

# July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>: Road Closures and Other Traffic Information



Listed below are the pedestrian and traffic restrictions that will be in place for Boston's July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. All roadways will remain closed (unless noted otherwise) until the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Labor Force has had an opportunity to clean the roadways. These closures will be updated as needed.

## **Monday, July 1, 2019:**

### **7:00 a.m.:**

1. **NO** parking on Mugar Way from Arlington Street to Charles Street until 6:00 a.m. on July 5<sup>th</sup>. All vehicles remaining will be removed.

## **Tuesday, July 2, 2019:**

### **6:00 p.m.:**

1. Right hand travel lane on Storrow Drive westbound will be closed.

## **Wednesday, July 3, 2019:**

### **7:00 a.m.:**

1. Esplanade walkway adjacent to the Charles River closed to pedestrians and bicyclists from the area of Community Boat Club to the front of the Concession Stand. All pedestrians and bicyclists will be directed to the sidewalk adjacent to Storrow Drive until approximately 3:00 p.m.

2. Oval area closed to public for Pops rehearsal (Will re-open at approximately 4:00 p.m., or as determined by Boston 4 Productions and the Incident Commander.)
3. The exit to Arlington Street from the Storrow Tunnel (eastbound) will be closed until 6:00 a.m. July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**12:00 p.m.:**

1. Right hand travel lane on Storrow Drive westbound will be closed.
2. Esplanade curbside reserved for permitted bus parking, from the Longfellow Bridge westbound to the Fielder Footbridge.
3. Traffic will continue west bound on Storrow Drive.
4. There will be **NO** public parking along Storrow Drive for either the rehearsals or the concert.

**3:00 p.m. (Or At A Time To Be Determined By The Incident Commander):**

1. Storrow Drive will be closed to westbound traffic from the Charles Circle to the Bowker Overpass. All westbound traffic will be diverted to Charles Circle. Westbound traffic may re-enter Storrow Drive westbound by heading down Charles Street, to Beacon Street, to the westbound entrance at the Bowker Overpass.
2. Mugar Way at Beacon Street closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This will remain closed until the early morning hours of July 5<sup>th</sup>. Pedestrians will be directed to Berkeley Street for entrance to the Esplanade.
3. Berkeley Street at Beacon Street closed to vehicular traffic.
4. Storrow Drive eastbound will be closed and detoured at the Bowker Overpass. It will remain closed until July 5.

**Thursday, July 4, 2019:**

**12:00 a.m.:**

1. No parking on Memorial Drive (either side) from #450 Massachusetts Avenue to the Longfellow Bridge. All vehicles remaining after this time will be removed.
2. No parking on Cambridge Parkway.

**7:00 a.m.:**

1. Access to Storrow Drive westbound from Leverett Circle to Kenmore Square (Bowker Overpass) will be closed to traffic.
2. The Storrow Drive Exit Ramp in the Tip O'Neil Tunnel will be closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles.
3. The Leverett Circle entrance to Storrow Drive westbound will be closed. Traffic will be allowed to travel on Msgr. O'Brien Highway to Cambridge and Martha Road to Boston.
4. The following Storrow Drive on and off ramp closures will remain in effect from July 3<sup>rd</sup>:
  - Berkeley Street
  - Charlesgate Area (heading eastbound)
  - Bowker Overpass from Park Drive and the Fenway
  - Charles Street Circle (heading westbound)
5. No Parking at Magazine Beach and Magazine Pool, Riverside Boat Club, and the MWRA pumping station (Cottage Farm). No boat launching in this area.
6. Pedestrian Footbridge at Charles Circle going to the Esplanade is closed.
7. Fiedler Footbridge from Beacon Street going to the Esplanade is closed.

**12:00 p.m.:**

1. Lane Closure Boston to Cambridge on the Mass Ave Bridge.

**3:00 p.m.:**

1. No access to Storrow Drive westbound from the Kenmore Square (Bowker Overpass).
2. No access to Storrow Drive westbound from the Beacon Street on-ramp under the Bowker Overpass.
3. Storrow Drive eastbound will be detoured at University Avenue.

**4:00 p.m.:**

1. Memorial Drive in both directions from Massachusetts Avenue to the Longfellow Bridge closed to vehicular traffic.
2. Main Street, Cambridge from Third Street to the Longfellow Bridge closed to vehicular traffic.
3. Ames Street from Main Street to Memorial Drive, Cambridge, closed to vehicular traffic.
4. Wadsworth and Amherst Streets, Cambridge, closed to vehicular traffic.
5. Land Boulevard from Binney Street to Longfellow Bridge closed to vehicular traffic.
6. Hayward, Carlton, Charlotte's Way and Dock Streets in Cambridge, closed to vehicular traffic.
7. Access allowed to 1 Memorial Drive only with issued permit.
8. Longfellow Bridge closed to vehicular traffic. Pedestrians will be allowed on the downstream side
9. The Longfellow Bridge will be closed to pedestrian traffic from approximately 9:00 p.m. until the end of the fireworks. NO fireworks viewing from the Longfellow Bridge will be allowed.
10. Massachusetts Avenue Bridge closed in both directions to vehicular and pedestrian traffic from Beacon Street in Boston to Vassar Street in Cambridge.
11. Memorial Drive from Massachusetts Avenue to the BU Bridge closed to vehicular traffic. Vehicular access will be allowed for patrons going to the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Hyatt patrons will be directed to the Vassar Street road closure.
12. Vassar Street in Cambridge from Massachusetts Avenue to Memorial Drive closed to vehicular traffic. Access will be allowed for residents and Hyatt patrons.
13. Cambridge Parkway closed to vehicular traffic (except: it will remain open to vehicles with handicapped placards/plates only). All vehicles must be removed from Cambridge Parkway by 1:00 a.m. on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
14. The right lane of the Gilmore Bridge, westbound will be closed until approximately 9:00 p.m. to assist the DCR with Event Operations.

**Approximately 10:30 p.m.:**

1. Third Street in Cambridge becomes one way from Main Street to Msgr. O'Brien Highway.
2. The Craigie Bridge by the Museum of Science will be down from approximately 10:30 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup> until 1:00 a.m. on July 5<sup>th</sup> to allow uninterrupted motor vehicle traffic.
3. Smaller boats that can pass under the bridge while in the down position will be allowed to pass.

**All closures subject to change at the discretion of the Incident Commander**

**Miscellaneous**

**Handicapped Parking- July 4th:**

1. 12:00 p.m. Mass Eye & Ear LAZ Parking Lot opens for vehicles displaying handicapped placards/plates. HP placards/plates are needed for entry to the lot. (Entrance for LAZ parking lot is through Charles Circle.)
2. The Mass Eye & Ear LAZ Parking Lot will close when the allotted parking area at the Mass Eye & Ear LAZ Parking Lot is filled, or at 6:00 p.m., *whichever occurs first*.
3. Handicapped parking will also be accommodated on Cambridge Parkway.

**Clean-Up:**

1. Clean-up begins 30 minutes after the fireworks display has concluded.