

Your Town

search

GO

< Back to front page

Text size - +

FENWAY-KENMORE

MBTA: \$14.9m redesign of Yawkey commuter rail station to be finished this fall

Posted by Matt Rocheleau July 24, 2013 02:03 PM

Share

Comments ()

E-mail story

Print story



(MBTA)

A rendering of the ongoing project

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A \$14.9 million redesign of the Yawkey commuter rail station is scheduled to be

Tweets

Follow @BostonDotCom

BostonShops »



Let the shopping begin. Get exclusive promotions and sales from your favorite retailers. And never miss a great deal again.

SEE A SAMPLE

SIGN UP NOW

[an error occurred while processing this directive]

ADVERTISEMENT

completed this fall, MBTA officials said.

Once the project is finished, trains will stop at the station next door to Fenway Park up 40 times per day, up from the current 17 stops, said T spokesman Joe Pesaturo.

Ongoing work includes building a pair of 700-foot-long train platforms that are fully accessible to people with disabilities; installing four new elevators and stairs; track realignments; and constructing an open mezzanine and a new main station lobby, or head house, at Yawkey Way, he said.

More changes to the station will eventually be made when the massive [Fenway Center](#) mixed-use development is built around the station.

Those future improvements include building new head houses on Brookline Avenue and Beacon Street and extending Yawkey Way so MASCO shuttle buses, which serve the Longwood Medical Area, can pull up to the station, Pesaturo said.

When a parking garage for the Fenway Center development is built, solar panels installed atop the garage will power Yawkey Station, which will make it the first “net-zero energy” rail station in Massachusetts, officials have said.

State officials held a [formal groundbreaking ceremony](#) for the project in the fall of 2010, but the actual work did not start until last June, about when officials had originally hoped to finish construction.

“We did not begin the project as early as we had hoped we would,” Pesaturo said in an e-mail.

He said the project’s start was delayed because the state needed to wait until a [deal to buy the tracks](#) from railroad company CSX Corp. was complete.

At the groundbreaking two-and-a-half years ago, Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino praised the project.

“The new Yawkey Station is going to bring real benefits to our city and improve how people access the Fenway and Longwood Medical Area,” Menino said. “It will make traveling to and from this area easier and ease traffic on city streets while also putting 200 people back to work through the construction.”

“Separately, the new station signifies the beginning of the larger Fenway Center project, which will significantly transform the public realm between Kenmore Square, Fenway and the Audubon Circle with the creation of a number of new amenities including retail space, housing, and new green space,” he added.

The work is being paid for by the state, including through the use of federal stimulus funding, Pesaturo said. The developer of Fenway Center, Meredith Management Corp., has agreed to maintain the station’s entrances and elevators after the project is complete.

E-mail Matt Rocheleau at mjrochele@gmail.com.

--

For the latest updates about your community, follow some of our local neighborhood, city and town Twitter accounts, [here](#).



(MBTA)

A rendering of the ongoing project



(MBTA)

Plans for future work to the station and surrounding area once the Fenway Center development is complete.

Share

Comments ()

E-mail story

Print story



PREVIOUS STORY

[East Boston concert to conclude Berklee's Tito Puente Latin Music Series](#)

FRONT PAGE



NEXT STORY

[Milton police log: July 15 to 21](#)

[Home](#) | [Today's Globe](#) | [News](#) | [Business](#) | [Sports](#) | [Lifestyle](#) | [A&E](#) | [Things to Do](#) | [Travel](#) | [Cars](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Real Estate](#) | [Local Search](#)

[CONTACT BOSTON.COM](#) | [Help](#) | [Advertise](#) | [Work here](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Your Ad Choices](#) | [Terms of Service](#) | [Newsletters](#) | [Mobile](#) | [RSS feeds](#) | [Sitemap](#)

[CONTACT THE BOSTON GLOBE](#) | [Subscribe](#) | [Manage your subscription](#) | [Advertise](#) | [Boston Globe Insiders](#) | [The Boston Globe Gallery](#) | © NY Times Co.