Northern Avenue Bridge
Public Meeting
May 6, 2020

Mayor Martin J. Walsh
City of Boston – Public Works Project Team

- Para Jayasinghe, City Engineer
- Benjamin Sun, Chief Structural Engineer
- Joseph Fleury, Principal Bridge Engineer
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A Brief History

1908
Bridge Opened

1918
Rails were added

1970
Rails removed

1997
Closed to Vehicles

2014
Closed to Pedestrians
The Old Bridge Is Much Loved

“The well-loved, people-oriented connection”

“I have lived & worked in the Fort Point since 1987 & LOVE the Northern Avenue Bridge”

“I love the Northern Ave Bridge, and miss walking over from the North End waterfront area into the Seaport. I look forward to having this bridge back as part of the pedestrian access to the beautiful seaport area.”

“…have loved the Northern Avenue Bridge since I moved to Boston from Washington, DC in 1982”

*Comments submitted to project website*
The Bridge – A Fabric of our Society

The beloved bridge is a part of the background of WBZ’s Nightly News.
Current Conditions – Need for Action

• The bridge is closed to all traffic

• Considered to be structurally unsound

• Coast Guard informed the City it is a “hazard to navigation” due to the risk of it falling into the channel
Call for Action

2016
Requested approval for emergency removal & relocation (EOEEA & ACOE)

May 2018
First Mayoral Advisory Task Force Meeting

1st Quarter 2020
Begin Design

2016
Ideas Competition

December 2019
Final Meeting of Mayoral Advisory Task Force
The Charge of the Mayor’s Advisory Task Force

- Honoring History
- Improving Mobility
- Increasing Resiliency
- Creating a Destination
Public Outreach & Engagement – Your Voice

- **12** Mayoral Advisory Task Force Meetings
- **26** Stakeholder Briefings
- **2** Community Meetings
  - November 28, 2018
  - June 3, 2019
Distillation of Feedback

- **Honoring History**
  - Reflect the historic profile

- **Improving Mobility**
  - Focus on walking, biking, transit and emergency vehicles

- **Increasing Resiliency**
  - Raised for anticipated sea-level rise

- **Creating a Destination**
  - A People First Experience
Key Inspirations

“People first experience”

“Go old or go bold”
Boston Bold
Boston Bold - The New Northern Avenue Bridge

www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcWEvjdSAUQ
How Do We Commemorate the Old Bridge?
Remembrance

We intend to preserve the bridge digitally via virtual reality

[Link to LIDAR video]
Opportunity for Public Art

• The Northern Avenue Bridge Project has been identified as a Percent for Art Project

• First Steps (Summer 2020)
  o Convene Advisory Committee and solicit community feedback
  o Draft RFP / Convene Artist Selection Committee
25% Design Plans
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Next Steps

- 25% Design
  - 2nd Quarter 2020

- 100% Design
  - 4th Quarter 2020

- Construction
  - 2021
Live Animation
Participating in the Meeting

- Please share only one question or comment at a time.
- Use the “Q+A” button to submit a typed question or comment at any point during the meeting.
- Press the “Raise Hand” button to share your question or comment verbally.
  - After you raise your hand, wait for the moderator to recognize and unmute you before speaking.
  - After you share your question or comment, we will lower your hand and you will be muted to allow the team to respond and provide opportunities for others to participate.

You may also submit your comments if we run out of time, after the meeting, to the project email address: team@northernavebridgebos.com