter Rail to document existing conditions. By the end of 2023, they installed temporary pavement sidewalks at the railroad bridge

NEXT STEPS

The next construction season will begin in the spring of 2024. As the weather warms up, MassDOT and their Contractors will work sitewide to finish installing any remaining sidewalks. The team will make pedestrian signal modifications at Kendall Street and activate the signal at North Street. Work at the railroad bridge will continue with the installation of new safety railing across the existing bridge arch. And the top roadway layer and permanent markings will be applied to Route 1A/ Main Street.

THANK YOU

As we complete another construction season, MassDOT and their Contractors again extend their thanks to the Walpole community for your cooperation and patience during this necessary operation. This work, although extensive and disruptive, will improve the safety and quality of life of Walpole residents and help support future economic growth of the Town. The project team is working continuously to mitigate the impacts felt by abutters and the traveling public. If an issue arises, please reach out to the project email and we will do everything we can to address it.

STAY INFORMED

For the duration of the project, three-week construction look-ahead's and advisories for upcoming impactful operations will continue to be published to the project website and sent to project email subscribers.

Please visit the project website below for more details, to sign up for updates and email alerts, and to view the latest resources on the project.

PROJECT WEBSITE

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When is the project Scheduled to be completed?

A: The project is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2025.