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MBTA Orange/Green Line Diversion: Temporary Traffic Restrictions in Boston

The City of Boston has been coordinating with MassDOT and neighboring municipalities in preparation for the MBTA's full Orange Line diversion and partial Green Line diversion (Union Square to Government Center). This document details the roadway changes in Boston due to the impending Orange Line shutdown and support for the shuttle diversion. Because of the altering traffic patterns to ease traffic flow for shuttle buses, the City and MassDOT have reached out to virtual mapping softwares to have these changes codified into their systems for ease of navigation. The following changes will be in effect from August 19th at 9pm to September 20th at 5am; however, some changes might lag due to signage and striping details might lag due to crew and equipment availability.

Temporary Traffic Changes due to MBTA Orange/Green Line Shuttles

- Charlestown
 - Austin Street at Rutherford Ave - Some Turn Restrictions
 - Rutherford Ave Bus Lanes from Austin Street to Sullivan Square
 - Gilmore Bridge Bus Lanes from Rutherford Ave to Charles River Dam Road (Cambridge)
- Downtown Boston
 - Temporary Transit Hub at Government Center
 - State Street will be closed to general traffic from Congress St to Washington St
 - Court Street - There will be no general purpose right turn onto Cambridge Street from Court Street; this will lead to a temporary bus hub.
 - Cambridge Street (westbound only) will be closed from Court Street to Sudbury Street
 - Area Parking Restrictions for Shuttle Bus Stop
 - Staniford Street Bus Lanes - to be implemented week of 8/22
 - No left turn onto Cambridge Street due to new bus lane
 - No left turn onto William Cardinal O'Connell Way due to bus lanes
 - Martha Road & Lomasney Way Bus Lane (Inbound) and Shuttle Bus Stop - to be implemented week of 8/22
 - Additional Parking Restrictions for Shuttle Bus Stop



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- Nashua Street Bus Lane (Outbound) and Shuttle Bus Stop
- Back Bay
 - Copley Square Transit Hub
 - Dartmouth Street will be closed to general traffic from St. James Street to Boylston Street to general traffic
 - Parking Restrictions will be in place on Boylston Street
 - Dartmouth St (northbound only) will be closed to general traffic from Columbus Ave to Stuart St.
 - Additional Parking Restrictions for Shuttle Bus Stop and Operations
 - A new protected bike lane will be added to Boylston Street from Dartmouth Street to Arlington Street
- South End / Roxbury
 - Columbus Ave between Dartmouth Street to Melnea Cass Blvd
 - Parking Restrictions to enable safe bus travel and traffic
- Jamaica Plain / Roxbury
 - Boylston St. (at Stony Brook Station) will be closed to general traffic from Amory St to Lamartine St
 - Washington St (northbound only) will be closed to general traffic from Arborway to Williams St.

For additional details, visit www.boston.gov/orangeline and email orangeline@boston.gov with any questions.