



September 17, 2025

A Better City Comments to the MassDOT Board on the I-90 Allston Multimodal Project

Secretary Tibbits-Nutt and members of the MassDOT Board,

On behalf of A Better City's nearly 130 member businesses and institutions, I am here to testify on the immediate future of the I-90 Allston Multimodal Project.

It is certainly very disappointing that the Trump Administration and Republicans in Congress canceled the federal infrastructure grant for this project, but the path forward will be determined by the leadership in Massachusetts and the City of Boston.

So, I am here to speak about three key aspects of the project:

First, this project continues to be a once-in-a-generation project that can successfully meet numerous transportation, environmental, and economic growth goals that will benefit the people of Massachusetts.

Second, there is still overwhelming support to deliver this project from the local community in Allston and in the Worcester Corridor, as well as our peer environmental and transportation advocacy organizations.

Third, I am thankful for Governor Healey's statement in July when she said: *"Why would any President of the United States oppose a project that will improve transportation for residents and visitors alike, create thousands of construction jobs, support local businesses and create space for housing? We all benefit from that. The people of Massachusetts deserve better from their federal government. However, we have known that this day was likely to come, as wrong-headed and frustrating as the decision is. We remain committed to doing everything we can, working with our incredible project partners, to make Allston Multimodal a reality."*

As you consider the immediate next steps, which include the Cost Analysis and Independent Engineering Review, we ask that the MassDOT board and team keep these three points in mind. Simply put, please do not delay or shrink the project. A Better City is confident there are multiple options for funding this project, and a new finance plan can and should be developed as part of the forthcoming cost analysis and engineering review. A Better City also echoes the comments of our partners to identify early action items on the south side and/or along the river's edge and to advance a draft EIS for review and community input.

Instead of any unnecessary delays, we hope this board can implement the Governor's message of **"doing everything we can to make the project a reality."**

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Tom Ryan, A Better City

Enclosure: Governor Healey's Statement of I-90 Allston July 18, 2025



Governor Maura Healey 
@MassGovernor



In 2023, we won \$327M for transportation upgrades in Allston — a project that'll create jobs, support local business and make room for housing.

Donald Trump just took it away.

I'm calling on the Trump Administration to reverse course. We'll do everything we can to make Allston Multimodal a reality.



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“Massachusetts won this funding to support our communities and our economy – and the Trump Administration needs to restore it. Why would any President of the United States oppose a project that will improve transportation for residents and visitors alike, create thousands of construction jobs, support local businesses and create space for new housing? We all benefit from that. The people of Massachusetts deserve better from their federal government. However, we have known that this day was likely to come, as wrong-headed and frustrating as the decision is. We remain committed to doing everything we can, working with our incredible project partners, to make Allston Multimodal a reality.”

— Governor Maura Healey