



**Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority**

Accessibility Initiatives: Impact of Forging Ahead

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Central Questions

- Which of the capital projects under consideration to be placed on pause are related to accessibility improvements?
 - What capital accessibility improvements are still planned to move forward?
- Aside from potential service planning changes, will the constraints on Operating Budget impact any accessibility programs?



Capital Projects Related to Accessibility Proposed to Pause for Reconsideration

Project	Proposal	Total Funds Reallocated
Winchester CR Rebuild	Complete Design. Pause Construction.	\$42.8M
South Attleboro CR Rebuild	Advance Design. Pause Construction.	\$41.6M
Auburdale/Newtonville, West Newton Rebuild	Complete Design. Pause Construction	\$15.1M
Future Elevator Designs	Scale back to focus on the highest priority locations	\$17M
Wayfinding	Focus on safety-critical work	\$45M
Misc. Accessibility Upgrades	Scale back to focus on highest priority efforts	\$4.5M



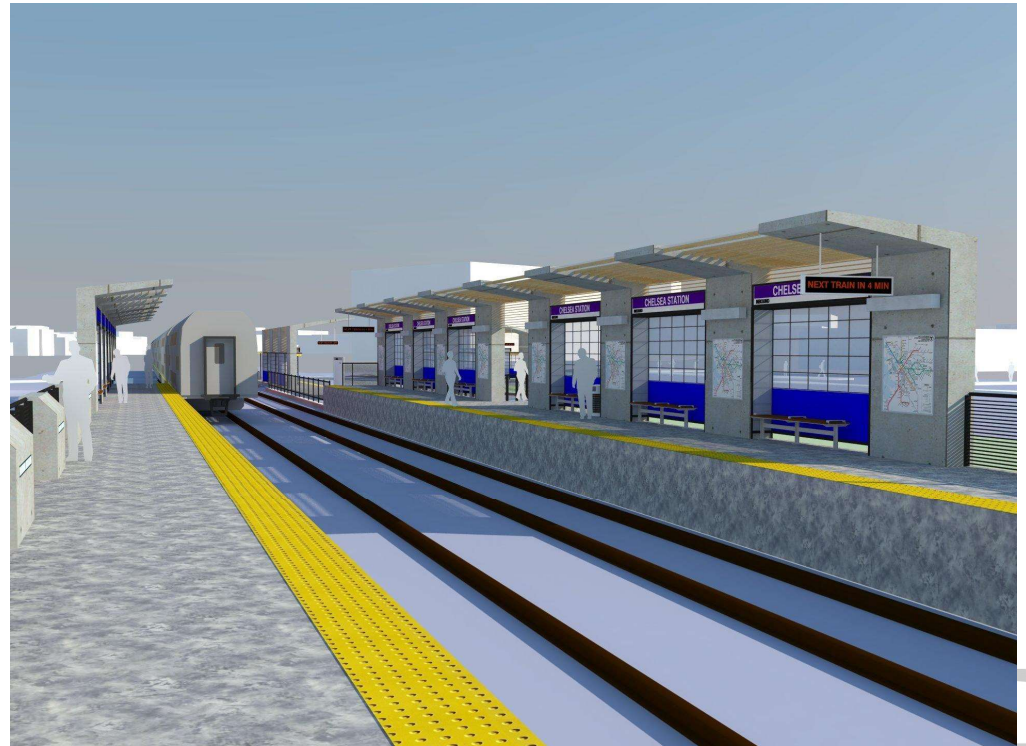
What Work is Still Underway?

- Over \$600M remains allocated for the following accessibility initiatives over the next 5 years



Commuter Rail Accessibility Upgrades

- Mansfield Station
- Chelsea Station
- Natick Center Station



Green Line Accessibility Upgrades

- Babcock, Pleasant St, BU West, & St. Paul
- Newton Highlands
- Brookline Hills
- Beaconsfield
- Chestnut Hill
- Eliot
- Waban
- Symphony
- Hynes



Elevator Upgrades

- Alewife—3 replacements
- Oak Grove—3 new units, 3 replacements
- Ruggles—1 new unit, 4 replacements
- Forest Hills—1 new unit, 3 replacements
- Quincy Adams—1 new unit, 3 replacements

Designs (37 units)

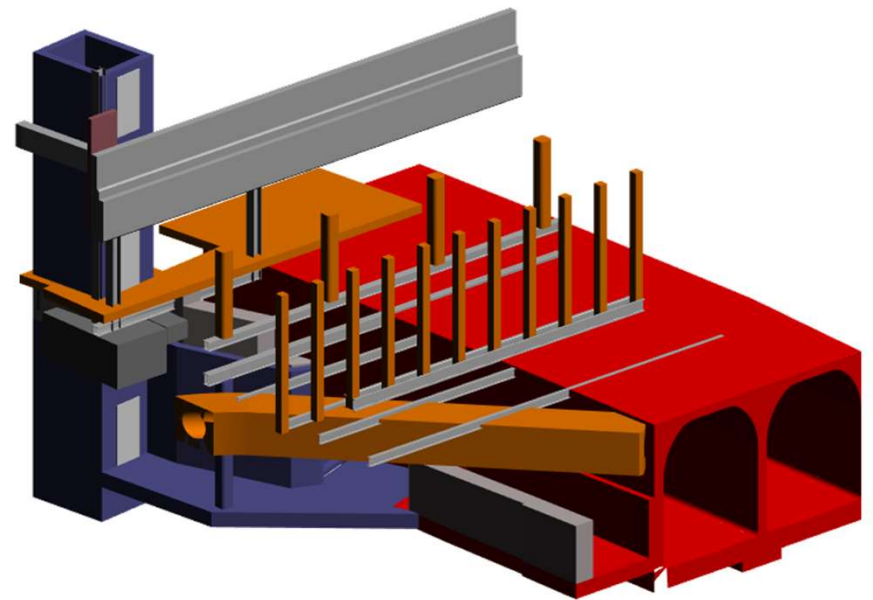
- Central—2 new units, 1 replacement
- Sullivan--1 new unit, 2 replacements
- Davis--3 new units, 2 replacements
- Chinatown--2 new units, 2 replacements and lobby rebuilds
- North Station--2 new units
- State Street--2 new units, 2 replacements
- Mass Ave: 1 new unit, 1 replacement
- Broadway: 2 new units, 2 replacements
- Jackson Square: 1 new unit, 1 replacement
- Arlington: 3 new units
- Wellington: 3 new units , 2 replacement units



Downtown Crossing Elevators--Design

The Downtown Crossing Phase II Project Scope includes 3 new elevators:

- **Summer Street Concourse (Macy's Elevator)**
– New elevator between Orange Line Northbound and Red Line Southbound
- **Winter Street Concourse at Park Street (Elevator 808)** – An enlarged and relocated new Elevator 808 that connects Red Line Northbound and Orange Line Southbound at Downtown Crossing via Winter Street Concourse
- **Washington Street Elevator (Winter Street Building)** – New replacement elevator that connects Washington Street, Orange Line Southbound, and Red Line Southbound



Washington Street Elevator (Winter Street Building)



Bus Stop Upgrades

- **Critical & High Priority Stops**
 - 50+ have been reconstructed/under construction
 - 180+ under design



Stop 3819: Federal St @ Front St, Weymouth



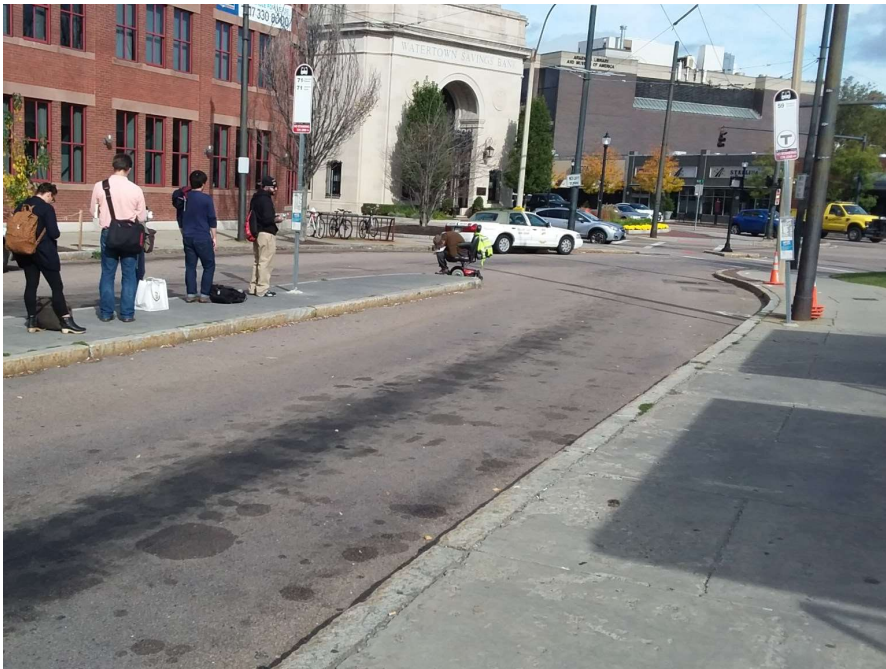
Before



After



Stop 8178: Watertown Square Terminal, Watertown



Before

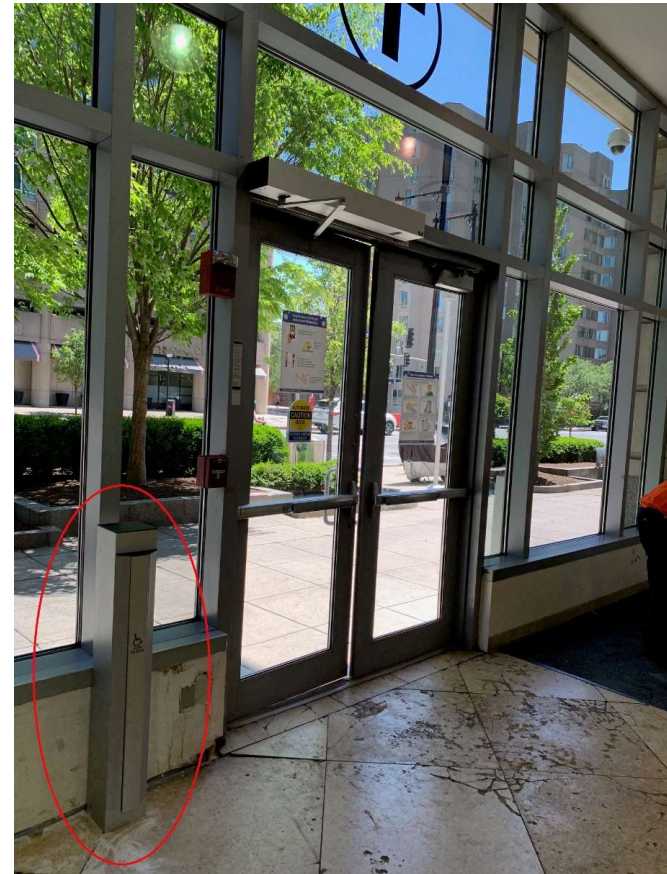


After



Additional Upgrades

- Automated door openers
- Path of travel upgrades
- Digital screens – elevator outages



Impact on Accessibility Programs Funded by Operating Budget

- Elevator Maintenance Program
 - No proposed change hours to, staffing, performance expectations, or scope of service
- Transit Ambassadors at Stations
 - Scale back portion of recent staffing increase. Coverage will remain higher than FY21
- Internal Access Monitoring Program
 - No proposed change to scope of program. Monitoring will remain mostly on hold until pandemic subsides



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