Updates and Announcements
GLX Project Update

GLX Project Update – Lechmere-North Station Bus “Bridge”

1. MBTA/GLX Constructors announced to their Community Working Group that the Green Line is expected to be shortened to North Station from May 2020 to April 2021.

2. This shutdown will be so that the GLX-C project team can remove the current viaduct over O’Brien Highway and construct a new viaduct.

3. This will result in a 12-month bus “bridge” between Lechmere Station and downtown Boston with forced transfers for bus riders of Route 69/80/87/88 to a “bridge” bus shuttle.
## Tentative Work Schedule

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* College Avenue Bridge traffic may be restricted at times, but will remain open throughout construction.
River Street Reconstruction Project
River Street Public Process Updates

- Public Process to date:
  - 5 Working Group Meetings
  - 1 Public Meeting
  - Carl Barron Plaza Existing Conditions outreach (6/5 and 6/8)
    - 2nd stage of outreach on design is rescheduled to later in the fall
    - 2 Public Walks (5/14 and 6/11) on mobility and streetscape/local business
  - Sept 24 Working Group Meeting: Draft Concepts – Memorial Drive to Auburn
  - Oct 22 Working Group Meeting: Draft Concepts – Auburn to Central Square
  - City will likely organize a joint Pedestrian/Bicycle/Transit Meeting in September to discuss concepts
  - Nov 19 Public Meeting #2 to discuss draft concepts
River Street – Other Process/Coordination

- Ongoing coordination with Central Square Business Association
- First breakfast meeting for businesses on River Street (8/27) – more to come
- MBTA coordination on the bus bays (3 meetings to date)
- Coordination meeting with MassDOT, DCR, MBTA, and Boston (8/19) to discuss the Memorial Drive end
- Meeting with Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) and Cambridge Police Department (CPD) to discuss Carl Barron Plaza and outreach (8/15)
- Meeting with CPD officers at headquarters (9/3)
- Public Event outreach: River Fest, Parking Day, Port Pride Day, etc.
Expected Timeline

- 100% Design
- Construction Bids
- 75% Design
- Public Meeting #4

**Construction Process (2020-2022)**
Grand Junction Multi-Use Path and Conceptual Transit Design Update

• The genesis of the Grand Junction multi-use path concept was the 2000 Cambridge Green Ribbon Open Space committee

• Discussions of public transit opportunities along the Grand Junction Right of way continue from before Urban Ring planning (90s) through today (RailVision)
  • Cambridge has strongly advocated for including Grand Junction transit service as essential to accommodating future economic growth in the inner core

• Multi-use path and transit opportunities could both realize extensive local and regional benefits

• In 2015-2017, Kendall Square Mobility Task Force and the resulting Transport Kendall document recommendations included the short-term design and construction of the multi-use path and continuation of planning and advocacy for two-track passenger transit service in the future with stop(s) near Kendall Square.
Current Design Basis:

- Considers MassDOT standards for Commuter Rail and trails.
- Design basis for rail includes offset of 10' from centerline of track. MBTA Commuter Rail design standards require an 8'6" minimum*, which would only be considered as an exception. Includes 1-2' buffers on each side.
- Design basis for path is 14' paved with 2' shoulders on each side. Potential minimum paved multi-use path width of 11' with 1' shoulders**, but should only be considered as an exception.


Note that 2' shoulder is required adjacent to a vertical obstruction
Grand Junction Multi-Use Path and Conceptual Transit Design Update

- 2 Working Group Meetings (next one on 10/1)
- 1 Public Meeting (next one late Oct/early Nov)
- 2 meetings with MassDOT
- Ongoing coordination with MIT
- Meeting with regional stakeholders in September (roughly 3rd meeting)
Grand Junction Multi-Use Path and Conceptual Transit Design Update

- Conceptual Design (Summer to Fall 2019)
- Agency Review (Fall 2019 to Spring 2020)
- Final Design (Fall 2020 to Spring 2021)

- Working Group Meeting #2 (July 2019)
- Community Meeting #2 (Fall 2019)
- 25% Design and approval (Spring to Fall 2020)
- Commence Construction (Spring 2021)
Other Regional Projects

- RailVision – Commuter/Regional Rail
  - Presentation of ridership and cost estimates for Alternatives 4, 5, and 6
  - Advisory Committee Meeting – State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston
  - Thursday, September 12, 2019 10:00 AM

- Allston Multimodal Project (Allston/I-90 Interchange)
  - Project Task Force Meeting – Fiorentino Center, 123 Antwerp St, Brighton/Boston
  - Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:00 PM

- Memorial Drive Greenway Phase 3
  - City of Cambridge Meeting (Tentative) – King School Cafeteria, 102 Putnam Ave.
  - Wednesday, September 25, 2019 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM