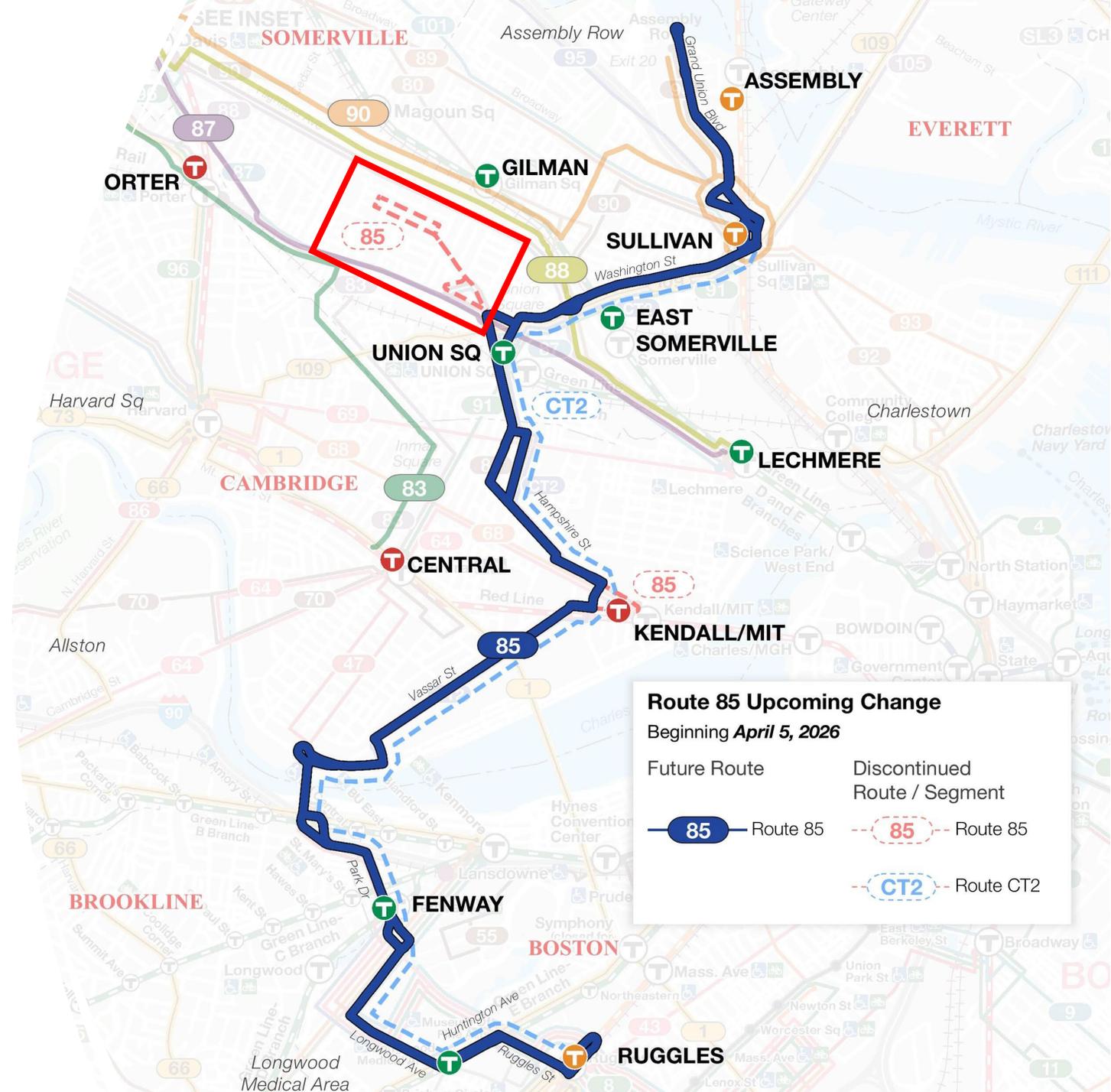


51 Bow Street Bus Stop Bow Street Parking Changes

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Route 85 Changes

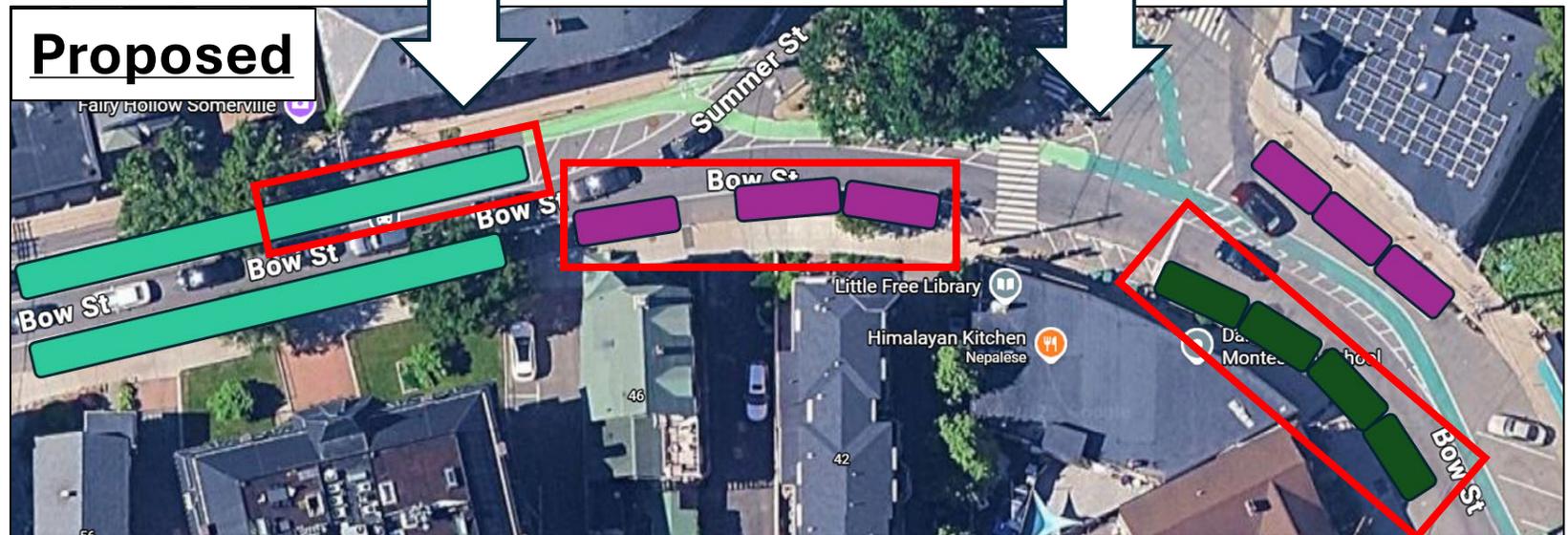
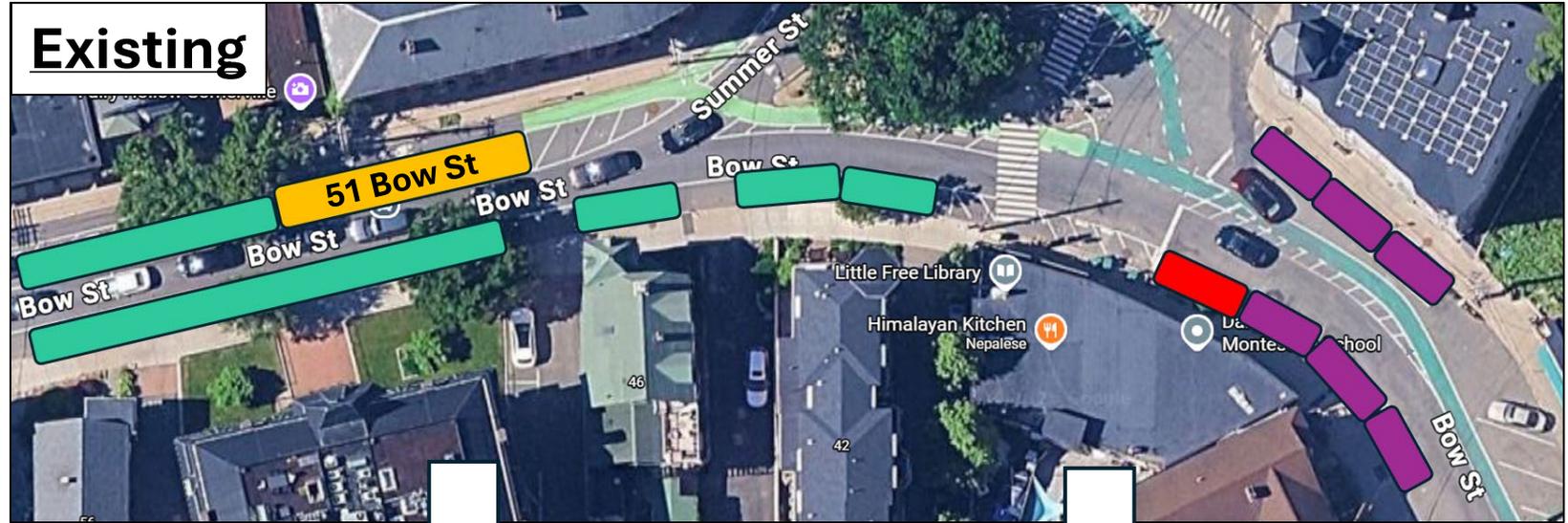
- The MBTA is changing the Route 85 on April 5, 2026 as part of the [Bus Network Redesign](#).
- It will be combined with CT2 and will no longer serve Spring Hill and Bow Street in Union Square.
- As a result, the 51 Bow St bus stop will be eliminated. The City wants to repurpose the newly available curb space in the area to meet the needs of customer and quick pick-up parking.



Proposed Bow Street Parking Changes

Legend

-  Bus Stop
-  Two-Hour Except by Permit
-  Metered Parking
-  Loading Zone (7am-5pm)
-  Loading Zone (24/7)



Overview of Proposed Changes

- 3 metered parking spaces near 38 Bow Street will be converted to an extended 85-foot, 24/7 loading zone to accommodate the need for high-volume pick-up and drop-off for the Montessori School and multiple restaurants that provide take out on Bow Street.
- 3 new metered parking spaces will be created in front of 42 and 46 Bow Street, replacing existing two-hour parking.
- The bus stop in front of 51 Bow St will be converted to approximately 3 new two-hour parking spaces.
- Overall, the amount of metered and two-hour parking spaces will not change from the existing condition, and we are adding short-term parking and loading capacity in an area of high need.

Parking Regulation	Existing Regulations	Proposed Regulations
Bus Stop	1 (65 feet)	0
Loading Zone (7am – 5pm)	1 (25 feet)	0
Loading Zone (24/7)	0	1 (85 feet)
Metered	3	3
Two-Hour Except by Permit	3	3