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MassDOT Accelerating Phase I Repairs to Allston I-90 Viaduct in Boston

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) today announced plans to accelerate initial repair work for the Allston Multi-Modal Project. This initial work is necessary for both the near-term safety of the viaduct and will support longer-term goals as the Commonwealth continues to work with stakeholders on design, mitigation, financing and permitting measures in advance of aiming to file a Notice of Project Change (NPC) for the preferred alternative later this year.

The 18 to 24-month repair project's focus is primarily on structural steel and concrete repairs. Most of the work will occur underneath the viaduct, and it is anticipated there will be minimal disruption for rail and roadway commuters with some night and weekend lane takings expected. MassDOT will take advantage of one-time funds to advance the approximately \$75 million initial repair work expected to commence by early 2023.

By accelerating this first phase of the multi-modal project, MassDOT is ensuring the near-term safety of the viaduct and reducing the risk of future emergency repairs that would impact rail and road users. Additionally, accelerating this work better positions the Commonwealth to take advantage of any additional federal funding or programs, while reducing the permitting risks of the construction phasing and operations of the larger, long-term multi-modal project.

The next meeting of the Allston Multimodal Project Task Force is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, and will primarily focus on these topics.

In anticipation of the large Allston Multimodal Project, the MBTA is exploring options for a South Side Maintenance Facility. This coordination between MassDOT and the MBTA will minimize impacts to critical MBTA operations during the future multi-modal project construction.

For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/allston-multimodal-project>

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