

# Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Maurice J. Tobin Memorial Bridge and the Chelsea Viaduct (U.S. Route 1) are undergoing rehabilitation in order to remain safe and in service through the 21st Century.

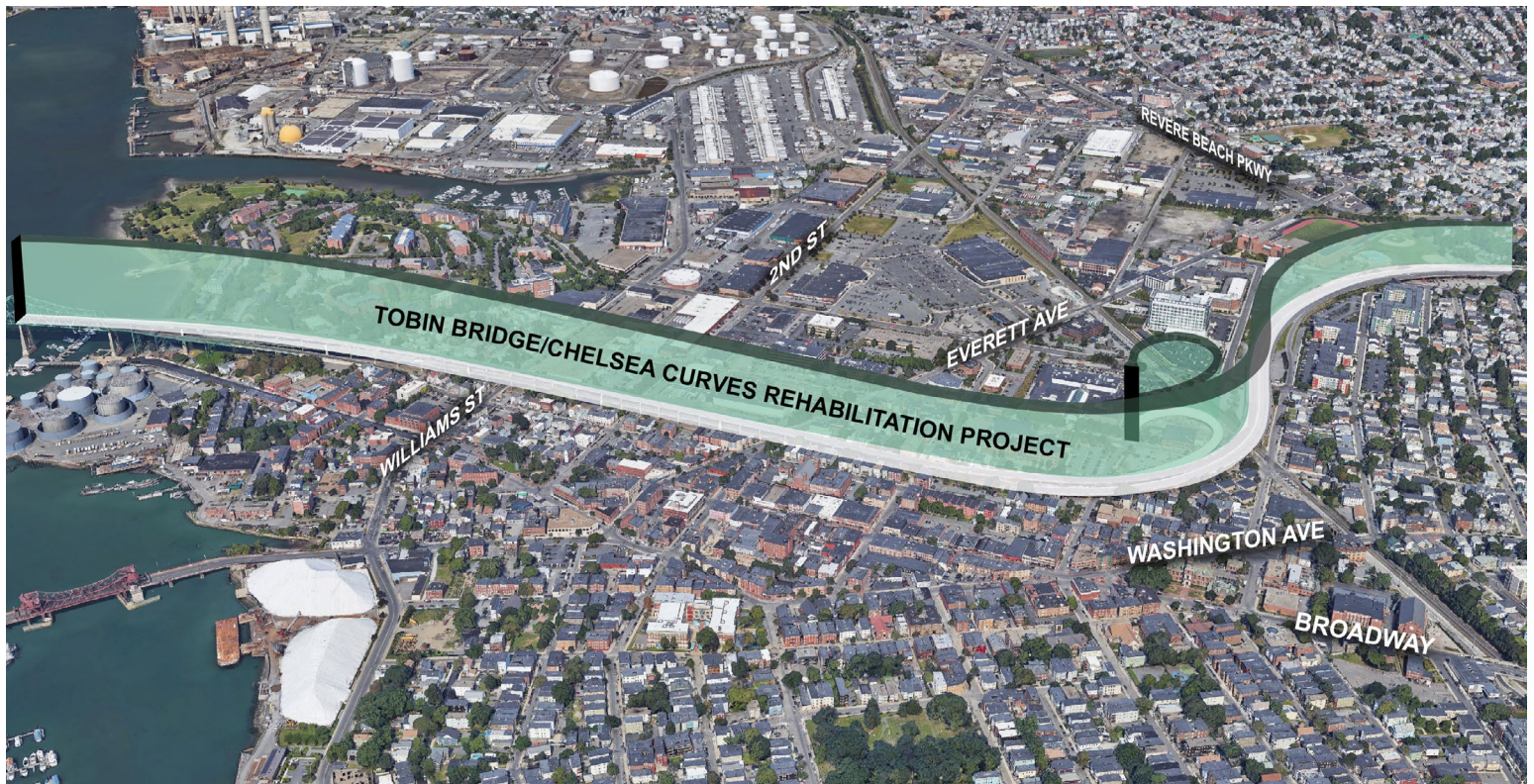
In order to minimize the impacts to the 63,000 vehicles per day using Route 1, the MBTA Bus Routes that cross the viaduct and bridge, and the residents of Chelsea, MassDOT is coordinating the two projects, and resequencing the construction phasing for each project so that construction is carried out efficiently, effectively, and in a timely manner. These changes will lessen the impact on commuters and residents, and reduces the risk of project delays.

Massachusetts residents see these two projects as one, and so does MassDOT.

## CHANGES TO PROJECT SEQUENCING

Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves work has been resequenced to reduce nighttime operations and travel impacts for Chelsea residents and North Shore commuters. The new construction plan shifts work on the Chelsea Viaduct to 2019 to match Tobin Bridge traffic management, continuously allowing 2 lanes of travel in each direction during peak commute hours for the duration of the project.

Overall these changes will speed up construction, increase the availability of two travel lanes in each direction, reduce the impacts on commuters using the corridor, and allow for main line work completion in 2020.





## TRAFFIC IMPACTS

MassDOT is taking steps to reduce impacts on the traveling public while these critical structures are repaired and rehabilitated. However, commuters should expect some traffic impacts during construction.

Portions of Route 1 in Chelsea will be reduced from 3 lanes in each direction to 2 lanes in each direction during peak commute hours from Spring 2019 to the end of 2020. During some nights and weekends in 2019, Route 1 Northbound will be reduced to one lane at times. During some nights and weekends in 2020, Route 1 Southbound will be reduced to one lane at times. These lane reductions are necessary in order to replace the elevated structure.

Advanced warning signs will be placed on corridors throughout the region in order to inform commuters of the project and ensure they have accurate and up to date information about travel times and options.

## ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL MODES

MassDOT is committed to providing commuters with reliable travel options between their destinations. The reliability of trains, buses and commuter rails is continuously tracked. See how reliable your new commute could be at <http://www.mbtabackontrack.com>.

Visit <https://mbta.com/schedules/commuter-rail> to find a commuter rail train that works for your schedule. Download the MTicket app for schedule and parking information and to purchase your commuter rail tickets.

## STAY INFORMED

For more information on the project, traffic impacts, and how to get involved, you can visit the project website at:

<https://www.mass.gov/chelsearoute-1-viaduct-rehabilitation-project>

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