

Needham Street Construction

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation, MassDOT, is gearing up to begin full depth roadway reconstruction and paving in Newton this spring as part of the \$31.1 million Needham Street improvement project.

MassDOT officials will provide an update on work completed thus far and on the upcoming work in Newton at a public information zoom meeting on Thursday, March 23 at 6:00 p.m. Preregister for the meeting [here](#).

Work is scheduled to begin by MassDOT contractors on Winchester Street from Curtis Street to Centre Street, and on Needham Street from Columbia Avenue to Winchester Street. They will start with the roadwork and then turn to sidewalk and curb restoration.



(Photo: Top, Needham Street bridge over the Charles River prior to work. Bottom, rendering of what the bridge will look like after the project is complete.)



This State project will bring much needed improvements along the 1.7 mile length of Needham Street for motorists, cyclists, public transit users and pedestrians.

The project includes better turn lanes, continuous sidewalks, new crosswalks, state of the art traffic signals, better bus stops, raised bus lanes, safer bicycle paths, and renovation and widening of the existing bridge over the Charles River to accommodate all modes travel. (Work on the bridge has already started and is expected to be completed by the end of this year.)

Road projects mean inconvenience. This next phase of the Needham Street improvements will continue to create traffic issues for people passing through the work areas in Newton.

MassDOT expects that the majority of the work will take place primarily during weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., with no lane closures during peak traffic hours (6:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.). Pedestrian and bicycle access will be maintained throughout the duration of the project, meaning we will continue to have access to all stores, restaurants, and businesses along this busy street. MassDOT will do its best to maintain driveway access for businesses

throughout the project; there may be short periods of time when the MassDOT contractors are working directly in front of a business driveway where access may not be possible.

There may also be some night work to minimize traffic impacts.

Questions or concerns? Email the MassDOT Project Team [here](#). Sign up for project updates [here](#), and get more information about the project [here](#).