

# HIGHWAYS AND ROADS

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When its highways, roads and bridges are working, so is Greater Boston and Massachusetts. Businesses operate more efficiently. Commuters get where they're going on time, and quality of life seems to tick up a few notches.

A Better City supports the region's highways, roads, and bridges by reviewing plans for new construction, for maintenance and repair and for enhancing the mobility and safety of those who travel these thoroughfares every day.

## ALLSTON INTERCHANGE

Beginning in 2018, MassDOT will replace the I-90 Allston viaduct, redesign the Allston interchange, transition from physical toll booths to electronic tolling on the interstate, and build a new multimodal station that accommodates a variety of transit options. The project will also include a West Station on the Worcester commuter rail line to serve rail, bus, and other transportation modes.

## WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

The Allston interchange serves up to 147,000 vehicles each day but is becoming structurally deficient. Replacing the viaduct will help ensure the safety of motorists and enable the free flow traffic into and out of the city. Converting to electronic tolling will improve safety and efficiency by allowing motorists to maintain their speed through the interchange rather than slowing or stopping to pay a toll.

## A BETTER CITY'S ROLE

A Better City serves on a 50-member I-90 Allston Interchange Task Force along with other Allston residents, business organizations, advocacy groups and institutions abutting the interchange. A Better City has developed an at-grade solution to replace the viaduct approaching the interchange. Our solution will reduce both initial costs and future expense, freeing up resources to make other multimodal improvements, to mitigate the impact of construction and to create better connections. This alternative will be part of a draft Environmental Impact Report scheduled for publication at the end of 2016.