



**Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority**

Newtonville Station Accessibility Improvements

Project Update Summer 2026

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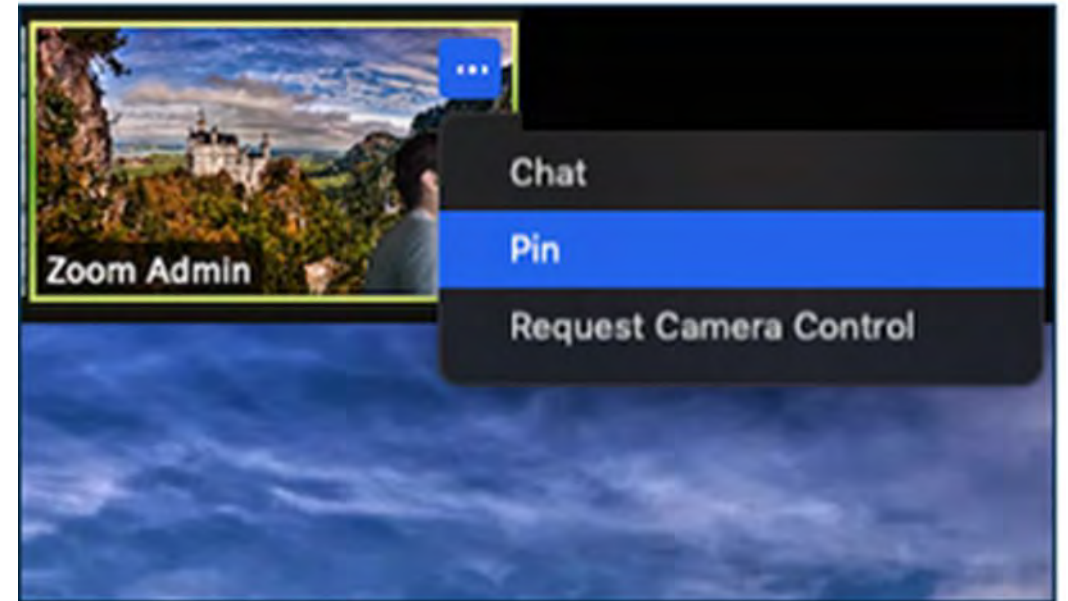
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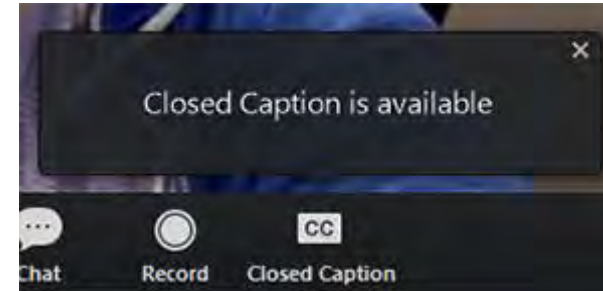
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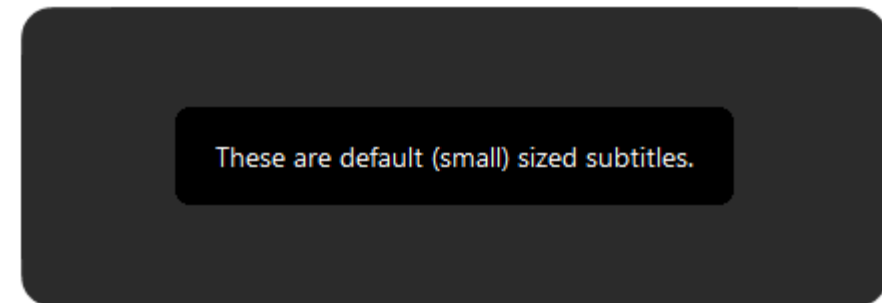
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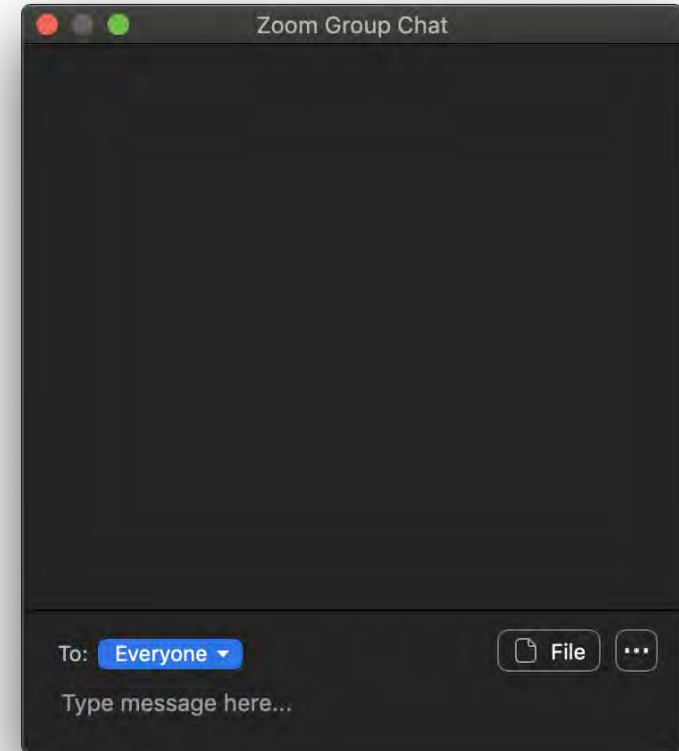
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Agenda

- Project Overview
- Project Update
- Project Impacts
- Project Schedule
- Transportation Options
- Next Steps



Project Overview

The MBTA's *Newtonville Commuter Rail Station Accessibility Improvements Project* consists of reconstructing the existing station to include the following:

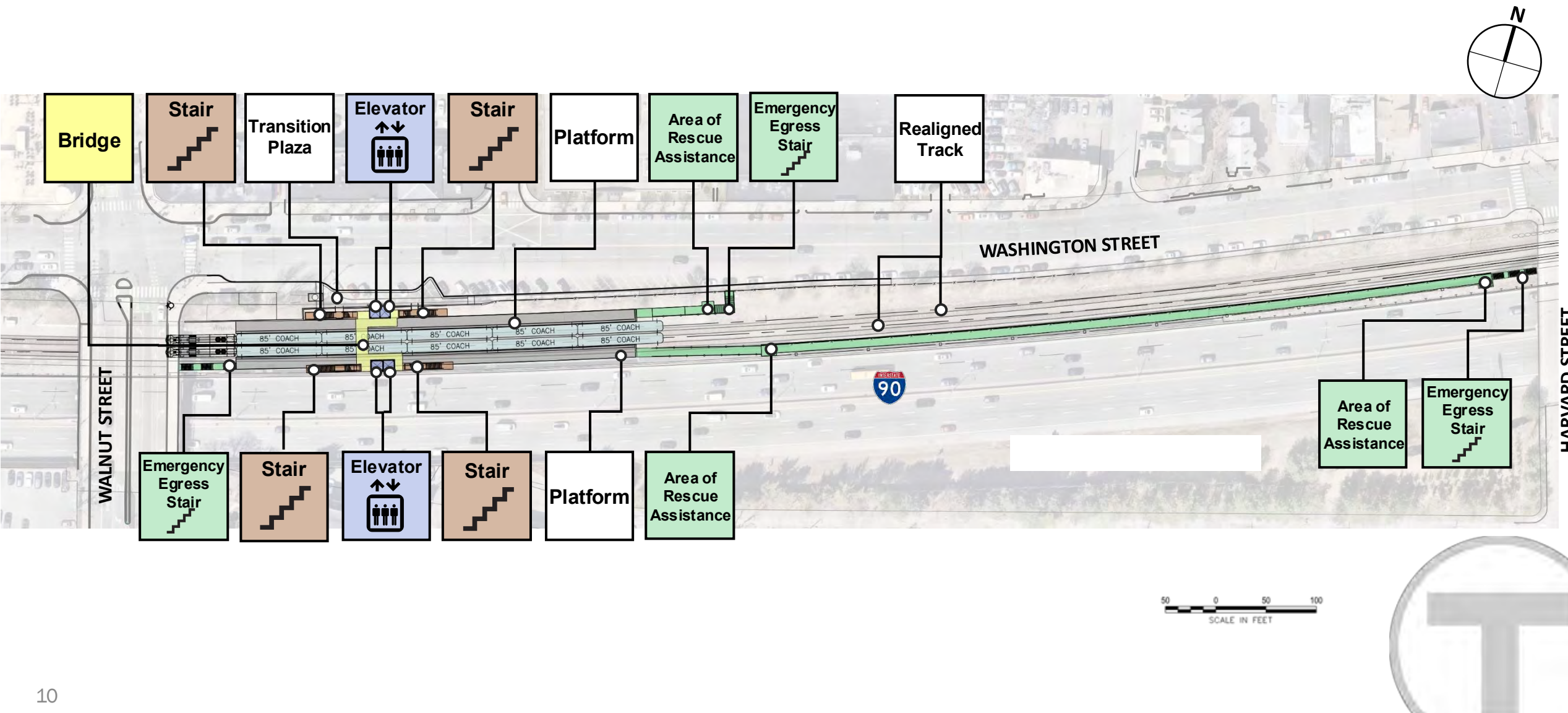
- Compliance with State and Federal Requirements
- New full height 400' Platforms
- New headhouses connected by OH Pedestrian Bridge
- Life safety upgrades

Project Priorities:

- Schedule and budget adherence.
- Public and worker safety.
- Project Quality to ensure meets/exceeds service life.



Newtonville Station: 400' Double Side Platforms Design



Project Update

- CM/MBTA updated scope and budget.
 - Final budget increased to \$66M.
 - Budget based on actual industry outreach.
 - Adjusted scope to better meet needs of community, riders and MBTA.
- Establishing project schedule.
- Advancing design including 3 early packages.
- Continued coordination with City of Newton.



Milestone Schedule

- Design progressing.
- Civil sitework package NTP for construction November 2026.
- Mobilize to site/start Construction November 2026.
- Platform including foundations NTP for construction March 2027.
- Steel & Long Lead NTP for construction May 2027.
- Final design May 2027 (architectural platform up elements).
- Construction running through Spring 2029.

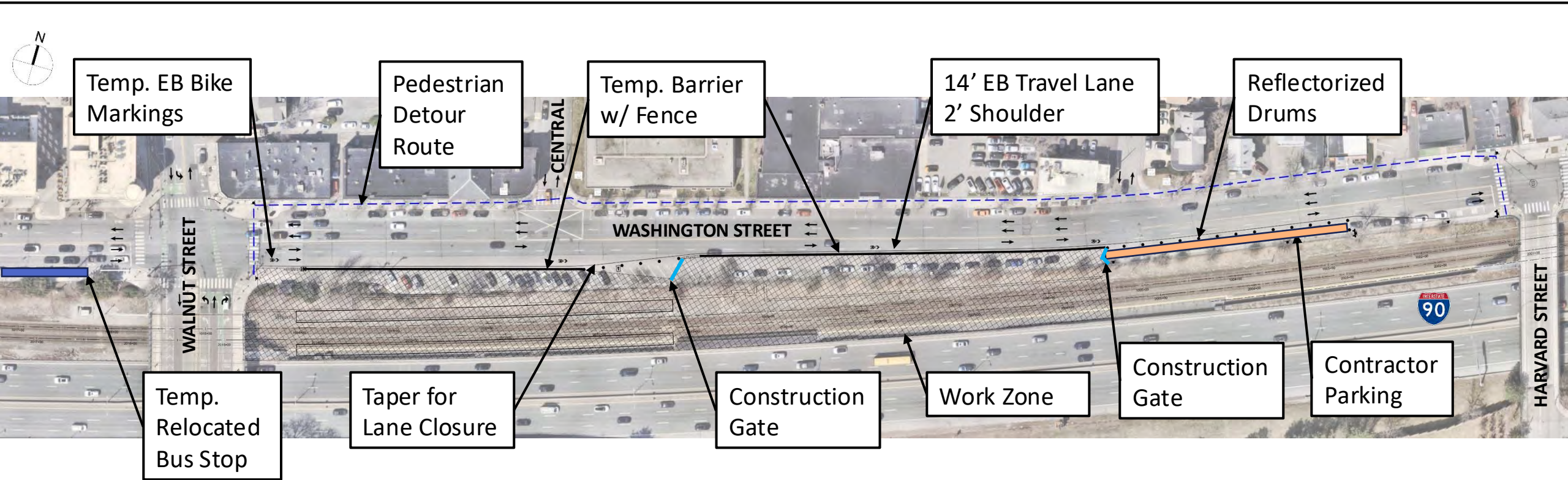


Project Impacts

- Station closure – December 2026.
 - Existing Service Options
- Construction Activity (Noise/Dust) w/some night work.
- Washington St Impacts
 - Existing Parking Laydown Area
 - Bus Stop Relocations
 - Lane Restrictions
- Select weekend track outages (4-6 late 2027)
 - Alternative Service



Temporary Traffic Control Plan



Legend

- Temp Signage
- ⤵ Temp Bike Markings
- ➡ Traffic Flow Arrow



Note: Not to scale - some elements enlarged for clarity

Parallel Existing Transportation Options

Service options for riders:

Existing Bus Service

- Route 59: Newtonville Station to Newton Highlands Station (GL)
- Routes 553/554: Newtonville Station to West Newton Station (CR)

Nearby Commuter Rail Service Locations

- West Newton Station: 1.5 miles West
- Boston Landing Station: 3.5 miles East

Shuttle Bus Service for Weekend Track Outages



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- Closed During Construction
- Shuttle Stop
- Shuttle Route
- Regular Service



Next Steps

- Ongoing coordination with the City of Newton.
- Issue Packages for Construction while finalizing final design.
- CM Finalize Project Schedule.
- Mobilize to site November 2026.
- Periodic updates will be made available on project site.
- Setup construction hotline prior to start of construction.



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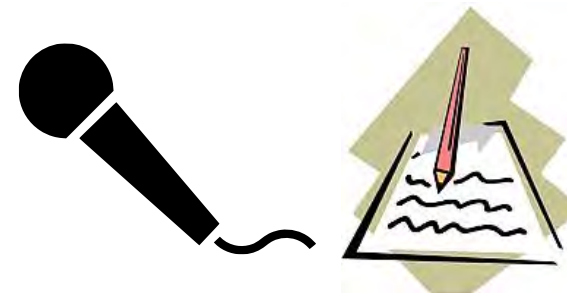


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