

Offered by Councilor Breadon



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ALLSTON MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- WHEREAS,** Since 2014, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has been planning the Allston Multimodal Improvement Project, which will transform road, railway, and land use patterns along Interstate 90, and create new planning opportunities; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** The Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has formally requested the substitutions of the Modified All At-Grade Option in place of the at-grade throat option presented in the Scoping Summary Report.
- WHEREAS,** The Modified All At-Grade Option contains a wider version of the Paul Dudley White Path on a boardwalk, as well as a wider “living shoreline” at the edge of the Charles River.
- WHEREAS,** It is of utmost importance to continue to create a walkable and bikeable neighborhood well-connected with footbridge access to the Charles River with a linear buffer park, cycle track, and new city streets designed for low speed traffic by building a majority of new streets with three or fewer lanes; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Any design elements should improve the Charles River riverbank and parkland in a manner consistent with the I-90 Riverfront Analysis; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Building decking above I-90 and all tracks would better knit the neighborhoods together with the consistent goal of achieving true transit-oriented development, and minimizing the noise pollution and air pollution impacts on the abutting residential neighborhoods; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** The public comment period for the Allston Multimodal Improvement Project ends on October 30, 2020.

### ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,***

That the Boston City Council urges the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to offer due diligence and serious consideration to design elements which prioritize a livable, walkable, and bikeable riverbank and parkland for all, including an all At-Grade “Throat” design.

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