



2023 B Branch Track Upgrades

Packard's Corner & Allston Street

June 2023

Meeting Agenda | *Today's Meeting*

Purpose | *Communicate plans for 2023 track upgrades on the B Branch*

1. **Planned Work**
2. **Community Outreach and Engagement**
3. **Project Benefits**
4. **Traffic Management Plan**
5. **Green Line Track Condition**
6. **Alternative Service**
7. **What Neighbors Can Expect During Construction**
8. **Keeping the Public Informed**



Track Replacement | Construction Planned for the B Branch

12-Day Surge July 17 to July 28

- 800 feet of full-depth track replacement through the intersection at Commonwealth Ave and Brighton Ave (Packard's Corner)
- 2000 feet of full-depth track replacement from Harvard Ave Station to Allston St Station
- Including restriping Allston St and Commonwealth Ave intersection



Community Outreach and Engagement

The project team will host an Open House on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 6:00PM

Boston University's
Sleeper Auditorium
871 Commonwealth Avenue



To make local stakeholders and area residents aware of the public meeting, the Capital Transformation team will distribute flyers in the area in:

- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Russian

The image displays four versions of a flyer for the B Branch Track Upgrades Open House, distributed in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Russian. Each flyer includes the following information:

- Event Title:** B Branch Track Upgrades Open House
- Date and Time:** Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 6:00 PM
- Location:** Boston University's Sleeper Auditorium, 871 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA
- Event Description:** An opportunity to discuss the scheduled track work, meet the project team, and ask questions. The flyer lists work items such as full-depth track replacement, ductbank replacement, and platform edge painting.
- Language-Specific Content:**
 - English:** Details about the project, work items, and contact information.
 - Spanish:** Información sobre el equipo de la MBTA y las mejoras a las vías de la B Branch.
 - Chinese:** 请与MBTA团队一起参加 B 支线轨道升级开放日.
 - Russian:** Приглашаем вас принять участие в мероприятии MBTA по обновлению путей на участке B Branch.
- Contact Information:** mta.com/GLTrack
- QR Code:** A QR code linking to the project website.

Project Benefits | *Improvements for Riders*

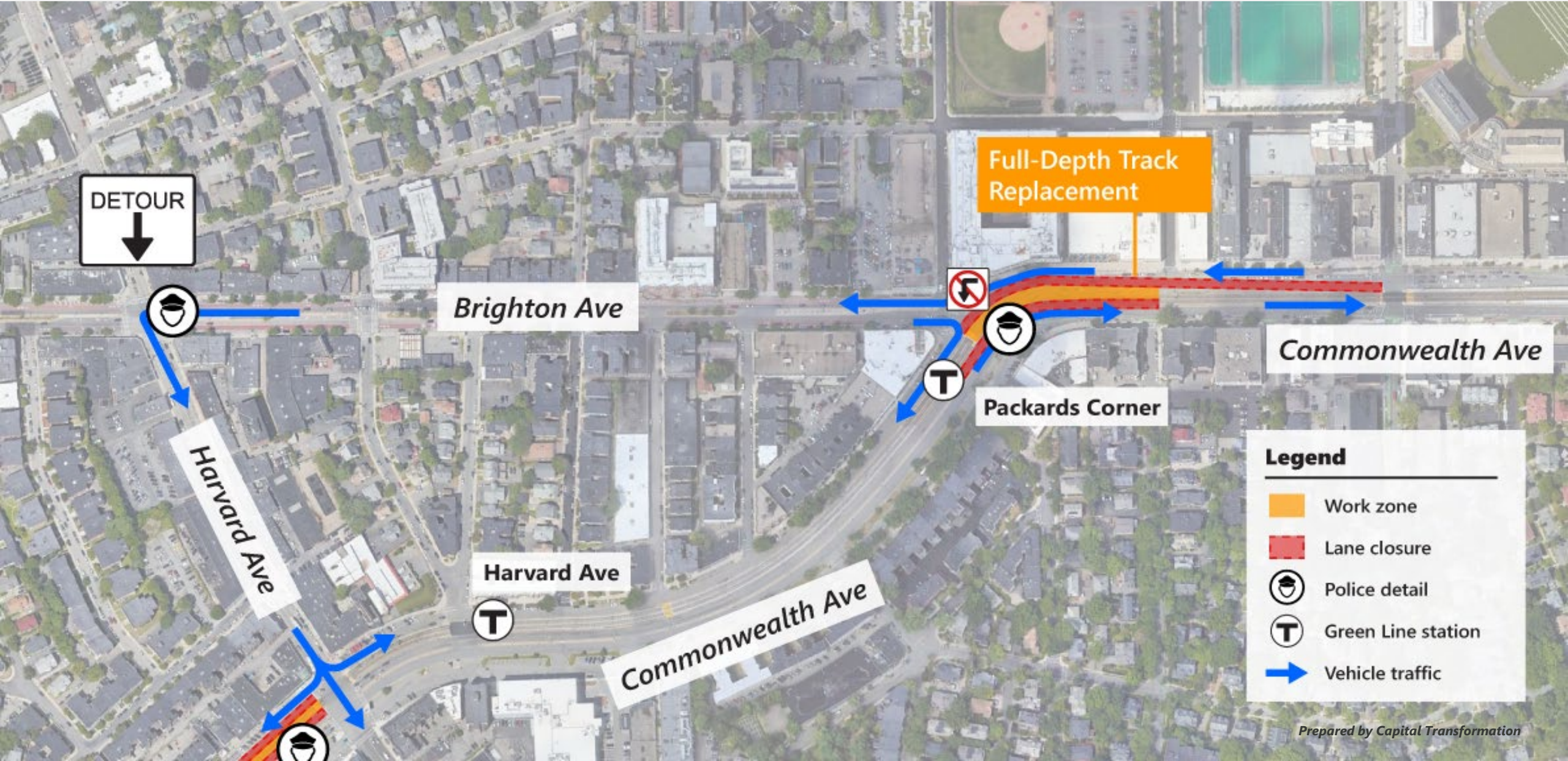
Replacing this track will help address speed restrictions in the area and improve the overall safety and reliability of service.

Rider Benefits:

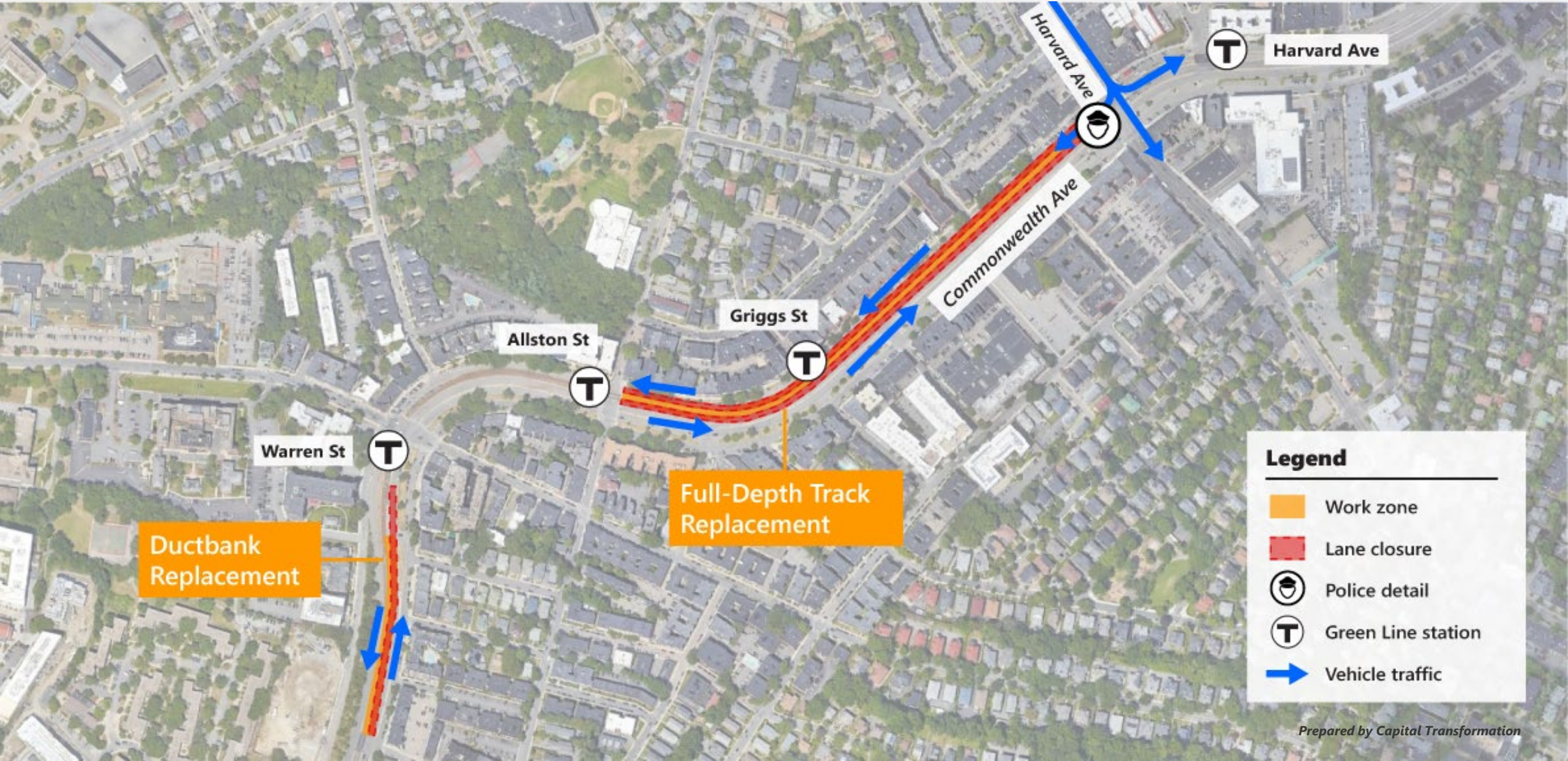
- **Safety:** New rails, ties, and ballast reduces the risk of high-impact events
- **Reliability:** Fewer unplanned stops result in improved service
- **Accessibility:** Improved condition of track and repaved roadway will make Packard's Corner easier to cross for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians



Traffic Impacts | *Minimizing Disruption*



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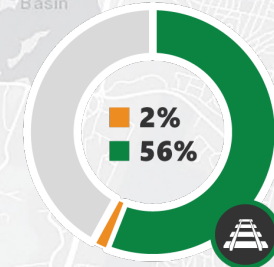
- Work zone
- Lane closure
- Police detail
- Green Line station
- Vehicle traffic

Green Line Track Condition

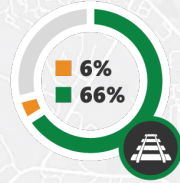
- █ Replaced Track
- █ Planned Track Replacement
- █ Adequate/Future Track Work

Track Feet Replaced by Year	Pre-GLT	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
All Branches (B,C,D,E)	25,500 TF	22,500 TF	32,401 TF	18,383 TF	15,306 TF	2,800 TF

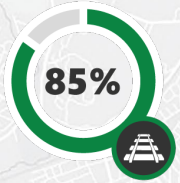
* Additional construction under consideration for 2023



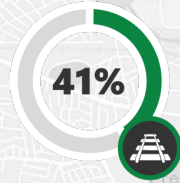
Surface Branches
117,090 of 202,066 Track Feet



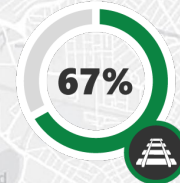
B Branch
32,601 of 45,090 Track Feet



C Branch
26,717 of 31,508 Track Feet



D Branch
40,186 of 99,268 Track Feet



E Branch
17,532 of 26,200 Track Feet

Alternative Service | July 17 to July 28, 2023



Free, accessible Buses will operate from Boston College to Kenmore



- Shuttle stops along Commonwealth Ave, Babcock St, and Blandford Street will be located at the existing bus stops for Bus **Route 57**
- Shuttle stops between Harvard Ave and Boston College will be located adjacent to stations and marked with signage
- Shuttle service will be accessible vehicles from Private Carriers



Service Alert

Shuttles will not stop at Packard's Corner, Griggs St, and Allston St Stations due to accessibility concerns

Riders should use nearby Warren St, Harvard Ave, and Babcock St stations as alternatives

What Neighbors Can Expect During Construction

1 Noise

- Work will take place **24/7**
- Track replacement and intersection paving work generates noise
- MBTA implements standard **mitigation strategies** to minimize noise and monitors noise levels
- A 24/7 **noise hotline** is available (**617-222-4100**)

2 Traffic

- Lane closures will be needed near work zones
- **Packard's Corner**
 - **Harvard Ave to Allston St**
 - **Warren St to Summit Ave**

3 Parking

- Parking lanes will be shifted for local traffic and emergency vehicles
- Some parking will be temporarily removed
- Necessary for storage of materials/equipment
- Emergency access, and/or traffic detours

4 Pedestrian & Bicycle

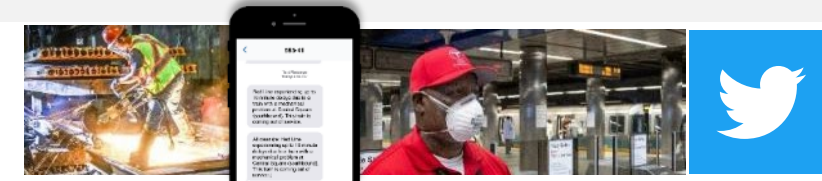
- Crosswalks within work zones will be temporary closed
- Pedestrian crossings will be marked with detour signage
- Police officers will be at key locations

B Branch Track Upgrades | Keeping the Public Informed



How to Stay Connected

- ✓ Contact the project team: GLT@mbta.com
- ✓ Subscribe to alerts: mbta.com/Alerts
- ✓ Subscribe to Green Line Transformation weekly email updates: mbta.com/GLT
- ✓ Check website for up-to-date information: www.mbta.com/GLTrack
- ✓ **Noise Hotline:** (617) 222-4100



Online & Social Media



GLT / GREEN LINE TRANSFORMATION

Please Join the MBTA Team for the
B Branch Track Upgrades Open House

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 6:00 PM

The Green Line Transformation team is hosting an open house to discuss the proposed track work for the B Branch at Boston University's Sleeper Auditorium located at 871 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA on Wednesday, June 28 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Join us in an interactive, open house format to learn about the latest news and details about the upcoming work.

Work Includes:

- Full-depth track replacement at Packards Corner and Harvard Ave to Alston St

The open house will begin at 6:00 PM - this is a good opportunity to learn more about this work and meet the team. **We welcome your input and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.** All attendees who sign-in to the meeting and provide an email address will be entered into the project's email database to receive email updates.

Meeting details will be posted on the project website under 'Upcoming Events' ahead of the meeting: mbta.com/GLTrack

You can also email questions anytime to GLT@MBTA.com.

Accommodations

This public meeting is accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited proficiency in English. Accessibility accommodations and language services will be provided free of charge, upon request, as available. Such services include documents in alternate formats, translated documents, and interpretation. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation and/or language services, please email GLT@mbta.com or call (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), or use TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) 617-222-3200. **Requests should be made at least five business days before a meeting.**

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BOUY CENTER

NO SHUTTLE SERVICE

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answered during action hours will be addressed

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Information on systemwide meetings and more.

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