



North Quincy MBTA Station Garage Project Q & A's

Q1: What are your plans for handling the increased volume of traffic around Wollaston station when people start parking there?

A: Police details will be provided for traffic management.

Q2: Will you be increasing the frequency of the buses if people do start parking more at Wollaston and taking the shuttles?

A: Additional buses will be provided to serve shuttle passengers.

Q3: Will the increased busses at Wollaston be MBTA or Yankee Shuttle buses?

A: Yankee Shuttle buses will be utilized.

Q4: Can we get reassured from the MBTA that these busses will be ADA compliant and equipped with lifts and staff trained on how to use them?

A: Yes, the buses are ADA compliant and are staffed by trained operators.

Q5: Which walkway areas will be accessible to the public during construction?

A: Public access to both North and South headhouses will be maintained, including access from West Squantum Street, Hancock Street, and Sagamore Street.

Q6: Will all of the pedestrian access and bus drop-offs remain?

A: Public access to both North and South headhouses will be maintained, including access from West Squantum Street, Hancock Street, and Sagamore Street. Bus drop-off at West Squantum Street and off Hancock Street will continue.

Q7: Has the MBTA looked at non-MBTA sites for parking availability?

A: Yes. We've done extensive outreach to non-MBTA landowners in and around North Quincy station. Unfortunately there isn't available land for parking in the area.

Q8: If there is snow, will it take up the available parking spaces?

A: We will make every effort to keep the available parking spaces fully available and remove snow as needed.

Q9: Are there any plans to accommodate or improve the West Squantum Street pick-up and drop-off area, as far as this new plan for parking?

A: The West Squantum Street area is being studied. The highest priority for this area is accommodating bus drop off and pick up.

Q10: What is being done for the safety of the kids at North Quincy High School to make sure nobody gets hurt there?

A: Police details will be provided for traffic management.

Q11: Are you aware there are no sidewalks on Commander Shea Boulevard?

A: Improvements to Commander Shea Boulevard will be made as part of the project.

Q12: Can you clarify the exact number of spaces being taken away during construction and the number of spaces and locations of available parking?

A: There are currently 852 spaces in the Hancock Street lot and 350+ spaces in the Newport Avenue lot. Of the 852 spaces in the Hancock Street lot, 260 spaces will be maintained in the north portion of the Hancock Street lot during Phase 1 construction (approx. 18 months). The 592 spaces in the south portion of the Hancock Street lot will be closed, to provide the most efficient and expedient construction of the garage and Phase 1 of the project. The 350+ spaces in the Newport Avenue lot will remain open during construction, for a total of 600+ spaces available at North Quincy Station during Phase 1.

At the completion of Phase 1 (approx. 18 months), the garage will open with 852 spaces for MBTA commuters, fully replacing all of the existing 852 spaces in the Hancock Street lot. The 350+ spaces in the Newport Avenue lot will remain, for a total of 1200+ spaces available at the completion of Phase 1, throughout the remainder of construction, and after construction is complete.

Q13: Of the housing units in the residential development, what percentage is going to be affordable housing?

A: The developer has committed \$4.88 million to the City's Affordable Housing Trust in support of off-site affordable housing.

Q14: North Quincy has a big problem with rodents. With you building this garage, is there anything being done about that?

A: Rodent control will be provided during construction.

Q15: Is there an official groundbreaking ceremony set-up?

A: There is no groundbreaking ceremony set up at this time.

Q16: Have you guys done any studies into traffic patterns during rush hours?

A: A complete traffic study was performed as part of the project planning and permitting process.

Q17: Are the contractors that are working on the garage subject to a project labor agreement and if not, are they responsible contractors?

A: The garage contractor is complying with MBTA requirements including paying prevailing wage rates.

Q18: Is Wollaston going to accommodate all the spots that are missing?

A: 400 spaces will be available at the Wollaston Station parking lot.

Q19: Are you going to accommodate the fact that more people are going to be parking at Wollaston now, and you have two shelters there?

A: The maximum number of shelters that can be accommodated at this location are being provided.

Q20: Will the buses change coming in from Hancock Street?

A: The Wollaston shuttle buses will continue to come in from Hancock Street to drop off / pick up at the North headhouse.

Q21: There are construction vehicles and debris all over the Wollaston lot, can you clear those up?

A: Yes, 400 spaces will be available at the Wollaston Station parking lot.

Q22: Will you provide project updates on this project and all other projects?

A: Yes, project updates are available on the MBTA website at: <https://www.mbta.com/projects/north-quincy-garage-and-development>

There is also an email distribution list, and a dedicated project email address for inquiries: northquincygarage@mbta.com



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