

Appleton Bridge

Boston, MA

Type: **Steel arch**
Services: **Conceptual and preliminary design
Architectural visualizations
Construction services**
Cost: **\$12.5 million**
Client: **MassDOT
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The Frances Appleton Pedestrian Bridge was part of the master plan to restore the iconic 1908 Longfellow Bridge across the Charles River between Boston and Cambridge. An obsolete pedestrian bridge next to the historic bridge was replaced with an ADA-compliant bridge that better complements the arches of the historic structure. This new deck arch has a contemporary look and is transparent to avoid obstructing views of the historic Longfellow Bridge, the river, and parkland. The slender main steel arch is one of the largest spans over Storrow Drive connecting to the Esplanade. The approach ramps follow a similar architectural language and appear to float over the landscape before landing next to the river. The crossing has become an iconic link from downtown Boston to the Esplanade and Charles River.

