

MBTA Green Line B Branch Closure and Construction, August 2024

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What is happening?

The MBTA is closing the B branch of the Green Line between the Babcock St and Boston College stops from **August 2nd to August 11th, 2024**, for critical track, station, and ramp repairs. Shuttle service will be provided. Some construction staging may affect parking as early as **8/1**.

AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Who will be impacted?

[MAP](#) of local impacts

- **Green Line Riders** in Allston and Brighton will be impacted as Green Line service will be replaced with shuttles.
 - NOTE, due to accessibility challenges, Allston, Griggs, and Packards Corner stations will NOT be served.
 - If residents live close to the 57, 66 or Green Line C Branch, they are encouraged to divert to these transit options.
- **Residents who drive** along Commonwealth Ave will be impacted as track work will change traffic flow along Comm Ave. There will likely be detours and congestion for the duration of the closure.
 - Between Harvard Ave and Warren Street, construction vehicles will be on both sides of the tracks, reducing lane capacity
 - Tractor trailers will NOT be allowed on the service road in this segment as trees will damage trailers.
 - Vehicles needing to access the service road in this area will need to enter the service road at the Harvard Ave intersection.
 - The track crossings at Warren Street, Allston Street, Sutherland Road, and Chiswick will be fully closed to vehicle traffic and all vehicles will be detoured
 - The two way service road between Warren Street and Washington Street will be temporarily converted to ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND traffic.
- **Temporary removal of parking spaces** to accommodate shuttle movements, shuttle stops, and detoured traffic.
 - All parking in the service road westbound between Harvard Ave and Warren Street will be removed to provide space for vehicle traffic around construction vehicles.
 - Parking will be removed at shuttle stops. Parking needs to be removed at stops as buses need to have access to curbs for accessibility. A map is linked above and updated regularly on the [boston.gov/mbta-shutdowns](https://www.boston.gov/mbta-shutdowns) website.
- **Pedestrians and cyclists will experience reduced crossing locations** at certain intersections and increased traffic on service roads.
 - Warren Street, Allston Street, Chiswick St, and Sutherland St crossings will be closed at times during the closures for construction.
 - MBTA shuttles will be moving in between the Comm Ave main line and service road throughout the corridor. Take extra caution when riding through intersections.

Why is this happening?

- Reduction of slow zones and replacement of track, including full depth reconstruction of tracks crossing the travel way at Allston Street, Warren Street, Griggs, Sutherland, and Chiswick.
- Repair and reconstruction of some stop platforms that have deteriorated over time.
- Installation of pedestrian ramps that are not currently present.
- Full branch closure is more efficient and allows for more uninterrupted work / fewer shutdowns

What alternative services are being offered?

- The most up-to-date information is available at [MBTA.com/greenline](https://www.mbta.com/greenline)
- Shuttle service will run between the Boston College and Babcock St stops.
 - NOTE: At the moment, the following stops will NOT be served due to accessibility reasons:
 - Allston Street
 - Griggs
 - Packards Corner
 - If these are your stations please use Babcock, Harvard Ave, or Warren stations for shuttle service.
- Check BlueBikes' social media for discounts and updates.

What are we doing about it?

- The Streets Cabinet is working with the MBTA to prepare for these diversions, and has been working with MBTA Transit Priority to determine the areas where intervention will be necessary to keep shuttles moving and keep vulnerable road users safe.
- Residents should expect changes to curb use regulations (loading zones, no-stopping zones, and other parking regulation changes), signal timings, and traffic patterns along the shuttle route. Shuttles will be operating along Commonwealth Avenue both in the main line and in the service road.

How can I learn more?

- Visit the MBTA informational page at [MBTA.com/greenline](https://www.mbta.com/greenline) for the latest information on transit service alerts and initiatives.

- Visit [MBTA.com/customer-support](https://www.mbta.com/customer-support) or call 617-222-3200
- Visit boston.gov/mbtashutdowns to learn more about what the City is doing and get updated information on parking restrictions, alternative benefits, and more
- Email transit@boston.gov if you have questions about changes to street regulations for this diversion