



Robert Street Bridge Project

**Monday, April 29, 2019
6:30 PM–8:30 PM**

**Roslindale Community Center
6 Cummins Highway
Roslindale, MA 02131**

WHY IS THE MBTA REPLACING THE ROBERT STREET BRIDGE?

The MBTA owns a bridge which carries the Needham Commuter Rail Line over Robert Street in Roslindale, near the Roslindale Village Commuter Rail Station. Built in 1898 and rehabilitated in 1985, the bridge is in poor condition. It could soon impact the operation of the train service or the road beneath it. It needs to be replaced.



View of the MBTA-owned Commuter Rail bridge from Robert Street in Roslindale.



Artist's rendering of the new Commuter Rail bridge and the reconstructed road and sidewalks on Robert Street.

HOW WILL THE NEW BRIDGE COMPARE TO THE EXISTING BRIDGE?

The new bridge will be built in the same location as the existing bridge. The new bridge will be a single span structure and consist of steel girders similar to the existing. The current railroad track alignment and Roslindale Village Station will not be affected. The existing steel piers will be removed creating a more open space beneath the bridge while maintaining existing sidewalk widths. The width of Robert Street will not change.

WHAT SHOULD COMMUTER RAIL RIDERS EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Commuter Rail service will not be affected on weekdays during construction. There will be two or three weekend shutdowns (Friday night to Monday morning), likely in Summer and Fall 2020, during which time bus shuttles may replace train service. Visit [mbta.com/alerts](https://www.mbta.com/alerts) for more information during construction.

WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION TAKE PLACE?

Design will continue through June 2019. After the MBTA procures a contractor, construction will likely begin in December 2019 and continue for about 13 months. The installation of the bridge will likely occur in Summer 2020.

WHAT KIND OF CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS SHOULD NEIGHBORS EXPECT?

During construction, there will be a variety of temporary changes on and around Robert Street. To allow workers access to the bridge and to maintain traffic on Robert Street, approximately 18 on-street parking spaces will be temporarily eliminated. Traffic lanes will be shifted as needed, and occasionally there will be alternating one-way traffic under police control. During the two weekend shutdowns and additional days, we will need to close Robert Street and detour traffic around the bridge. Detailed information will be shared publicly once the contractor is on board after December 2019.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE AND STAY INFORMED ABOUT THIS PROJECT?

For project questions or comments, or to sign up for project notifications during construction, please email Project Manager Mike Ryan: mryan@mbta.com.



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