MBTA Natick Center Station
Accessibility Improvements

PUBLIC MEETING
February 13, 2019
Overview

• Purpose of the Public Meeting is to inform the public of the Design, Construction, Schedule and Next Steps of the Project, and to seek feedback

• Natick Center Station is the busiest commuter rail station on the MBTA System that is not fully accessible

• A Feasibility Study was completed in 2014 recommending an upgraded MBTA Commuter Rail Station that integrates universal access in accordance with the ADA

• Extensive Outreach Process

• Regulatory Permit Process underway (Section 106, WPA)

• Project advancing towards 90% Design
Outreach

- Town/MBTA Working Group
- MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA)
- Natick DPW, Police and Fire
- Natick Center Associates
- Veterans Committee
- Rotary Club
- Abutters
- Public Meetings
- Other Town Committees:
  - Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Design Review Board, Historical Commission, Conservation Commission
Design Considerations

• Improve Accessibility
• Improve traffic and pedestrian circulation
• Maintain Commuter Rail Operations during construction
• Coordinate with MetroWest Regional Transit Authority
• Accommodate potential future Third Track
• Address drainage & flooding issues thru station area
• Coordinate with Cochituate Rail Trail Project
• Look at opportunities to enhance bicycle parking
• Continued coordination with stakeholders
Existing Conditions

VIEW LOOKING EAST TO WASHINGTON ST. BRIDGE

VIEW LOOKING WEST TO NORTH MAIN ST. & PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
Project Elements – Site

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Project Elements

- New High-Level Passenger Platforms
- Provide new Station Canopies
- Replace the Pedestrian Bridge
- Replace Stairs to Station platforms
- Incorporate Elevators
- Provide Secondary Station Access from Washington St
- Improve Passenger Safety, Comfort & Security
  - Coverage for Stairs and Ramps
  - Extensive Lighting upgrades
  - Wayfinding Signage
  - CCTV Cameras
  - Passenger Assistance Telephones
Proposed Station – Birds Eye View
Proposed Station – Pedestrian Bridge
Ped Bridge view from North Ave - After
Ped Bridge view from South - After
Pedestrian Bridge
Pedestrian Bridge – Night View
Station Elements – View from Platform
Outbound Station Platform
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**Project Schedule**

- **2018**: Design 18 months
- **2019**: Bid Phase
- **2020**: NTP - Construction 27 months
- **2021**:

**Timeline Details**
- Advertise for Construction: Summer 2019
- Anticipated Contractor Notice to Proceed: Fall 2019

*Dates contingent on receiving additional funding for construction through the FY20-FY24 CIP Approval Process*