



## **COPLEY SQUARE PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AUG/SEPTEMBER, 2024**

Thank you for your patience and continued interest in this project.

Copley Square Park is an important cultural center of our city, and we understand that having the entire park closed for the duration of construction is difficult for many. We appreciate your patience during our renovation, and look forward to the reopening in 2024.

### **CONSTRUCTION SINCE JULY:**

- The fountain: work progresses inside the vault, and also is moving full steam ahead on the exterior, which is great to see. New waterproofing, cutting existing stone to fit, cleaning, re-jointing, and new lights - all of this work has been started on the exterior and is moving ahead.
- The paved walkway inside the park, adjacent to the concrete of the Boylston Street sidewalk will be done on September 20th. At that point, pedestrians will use this route while the contractor works on the area adjacent to the curb.
- The resin-bound porous gravel pavement has been delivered to the site, and tree grates are starting to be installed.
- Precast concrete walls and benches around the Raised Grove have been delivered, and are starting to be assembled. A mockup of the wood benches with arms that will go on top of the precast has been approved and looks beautiful. Delivery of all those wood bench tops will happen in the next few months, just before it gets cold.
- Pavers in the plaza are happening. We need to adjust some colors a bit; what's out there is not what we were expecting, so we're working with a representative of the manufacturer to figure that out.

Work to anticipate in the coming weeks:

- Pedestrians along Boylston Street will be walking within the park limits, so the contractor can replace pavement of the Boylston Street sidewalk.
- Pavers on the Raised Grove will begin to be installed.
- Both concrete and pavers will continue to be laid throughout the site, along pathways and in the plaza.
- The last planter curbs will be installed, and soil and plants will be added.
- Interior and exterior of the fountain will continue to receive attention.

**SITE PHOTO, 9/18/2024**



*Chipping out the old mortar between fountain stones - tyvek suit, eye protection, and two sets of earplugs required!*

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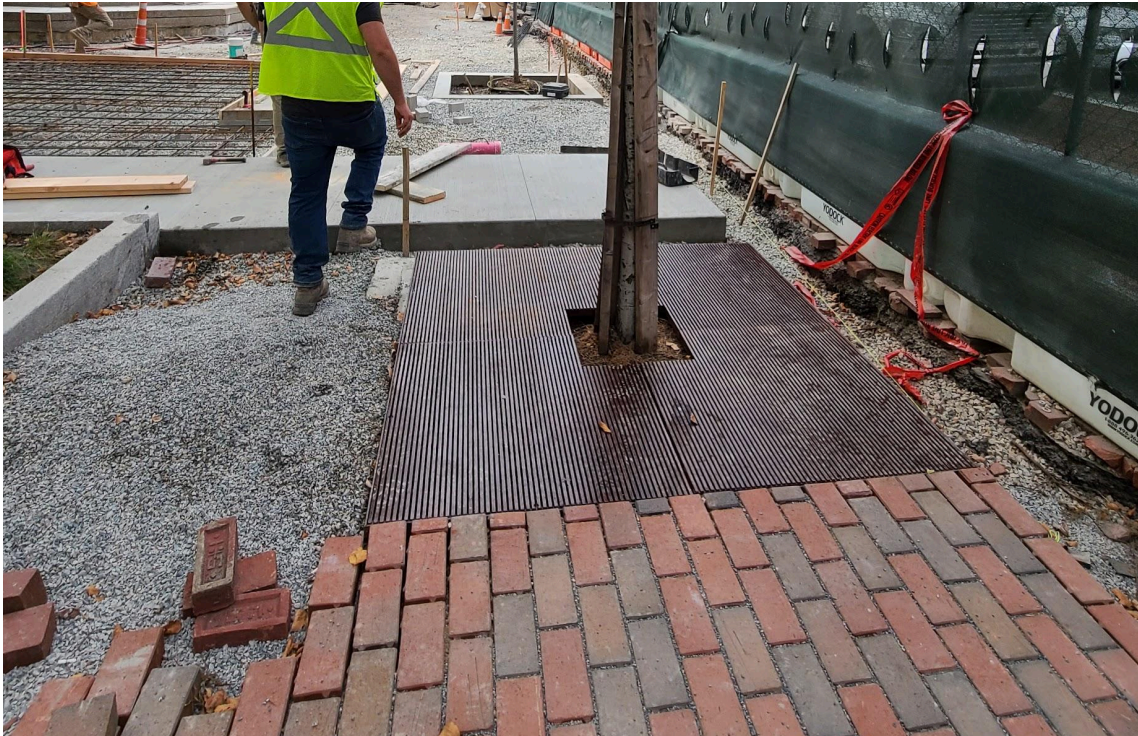
*The granite closest to the camera has been cleaned and repointed, for review. They haven't affixed the new boxes that will house uplights yet. New brass nozzles have been installed below the arches too.*

**SITE PHOTO, 9/18/2024**



*Two of the many pallets of aggregate that will be combined with resin to create porous pavement in seating areas on either side of the fountain, and just north of Trinity Church.*

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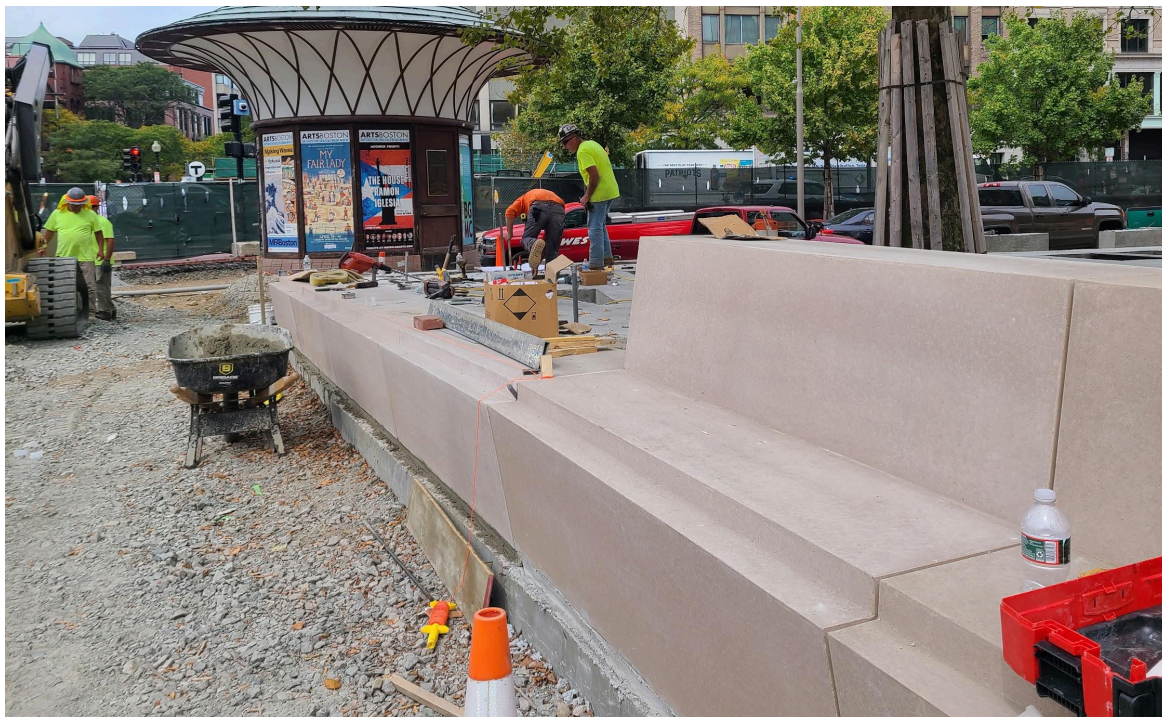
*The Boylston Street sidewalk progresses. Porous brick pavement allows rainwater to infiltrate, supporting our street trees. We have some of the new tree grates in as well.*

**SITE PHOTO, 9/18/2024**



*One of the wooden bench tops, resting on a pallet. These are made of thermally modified ash - no more tropical hardwoods, and these should last much longer than oak, as well.*

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*Precast concrete edges around the Raised Grove, which will be the base for the wood seating.*

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*Pavers are being installed in the new open plaza space, directly across Dartmouth St. from the library.*

**TRINITY:**

Trinity Church is a helpful neighbor during this challenging project, and they are attending our weekly site meetings, for the most up-to-date information regarding construction and schedules. The church is “open for business” during this project.

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**OTHER ITEMS:**

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Project Website: [boston.gov/copley-improvements](https://boston.gov/copley-improvements)