



# D Branch Station Accessibility Improvements

Beaconsfield, Chestnut Hill, Eliot, Waban

**Public Meeting** 

Thursday, June 23, 2022

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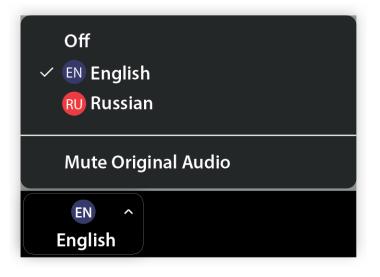
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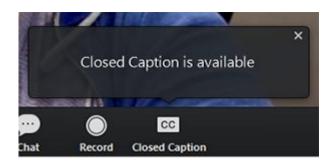
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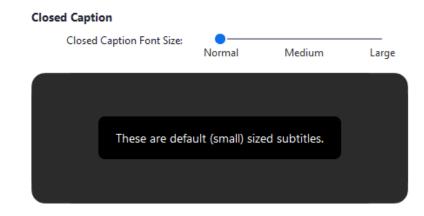
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## **SAFETY** MOMENT

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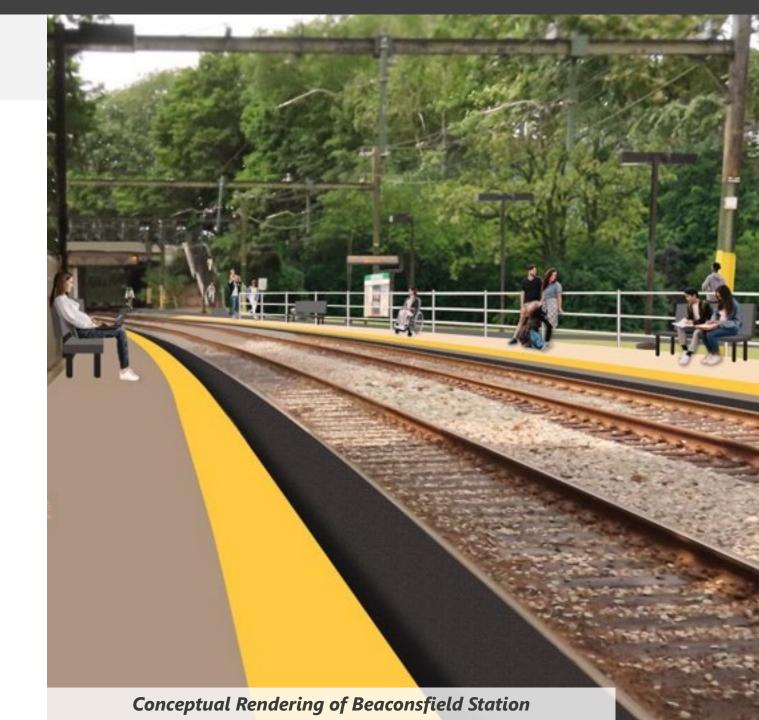
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# **Agenda | D Branch Station Accessibility Improvements**

- 1. Capital Transformation
- 2. Project Overview
- 3. Current Station Conditions
- 4. Planned Improvements
  - Beaconsfield Station
  - Chestnut Hill Station
  - Eliot Station
  - Waban Station
- **5. Project Timeline**
- 6. Outreach
- 7. Question and Answer



## **Capital Transformation Programs** | *Mission*



To improve the quality of service for MBTA riders and neighboring communities through strategic capital investments.



#### **Green Line Transformation** | Overview

#### **Levels of Transformation**







- Improved Safety and State of Good Repair
- Second Enhanced Accessibility
- Replacement of Legacy Fleets
- Increased Passenger Capacity
- Modernized Rider Experience

Each level aims to **improve**reliability and the overall quality of
service for all riders and
communities served by the system





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Accessibility



## **Design Goals** | *Design is Customer Centric*



"I find the Green Line platforms difficult to get to with all these poles and trees."

**Declutter pathways** 



"I am afraid to fall. Most platforms are cracked and deteriorated."

Resurface platforms and access paths



"The height of the platforms are inconsistent and sometimes hard to board the train."

Upgrade platform height to 8 inches above top-of-rail



"The stations have low visibility and I'm worried about the accessibility of the emergency services."

Upgrade lighting and make all emergency call boxes accessible

#### **Fleet Overview** | *Existing Trains*



#### **Type 7: Vehicle Entrance**

- No low floor entrances
- Requires mobile lift for accessibility (if available)
- Paired with Type 8





**Type 8: Vehicle Entrance** 

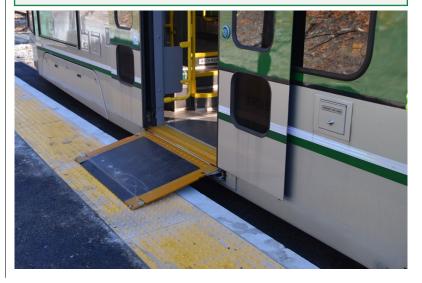
- Only middle door is low floor
- Bridge plate accessible with operator assistance





**Type 9: Vehicle Entrance** 

- Only middle door is low floor
- Bridge plate accessible with operator assistance







## **Accessible Stations** | *Short-term and Long-term Improvements*

# **Short-term Station Accessibility Improvements**

#### **Recently Completed Construction**

- ✓ B Branch Station Consolidation
- ✓ Brookline Hills High School Expansion

#### **Projects Advancing In Design**

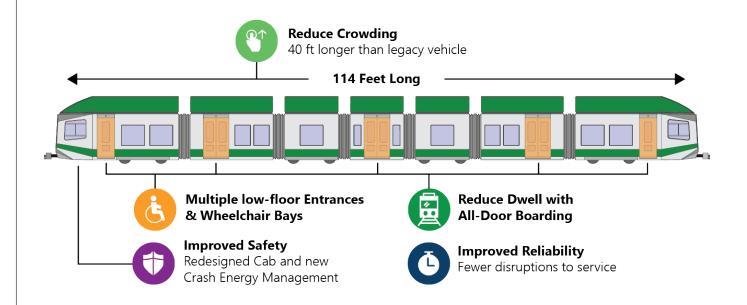
- D Branch Station Accessibility Improvements
- Newton Highlands Accessibility Improvements
- Symphony Station Accessibility Improvements
- Hynes Station Accessibility Improvements

#### **Planning**

 B and C Branch Interim Station Accessibility Improvements

#### **Long-term Vehicle Improvements: Type 10 Supercar**





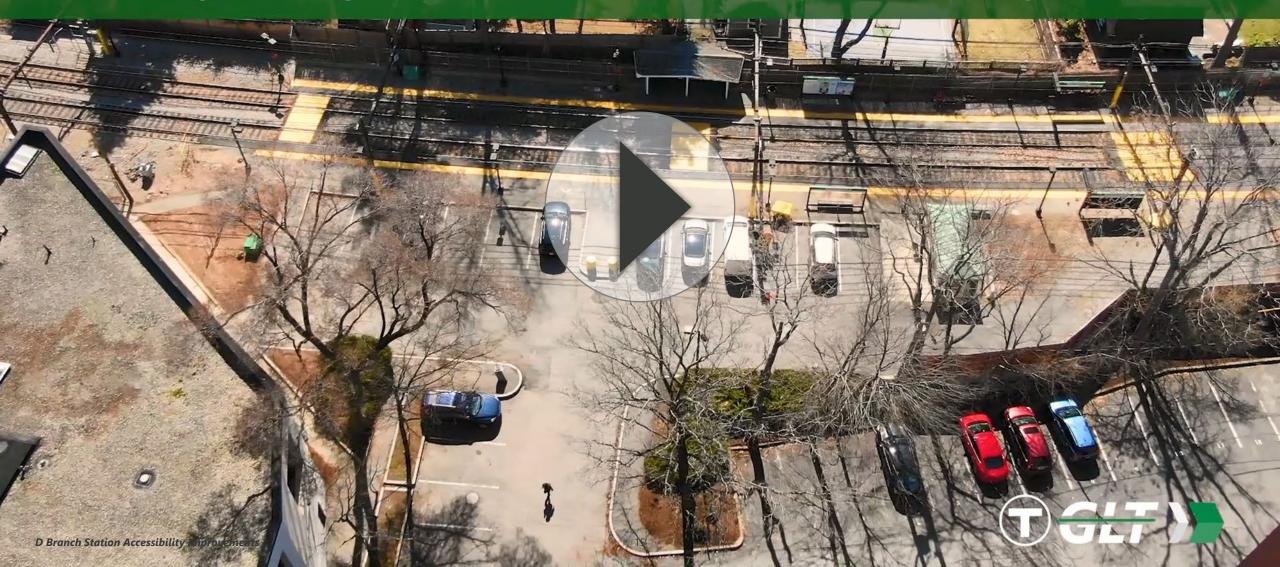


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Existing Conditions at Stations



The yellow paint along the platform edges will be replaced with yellow detectable warning strips with raised platforms to increase safety and accessibility and improve conditions for riders with visual impairments.





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Project Overview

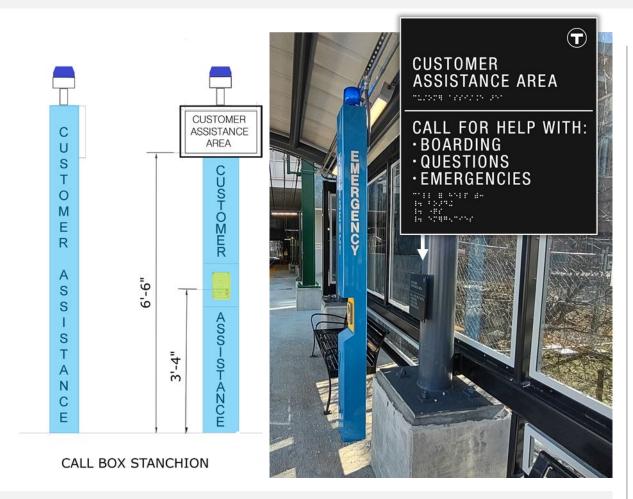
#### **D** Branch Station Accessibility Improvements | Project Overview

Upgrade four (4) D Branch stations accessibility by:

- Raising the platform heights to 8 inches above top-of-rail
- Extending the raised platform
   length to 225 feet
- Adding accessible pathways and 2nd egress from each platform



#### **Safety and Security** | *Improvements*







**New Lighting** *Platforms, Walkways & Parking* 

#### **Station Amenity Upgrades**

- ✓ Stations will have new customer assistance call boxes, lighting, and benches
- ✓ Wayfinding will be improved and relocated and reuse existing Variable-message sign (VMS) countdown clocks
- Existing shelters will be repaired and reused
- ✓ Coordination with Fair Collection Team for new equipment



#### **Overview** | Project Benefits





#### Operate a fully accessible D Branch

- For all types of trains
- Maintain access to services



#### **Enhance safety at stations**

- Accessible emergency exits and points of safety
- Call box for emergency and for information
- Adequate lighting on platform, access path and parking



#### Improve access to stations

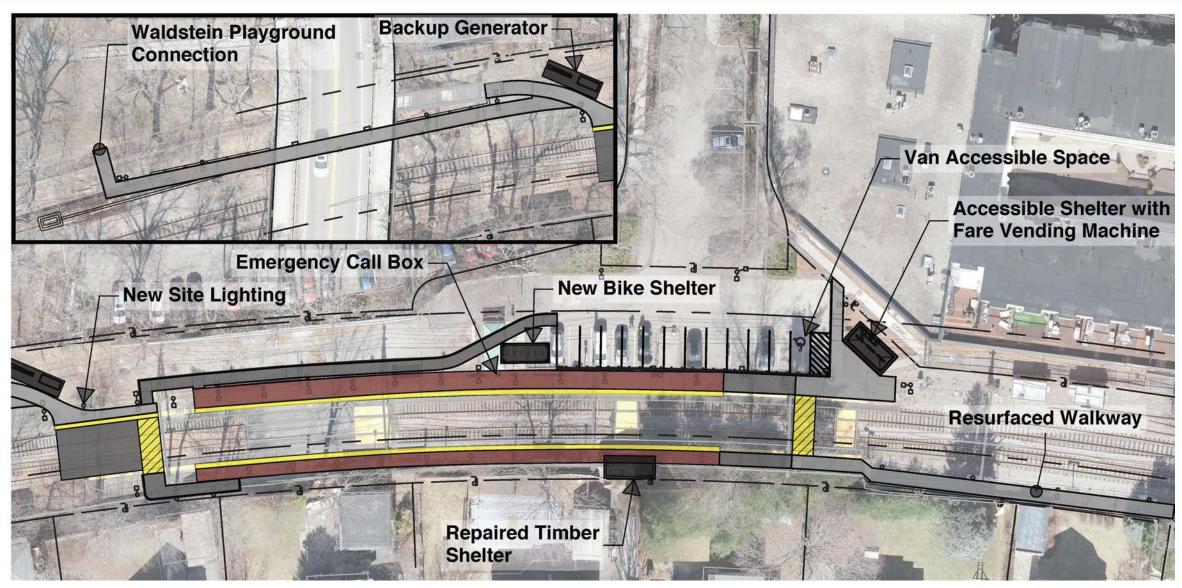
- For all modes and riders
- Shorter path to ticketing, shelter and accessible parking

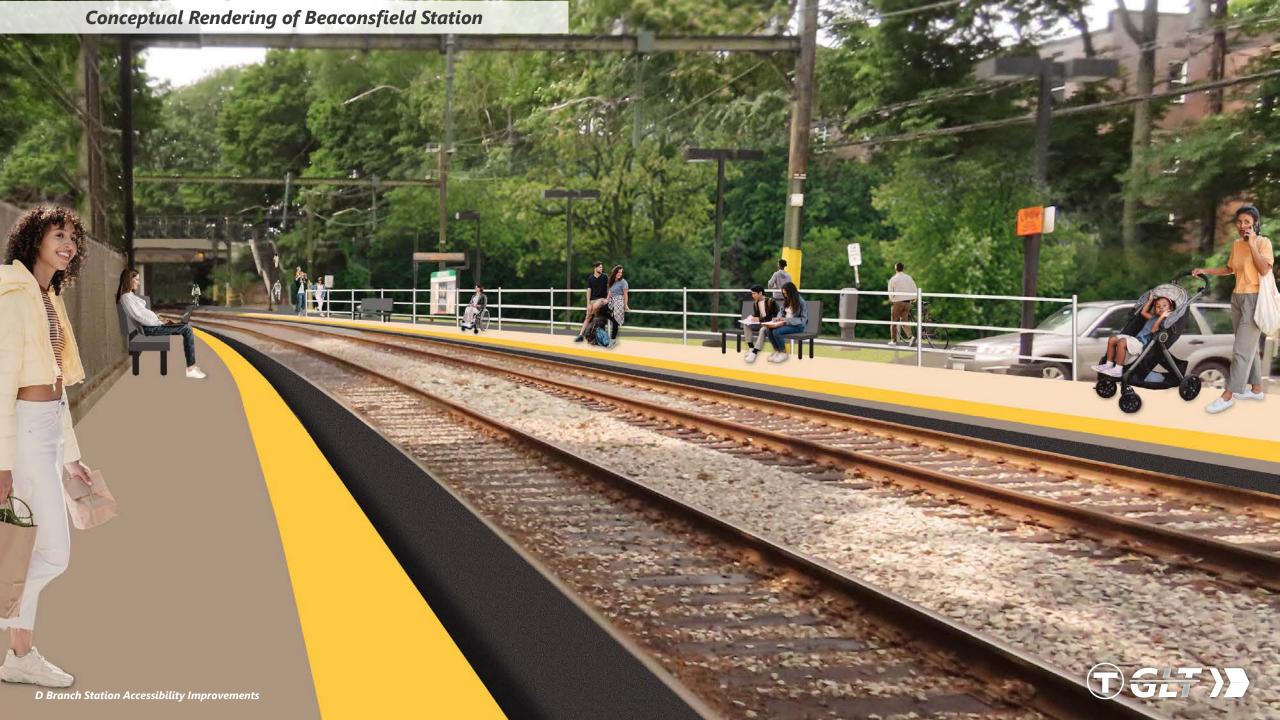


#### Provide a more predictable experience

- Consistency in design
- Consistency in material
- Consistency in wayfinding

## **Beaconsfield Station** | *Improvements*

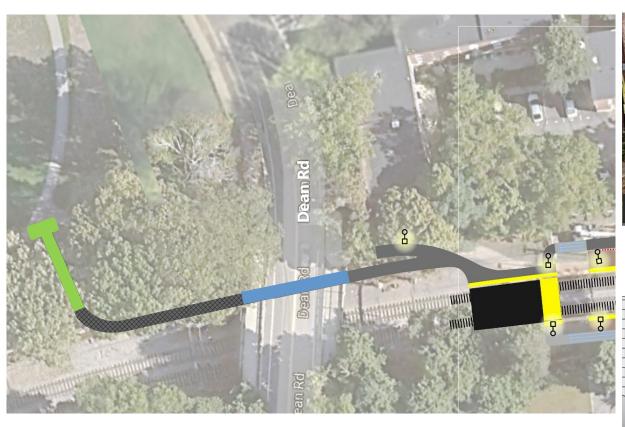






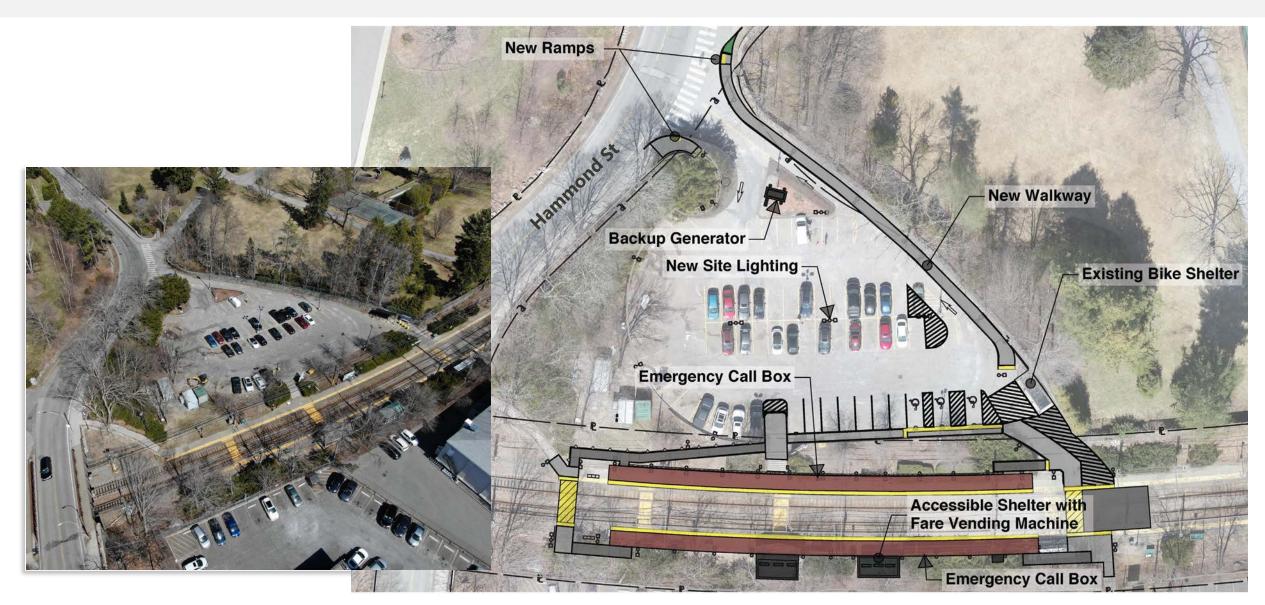
## **Beaconsfield Station** | Proposed Path

## Beaconsfield Station with Connection to Waldstein Park

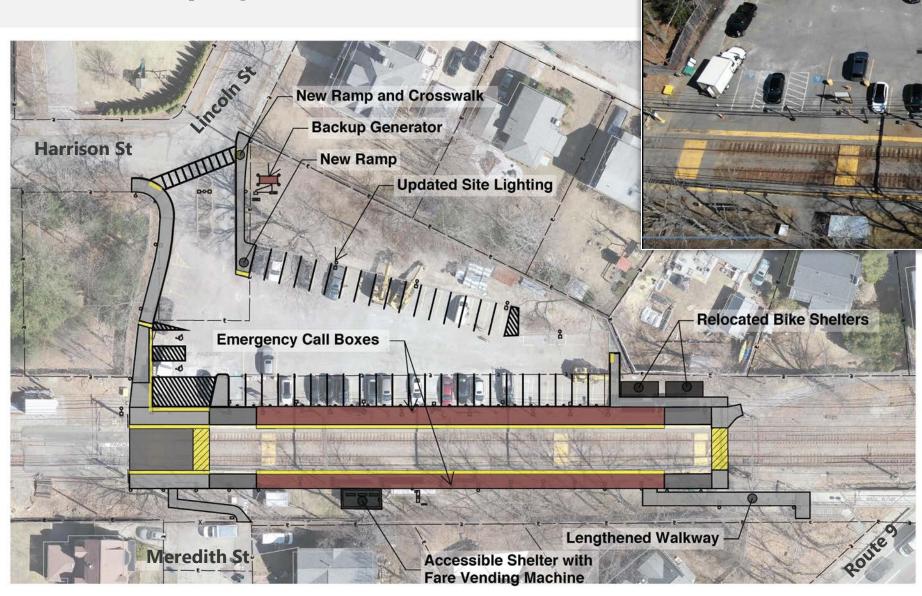




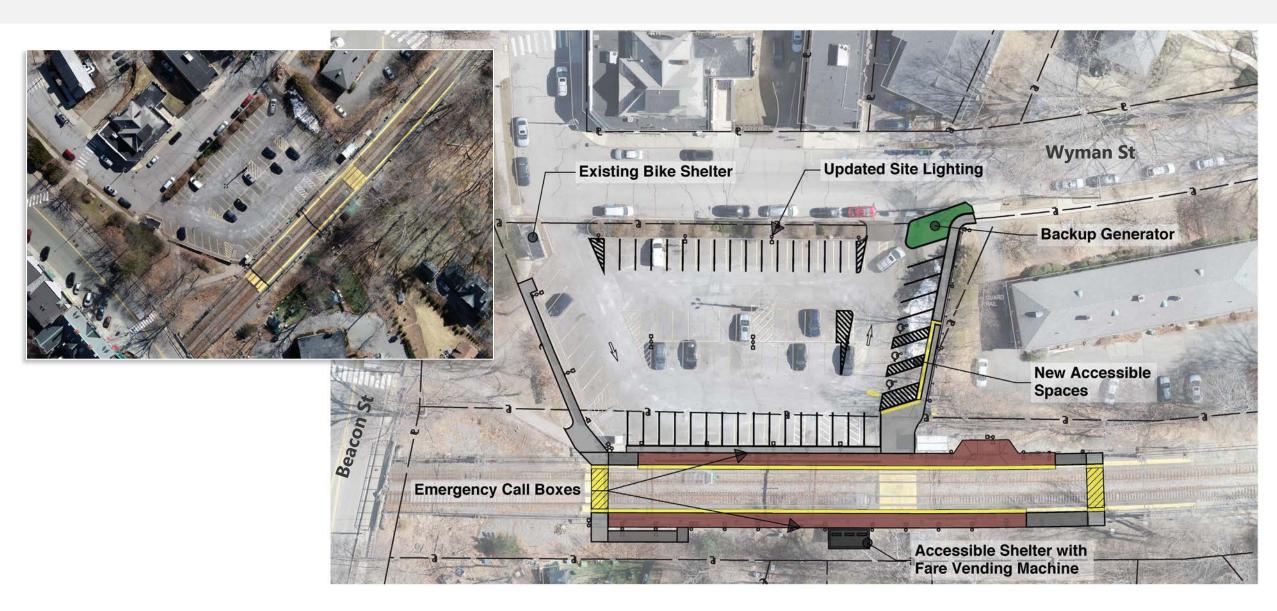
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## **Eliot Station** | *Improvements*



## **Waban Station** | *Improvements*





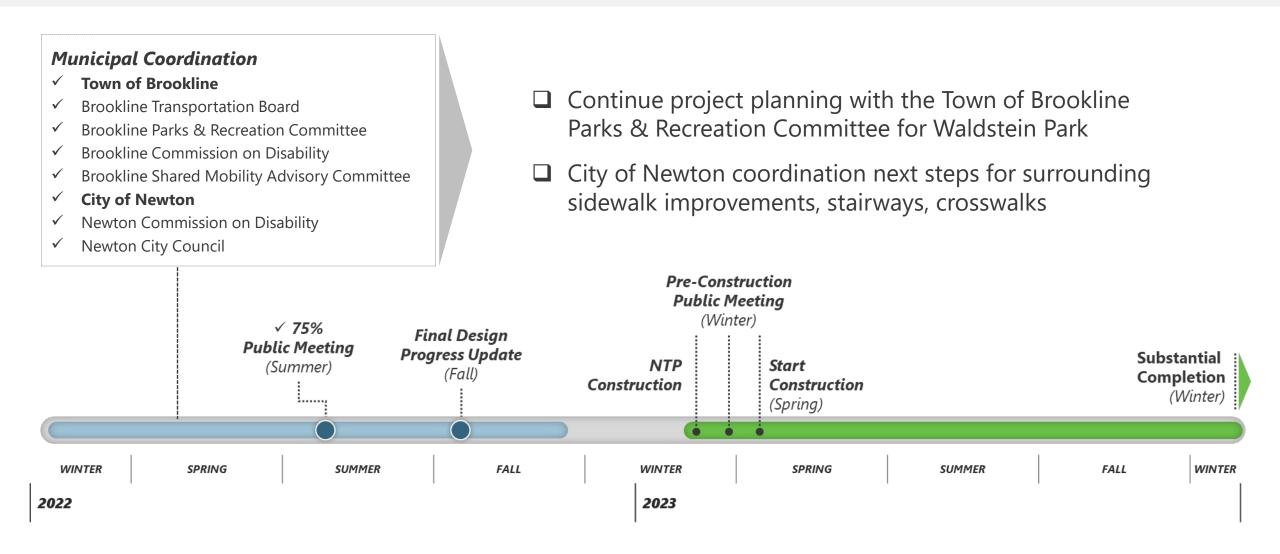


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Timeline and Next Steps



## **Project Timeline** | Advancing Accessibility 2022-2023



## **D Branch** | Customer and Community Engagement





#### **How to Stay Connected**

- ✓ Contact the project team: GLT@mbta.com
- ✓ Subscribe to alerts: www.mbta.com/alerts
- ✓ Subscribe to Green Line Transformation weekly email updates: www.mbta.com/GLT
- ✓ Check website for up-to-date information: www.mbta.com/GLDAccessibility



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