



Construction Notice: Harvard Square Plaza Reconstruction Project

The City of Cambridge is pleased to announce that, after extensive coordination, Newport Construction will begin the reconstruction of the Harvard Square Plaza. This project will enhance the functionality and vibrancy of the plaza, benefiting the entire community.

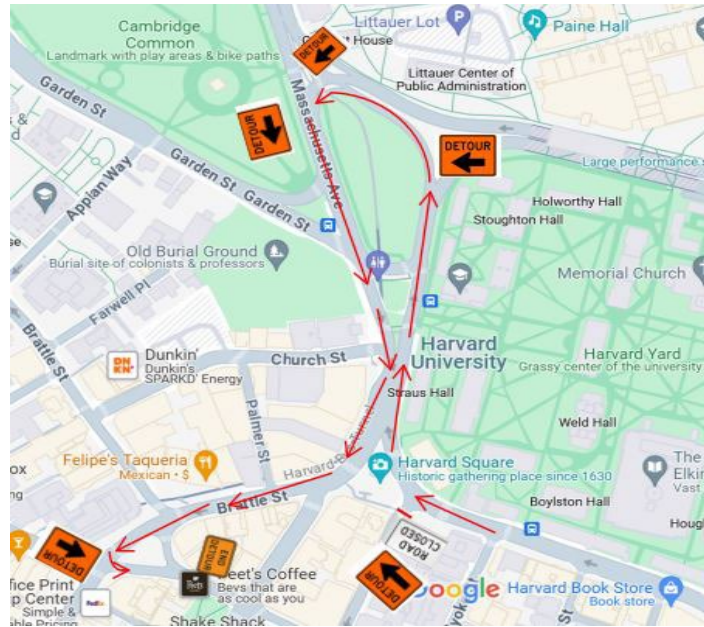
The project is expected to take 24 months to complete and will be carried out in phases. **This estimated project duration is provided here with the understanding that unforeseen conditions, and extreme weather events, may extend the project timeline.** The individual limits of each phase have been strategically laid out to minimize disruptions and maintain the operations of local businesses, the MBTA, and the many facets of traffic in the square.

The kickoff to the construction will begin the week of September 23 with the demolition of the Information Booth, followed by the set up for the **temporary Dunster Street Closure on September 27th.** **Crews will begin work on Dunster Street Monday, September 30.** **This phase of the overall project is expected to take 6-8 weeks and will include:**

- Connecting Plaza drainage lateral to the existing drainage structure in the crosswalk on Dunster Street.
- Reconstruct **EXISTING** crosswalk: excavate and remove existing crosswalk, reset curbing, install paver base and pavers.
- Pave the approach ramps to the raised crosswalk.

What to Expect During Construction:

- General work hours 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Please check posted No Parking signs.
 - Removal of posted No Parking signs can add extensive time to the contract.
- Access to all properties will be maintained throughout the project.
- **Businesses, including delivery services like Uber Eats, will have uninterrupted access.**
- Traffic management plans will be in place to ensure minimal disruption to traffic flow.
- "Business Open During Construction" signage will be installed to support local merchants.
- **DETOURS will be in place.** Please see the DETOUR route below.



All construction-related updates and impacts will be posted here: [Harvard Square Plaza Construction Updates](#). If you would like to receive email updates, please sign up under the Contact Tab on the Project Page.

For more information about the design and community planning process for the plaza, visit: [Harvard Square Public Space](#).

For Information and Assistance During Construction:

Questions regarding this project: Contact Linda Spencer, Project Administrator-Community Relations at 617-349-9734/ lspencer@cambridgema.gov or Melissa Miguel, Supervising Engineer at 617-349-9351/ mmiguel@cambridgema.gov. If you have any special needs or disabilities, please contact us to arrange for special accommodation that may be necessary. **Interested parties are encouraged to direct all questions to these contacts. The crews on site are typically there for specific tasks and are only able to answer questions for the specific task they are on-site to perform.**

Please join the City and the Contractor Team to ask questions related to the Harvard Square Plaza Reconstruction Project on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 9-10 a.m. at 1350 Mass Ave., 2nd floor of the Welcome Pavilion (upstairs from Pavement Coffee). Accessible via elevators or stairs.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve Harvard Square Plaza.

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