

Russell Bridge

Boston, MA

Type: **Y-shaped piers and steel boxes**

Services: **Conceptual, preliminary, and final design
Community participation
Architectural visualizations
Construction services**

Cost: **\$180 million**

Client: **City of Boston
Public Works Department
One City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201**

The new William Felton “Bill” Russell Bridge has replaced a century-old truss bridge over Boston Harbor. This modern structure features wide sidewalks and introduces the first cycle tracks on a bridge in Boston. Remarkably, about 40 percent of the bridge’s width is dedicated to pedestrians and bicyclists, making it a truly multimodal facility and one of the most innovative bridges in the United States. In addition to accommodating four vehicular lanes, the bridge also includes a dedicated bus/HOV lane. The elegant design of the piers and the overall architecture draw inspiration from the adjacent Zakim Bridge. However, it complements rather than imitates this iconic cable-stayed structure. Furthermore, the Russell Bridge boasts curved overlooks and open spaces at the center navigation span. These areas feature seating, a shaded trellis, and landscaping with sweeping views of the harbor and the city, enhancing the experience for all users along the waterfront.

