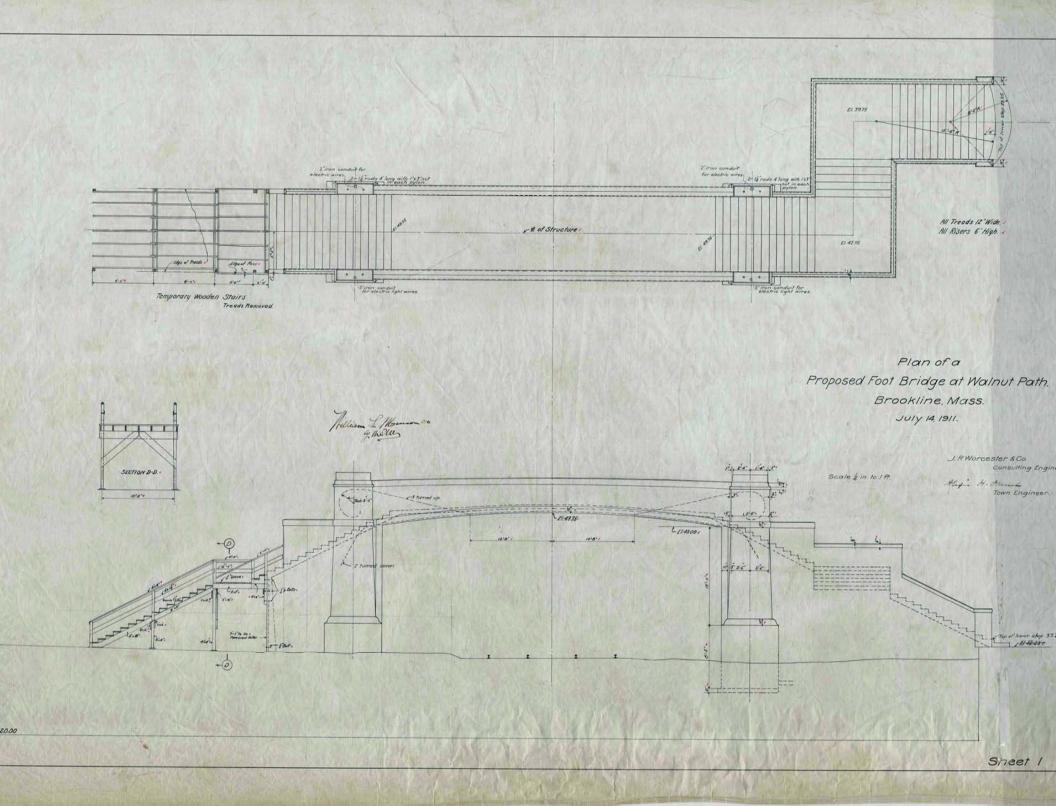


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Boylston Street Entrance – Sidewalk View

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White Place Entrance - Street View

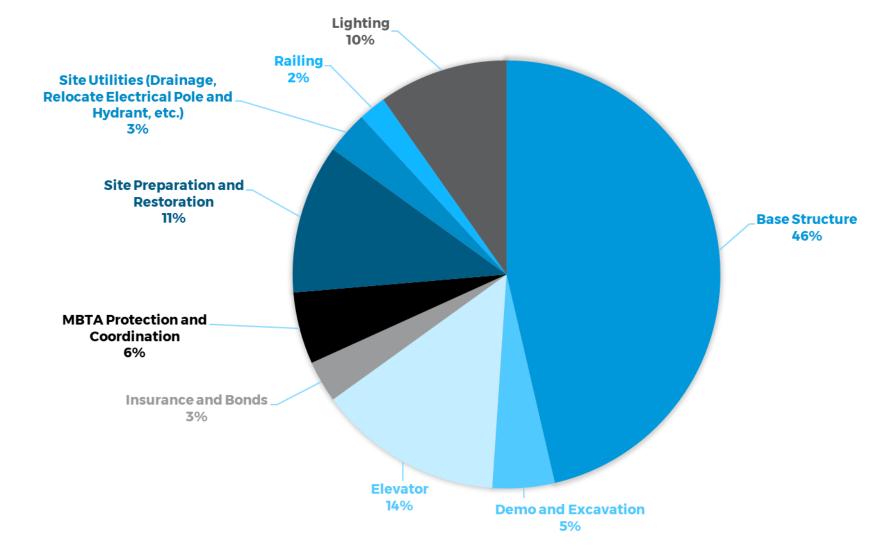
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Conceptual Cost Estimate - \$9 Million



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The RCN NOFO is now soliciting grant applications for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot discretionary grant program, established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and for the newly created <u>Neighborhood Access and Equity discretionary grant program</u>, established by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Under the combined RCN Program, USDOT is offering three grant types: Community Planning Grants, Capital Construction Grants, and Regional Partnerships Challenge Grants.

- Community Planning Grants will award RCP and/or NAE funding for planning activities for future construction projects and allow for innovative community planning to address localized transportation challenges. In FY 2023, DOT may award up to \$50 million of RCP funds and \$135 million of NAE funds for eligible public engagement, feasibility studies, and other planning activities.
- Capital Construction Grants will award RCP and/or NAE funding to carry out a project to remove, retrofit, mitigate, or replace an existing eligible dividing transportation facility with a new facility that reconnects communities; mitigates a burdening transportation facility that is a source of air pollution, noise, stormwater, heat, or other burdens; or implements a strategy to reduce environmental harm and/or improve access through transportation improvements. In FY 2023, DOT may award up to \$148 million of RCP funds and \$2.57 billion of NAE funds for eligible construction activities.

US DOT Targeted 2023 Grant Program

LETTERHEAD Town of Brookline COMMISSION/BOARD Attn: NAME, Chair 333 Washington Street Brookline, MA 02445

DATE September 1, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: <u>SUPPORT for TOWN OF BROOKLINE DAVIS PATH FOOTBRIDGE APPLICATION</u> USDOT FY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Construction Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Please accept this letter of support from COMMISSION/BOARD for the Town of Brookline application to USDOT's FY2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Capital Construction Grant Program to fund the rebuilding of the Davis Path Footbridge.

The **COMMISSION/BOARD** voted unanimously to support the Concept Design for the Davis Path Footbridge at our regularly scheduled meeting on **MONTH, DATE**, 2023, following a presentation and discussion with the project's design architecture and engineering team.

Not only does the Davis Path Footbridge restore a critical pedestrian path link above the MBTA Greenline transit trolley tracks, but it also provides both universal ADA access and bicycle/micromobility connections to public ways, an historic footpath system, and public park and school facilities adjacent to the bridge.

In short, the <u>COMMISSION/BOARD</u> recognizes the alternative transportation significance of this historic pedestrian bridge that will reconnect Town neighborhoods and facilities along a formidable halfmile railway barrier, and would therefore, enthusiastically encourage the USDOT to fund the rebuilding of the Davis Path Footbridge, a project perfectly tailored to the objectives of the Federal Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Construction Grant program.

Respectfully,

NAME Chair, COMMISSION/BOARD

CC: Select Board, Town of Brookline Department of Public Works, Town of Brookline

