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State plans 2-year, \$10m project to

build a new bridge over the Charles River



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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

The state is planning a two-year, \$10-million project to completely rebuild the bridge that carries Cambridge Street over the Massachusetts Turnpike commuter rail tracks in Allston, officials said.

The bridge currently carries three traffic lanes in each direction. After it is rebuilt, the bridge will carry two traffic lanes in each direction as well as two bike lanes to be added along each side, officials said.

The bridge deck is rated in “poor condition and it is at the end of its life,” said Michael Verseckes, a spokesman for the state’s transportation department. Jersey barriers have for months blocked vehicles from part of the bridge “that is in an advanced stage of deterioration.”

“It is not unsafe for travel, however, its condition is such that it is more effective to completely rebuild the bridge as opposed to making significant repairs,” he said in an e-mail.

The project will also include foundation repairs to and patching a portion of the bridge that runs from Cambridge Street, over the turnpike, and connects to Lincoln Street.

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During the remainder of the project, there will be two
directions on Cambridge Street.

At least one sidewalk will be open throughout the pro

For a six-month phase of construction, Linden Street
and Pratt Street will become a one-way southbound,
configuration as a one-way street northbound. Durin
traffic on Linden Street will be rerouted to Harvard A

When portions of the bridge are being demolished, up
turnpike below may be closed, but only on an as-need
off-peak hours, which fall around midday and overni

Also, the pedestrian bridge will be closed for about six
deck are repaired. Pedestrians will be directed to the s
east end of Cambridge Street.

Once complete, the bridge will include a 10-foot-wide
nine-foot-wide sidewalk on the other side and six-foo
each sidewalk, officials said.

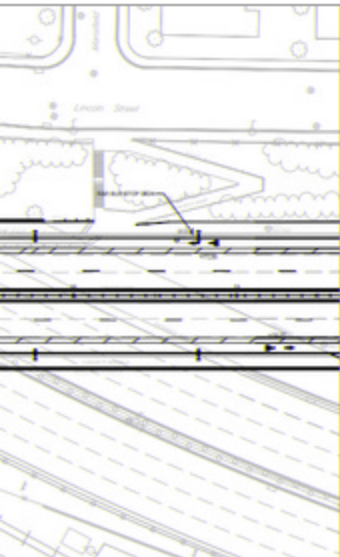
Between the bike and traffic lanes will be a three-foot
four total traffic lanes will be 11 feet wide. A six-foot-
the bridge's travel lanes.

Work will include milling and resurfacing the bridge
areas reconstructing the road's full depth; building ne
bridge decks, parapet walls, new bridge railings and n
pavement markings, traffic control devices, granite c
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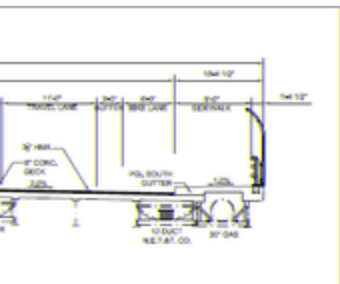
State officials have scheduled a public hearing about
June 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackson Mann Communi

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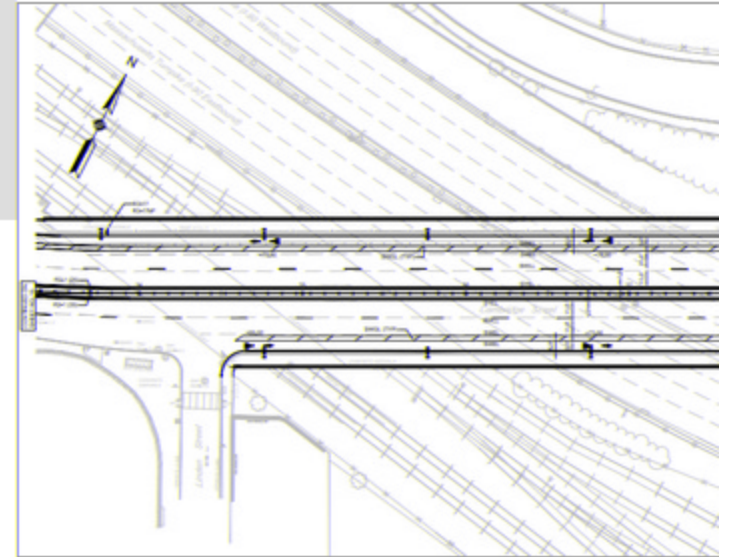


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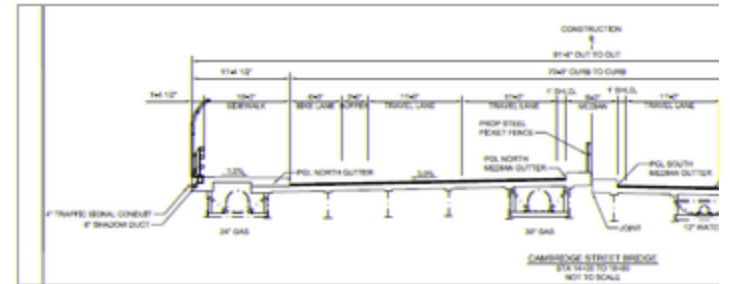
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