



# Harvard Square Construction Summary

February

## Construction Projects 2020

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### A. Eliot Street Reconstruction – Bennett Street to JFK Street

- Sidewalk and roadway reconstruction; including new street lighting.
- Water main replacement - **Completed**
- **Curb and Sidewalk – Started up this week. Installing curb on Eliot from JFK towards Bennett.**
- **Gas Work: - Charlie’s Kitchen service upgrade to Plastic Pipe still outstanding and Rework gas line loop in Winthrop Street and Eliot Spring 2020.**
- Overlay part of Eliot Street and temp line strip for the winter. **Completed**
- Partial full depth roadway reconstruction.
- Construction: on going, with final mill and overlay late **Spring 2020**
- Duration: 18 months – Will be extended via change order.
- Contractor: Newport Construction Corp.
- Contact: Melissa Miguel, Public Works, 617.349.9351/ [mmiguel@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mmiguel@cambridgema.gov)

### B. OOT News Kiosk & Plaza

- Project consists of redesign of the Harvard Square Plaza and re-use of the OOT News Kiosk.
- Design Team/Architect: HDR/Halvorson/Touloukian Touloukian Inc.
- City working with MBTA to get license agreements in place – ongoing
- 90% design plans at City offices for review.
  - Does not include new curb alignment for safety improvements.\*
- Anticipated bid date: late Spring 2020
- **Roof top signs – Not Approved by CHC. Removed from project scope.**
- **\*New Curb Alignment Approved**
- Duration: 24 months
- More information can be found here at [www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/projects/parks/hsquarepublicspace](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/projects/parks/hsquarepublicspace)
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### C. MBTA Bus Tunnel Repair

- **On Hold until June – Until Bus Drive Route picks**
- Tunnel roadway replacements, drainage replacements, tunnel ceiling rehabilitation & catenary system replacement.
- NTP issued Spring 2019 to Bond Brothers, Inc.
- Tunnel closure: June 2019 – December 2019: During which one bus tunnel will remain open at all times.
- Upper Tunnel close for the first three months.
- Limits of work: Mass Ave intersection at the north portal to the crosswalk at Mt. Auburn St at the south portal.
- Impacts to passengers on the 71/73 who will need to walk from Mt. Auburn to the Brattle St entrance and passengers alighting at Brattle St.
- During the tunnel closure diesel buses will load in the open tunnel and alight at a temporary bus stop located on Brattle St. The trackless trolley’s (71/73) will not enter the tunnel during the closure and will alight on Mt. Auburn by Bennett Alley, and load on Mt. Auburn by Story St. Attached is a diagram showing the temporary bus routing.
- Contact: Lonny Fidalgo, MBTA / [lfidalgo@mbta.com](mailto:lfidalgo@mbta.com)
- Bus tunnel driveway apron details approved by DPW, construction will begin shortly, Pedestrian will be diverted across the street. TMP also approved.

#### D. 1-23 JFK Street

- **Concrete Column placement. - On Going – All concrete pours are inside fence along JFK Street.**
- Interior renovation of existing building
- There will be multiple trenches for new utility connections. Sidewalks around building will have overhead staging and will be closed for periods of time. Parking restrictions will be in place along JFK Street.
- Jersey barriers are currently being placed along JFK St to set up the work zones. There will be a partial lane closure on JFK for the duration of the project.
- Expected duration is 18-24 months
- Building permit approved July 2, 2019
- ***Contractor: Shawmut Design and Construction Contact: Richard DeAguila 617.756.5313***

#### E. 10 Church Street – No change.

- Demolition of existing building and construction of new commercial building
- There will be multiple trenches for new utility connections. Sidewalks along building will be closed for most of the construction duration. Project will also need to occupy a portion of the roadway for construction logistics.
- Expected duration is 24 months
- Project is currently going through permitting, so we don't have a confirmed start date.
- Currently in building permit application phase.
- ***No contractor in place at this time. Will add developer project page web address if available.***

#### F. 57 JFK Street – No change

- Addition of 2 floors on top of existing buildings
- Internal demolition complete.
- Eversource Electric to provide power from Eliot Street.
- There will be multiple trenches for new utility connections. Sidewalks around building will have overhead staging and will be closed for periods of time. Daily material deliveries on Eliot Street and Winthrop Street.
- Project will start in March 2019 with 18-month duration.
- Currently in building permit phase. No change

#### G. 16 Eliot Street – No change

- Additional floors proposed

#### H. 63 Mount Auburn Street

- This is the first phase of a multi-phase renovation of three Harvard University residential buildings.
- There are multiple trenches for new utility connections. Sidewalks around building have overhead staging and are closed for periods of time. Parking restrictions are in place. Linden Street is closed for a portion of the project.
- First phase began in June 2019 with 12-18 month duration.
- Second phase scheduled to begin in June 2020 with the full renovation of Randolph House on Bow Street. Parking and vehicular traffic modifications will be necessary.
- CSL is working with the contractor on pedestrian and traffic management plans to present to the City.
- Contractor: Lee Kennedy
- Contact: Ann Davis, CSL Consulting/[adavis@csl-consulting.com](mailto:adavis@csl-consulting.com)

#### I. 1465 Massachusetts Avenue – Harvard Hall – No Change

- Exterior site work is complete and the fencing has been taken down.
- Deliveries through Johnson Gate.
- Work on interior finishes and punch list items continues.
- The building will reopen for classes this Spring.
- Contractor: Consigli Construction Co., Inc.
- Contact: Ann Davis, CSL Consulting/[adavis@csl-consulting.com](mailto:adavis@csl-consulting.com)

**L. 4 Brattle Street- Lobby and Office Renovation. Should be completed by January 2020.**

- Phase 1-Temporary water service completed- by Flett.
- Phase 2. Install permanent water and fire service to the building and remove temporary water service- Completed
- Phase 3. Electric conduit- Will be completed by mid-October 2019. - COMPLETED
- Make final water connection. – Completed
- Backfill waterline and electrical duct bank and remove lagging. - Completed
- Make roof drain connection. - COMPLETED
- Restore pavers. – Completed
- Power wash the pavers in March and complete the project in the Spring of 2020
- Contact: Mark Fitzgerald, Sr. Project Manager, Siena Construction Corporation, 774.276.6578

**M. Science Plaza - Harvard University**

- Precast blocks and metal ornamental railings along the east and west sides of Science Plaza (overlooking Cambridge Street) are being repaired and replaced.
- Work on the east side is largely complete and the fencing is down. There are plans to wash down the older east side panels in several weeks when the weather is warmer.
- Work on the west side of the Plaza will resume when warmer temperatures are more consistent and the contractor can install the new modified railings.
- Cambridge Street needs to be reduced to one lane to facilitate work on Friday, 2/7, and again potentially the week of 3/23 - 3/27.
- Contact: Ann Davis, CSL Consulting/[adavis@csl-consulting.com](mailto:adavis@csl-consulting.com)

**N. Verizon**

- Replace manhole in super crosswalk near Curious George
- Nighttime work – Applied for Noise Variance
- Will apply for DPW Permit

**O. 14 Story Street Window Replacement Project**

- All windows in the five-story Harvard-occupied building at 14 Story Street are being removed and replaced.
- Work began on the back side of the building in November 2019 and is transitioning to the Story Street side of the building during the week of Jan 27.
- Scaffolding is being erected up the full elevation of the building. Some deliveries on Story Street, most before 9:00 a.m.
- No street closures necessary. Signage is in place directing pedestrians around the work area during project work hours of 7:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturdays.
- Project is scheduled to conclude mid-April 2020.
- Contractor: GenCon
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Please contact Kate Riley Community Relations Manager, if you would like to receive updates related to Harvard Square construction projects: [kriley@cambridgema.gov](mailto:kriley@cambridgema.gov) and visit [www.cambridgema.gov/theworks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks).