



Harvard Square Construction Summary

March 2021

Construction Projects 2021

A. Eliot Street Reconstruction – Bennett Street to JFK Street – **COMPLETED**

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B. OOT News Kiosk – **BID RECOMMENDATION IN TO PURCHASING**

- WES Construction Low Bidder
- Anticipated start date late spring 2021
- More information can be found here at www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/projects/parks/hsquarepublicspace
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C. OOT News Plaza

- Plaza will now be a separately bid contract
- Anticipated bid date late summer/early fall 2021
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D. MBTA Bus Tunnel Repair – Project resumed normal service in December 2020

- Tunnel drainage replacements, tunnel ceiling rehabilitation & catenary system replacement have been completed.
- Due to the excessive amount of concrete repairs and additional work required for the duct bank re-location, the concrete overlay work was not completed and deferred until June 2021.
- Lower busway will be closed for two months for work, and upper busway will remain open for bus operations.
- Summer busway closure to begin on June 20, 2021 and end August 28, 2021
- 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.
- Contact: Lonny Fidalgo, MBTA / lfidalgo@mbta.com

E. 1-23 JFK Street

- Concrete Column placement (interior) - 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.
- Contractor was recently authorized to bring project to completion without delay.
- Expected duration is 18-24 months
- Building permit approved July 2, 2019
- Eversource Electric is nearing completion of new service to building.
- Final utility connections and restoration of the roadway and sidewalk will begin in April.
- **Contractor: Shawmut Design and Construction Contact: Richard DeAguila 617.756.5313**

F. 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.**

G. 57 JFK Street

- Addition of 2 floors on top of existing buildings-
- Phase I - Internal demolition: complete
- Phase II – Currently in Building Permit Review – Building Permit issued June 20,2020.
- Eversource Electric to provide power from Eliot Street - Preparing the alley off Winthrop Street to receive electric transformer.
- 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.

H. 16 Eliot Street – NO CHANGE

- Additional floors proposed

I. 63 Mount Auburn Street

- This is the first phase of a multi-phase renovation of three Harvard University residential buildings.
- First phase began on Claverly Hall in June 2019 and is substantially complete.
- Linden Street has reopened to traffic and parking.
- Work continues on the renovation of Apthorp House, the historic home of the Adams House faculty deans located behind Randolph House at 53 Bow Street. On March 22, the contractor will be extending the project fence line and work zone into Plympton Street's sidewalk and parking lane on the Randolph House side of the street.
- Plympton Street will remain open to vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians during this phase of the project. A shared travel lane will be available for vehicles and bikes, and pedestrians will be detoured to the side of the street opposite Randolph House. Once the fence line is shifted, approximately six parking spaces on Plympton Street will not be available in order to accommodate the work area.
- Apthorp House is expected to be complete this Spring.
- The next phase at 53 Bow Street is TBD. This involves the full renovation of Randolph House on Bow Street. Parking and vehicular traffic modifications will be necessary.
- The contractor has presented pedestrian and traffic management plans to the City.
- Contractor: Lee Kennedy
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J. Public Shower Facility- 41 Church Street

- Two shower trailers; 1-8 unit trailer and 1- Handicap accessible shower trailer
- Utility connections are complete
- Trailers are leased by City
- First Church will staff and operate the showers
- Planned to be open weekdays from 1pm to 4pm
- Showers will be in place at 41 Church Street through May 15, 2021.
- City is evaluating options for a new location in the Harvard Sq. area. After May 15.
- First Church Contact: Jim Stewart jstewart@firstchurchcambridge.org
- DPW Contact: Jim Wilcox jwilcox@cambridgema.gov

K. Malkin Athletic Center (MAC)

- Harvard is conducting a renovation project on the third floor of the MAC.
- The project is expected to be complete in May 2021.
- For the duration, Winthrop Street between Dunster Street and Holyoke Street is closed to traffic during project work hours Monday through Friday.
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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 and visit www.cambridgema.gov/theworks.