

## **Vehicular traffic and pedestrian changes on Brookline Avenue due to Muddy River project beginning March 29; Brookline Avenue Inbound will be shifted left between the Riverway Connector and Park Drive**

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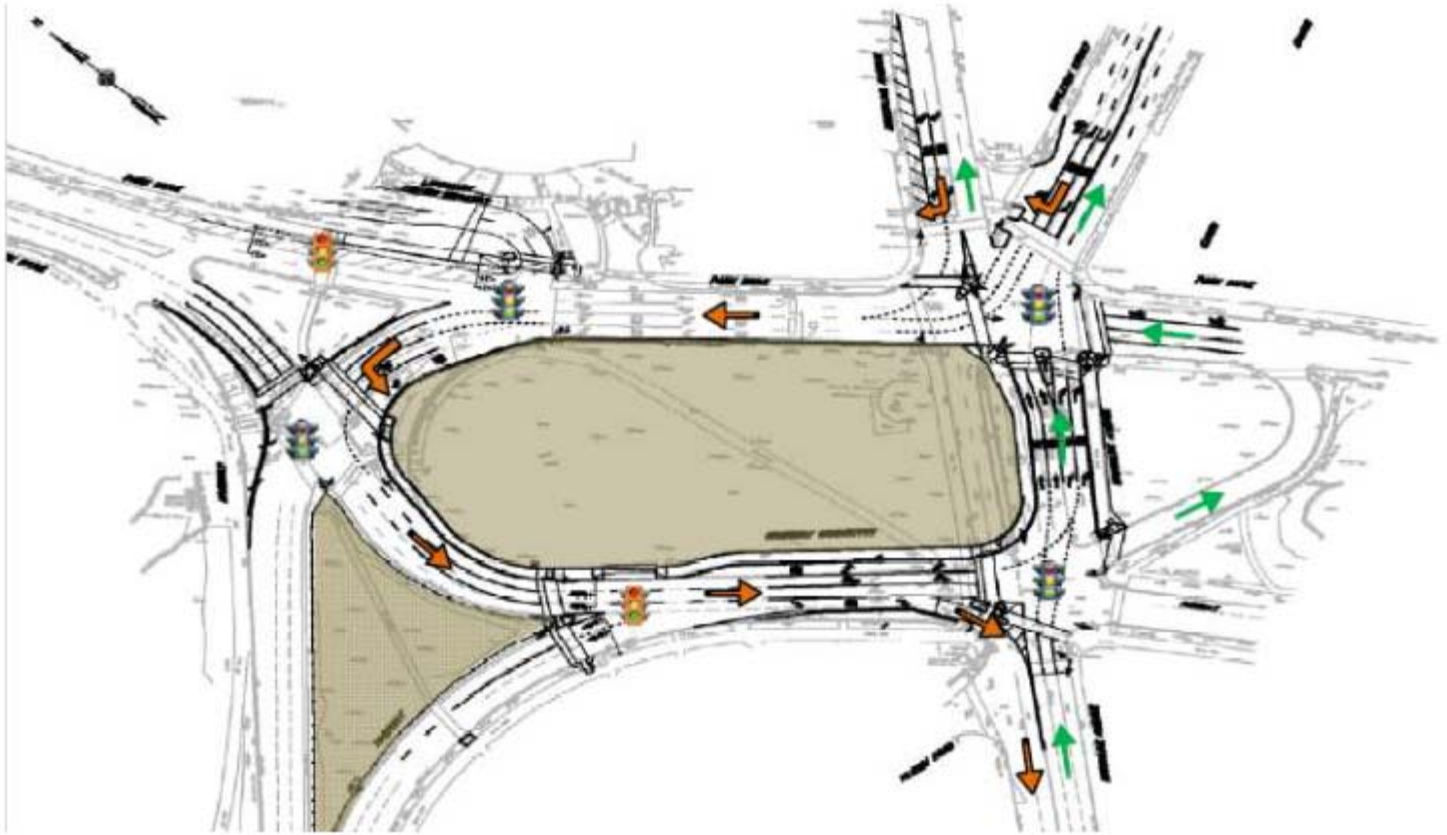
**CONCORD, Mass.** – Construction activities continue on Phase 1 of the \$30.9 million Muddy River Flood Risk Management and Environmental Restoration project in Boston, Mass. On Saturday, March 29, another traffic shift to change both vehicular and pedestrian traffic will occur to continue installation of the arch culvert underneath Brookline Ave. This traffic shift will maintain Brookline Avenue, between the Riverway Connector and Park Drive, as one-way only inbound traffic but will shift the four inbound lanes to the left.

Traffic flow will remain in the same traffic pattern from last traffic change in September 2013. Traffic coming down Brookline Avenue or Boylston Street outbound that want to continue down Brookline Avenue to the medical center will need to travel around the rotary between Brookline Avenue, the Riverway and along Fenway. Traffic signals that were installed from the last traffic change will remain permanently to ease congestion that occurs when traffic traveling down Park Drive from Brookline tries to merge with traffic exiting the Riverway toward Brookline Avenue. A figure showing the current detoured traffic pattern from September 2013 and a new figure showing the scheduled March 29<sup>th</sup> traffic shift are shown above.

As part of the vehicular traffic shift, a new pedestrian walkway will be constructed on the left side of the Brookline Avenue adjacent to the former Sears parking lot for pedestrian travel through the project area. The pedestrian walkway on the right side, near the Jug Handle, will be temporarily removed.

These changes are being made so that the installation of a culvert under Brookline Avenue can continue. This shift was actually scheduled for earlier in the month but the snow storms and bitter cold have impacted the schedule. Police details will be used to assist drivers during the implementation and initial stages of this traffic shift.

# Traffic Management Plan during the initial phase of Brookline Avenue culvert installation



Traffic Management Plan during the third phase of Brookline Avenue culvert installation

