



REPLACEMENT OF THE  
GLOUCESTER DRAWBRIDGE  
OVER THE ANNISQUAM RIVER  
BRIDGE NO. G-05-028



# GLOUCESTER DRAWBRIDGE UPDATE

Virtual Public Meeting  
March 30, 2021



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

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PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING BRIDGE



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PHOTOSIMULATION OF PROPOSED BRIDGE

## RAIL MAP





# FALL BUS DIVERSION EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO LATE SUMMER 2021



## ROCKPORT LINE



## Shuttle Bus

### WHEN

**Weekdays and Weekends**  
through summer 2021

### WHERE

**West Gloucester to Rockport**

### WHAT

Free shuttle buses replace train service during construction of the new Gloucester Drawbridge. This project is part of the MBTA's \$8 billion "Building a Better T" program.

- 20 passenger capacity on shuttle buses.
- Please wear face covering while using the MBTA.
- Allow extra space between you and your fellow riders.



All bus shuttle stops are accessible for persons with disabilities.

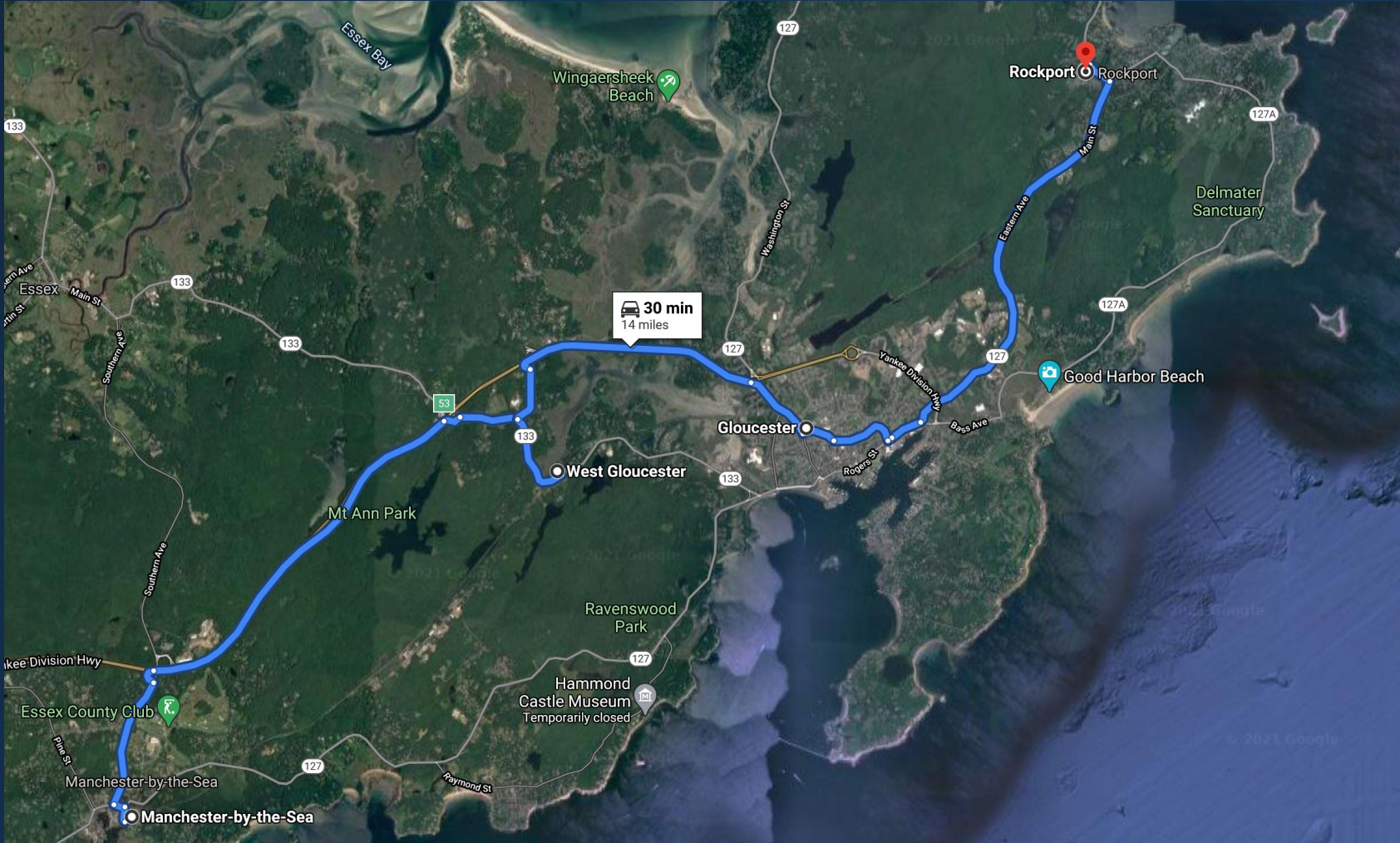
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- Diversion ongoing and successful
- Current ridership is approximately 12% of pre-pandemic levels
- Diversion typically adds 10 – 20 minutes to overall trip times





# BUS DIVERSION ROUTE





# RIDERSHIP LEVELS

## Normal Ridership from 2018 Data

- **Inbound AM Peak (Trains 100-108)**
  - Rockport Station – 92 On's
  - Gloucester Station – 149 On's, 2 Off's
  - Load at North Station 5,520 passengers
- **Outbound PM Peak (Trains 113-175)**
  - Gloucester Station – 4 On's, 172 Off's
  - Rockport Station – 101 Off's
  - Load at North Station 5,216 passengers
- **AM and PM Peak Represent 4 to 5% of Normal Ridership**





# PARKING & ALTERNATIVE STATION OPTIONS

## NORMAL PARKING OPTIONS

- Under normal ridership, during the summer 2019 Full Diversion, no parking issues arose
- Majority of riders parked at Gloucester and Rockport Commuter Stations and utilized shuttle buses

## ALTERNATE STATIONS ALONG THE LINE

- Beverly and Salem Stations provide alternative options
  - Additional train service on Newburyport Line provides more train choices for riders
- Beverly and Salem Stations have garages that provide plenty of parking capacity







# COMMUNICATIONS

- Website – [www.MBTA.com/GloucesterDraw](http://www.MBTA.com/GloucesterDraw)
- Inbox for questions and issues – [GloucesterDraw@MBTA.com](mailto:GloucesterDraw@MBTA.com)
  - 20 project related emails received since December 2020
  - Respond, track, and log to ensure timely responses
- Project email list for advisories and newsletters
  - 117 subscribers
- Fact sheet
- Monthly email newsletter
  - Work completed and upcoming
- Public meetings – March 30, 2021 @ 6:00 PM, online
- Biweekly briefings with elected officials and staff
- Legislative briefings



# CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



Demolition of existing timber trestle





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Installation of drilled shafts for  
new bridge foundation





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Completed approach slabs at east abutment





# PROJECT SCHEDULE: RETURN TO SERVICE

- Return to normal ridership (single track) currently tracking to late summer 2021
- Second track and overall project anticipated to be complete in 2022



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# QUESTIONS?