TUFTS MEDICAL CENTER -
HOW TO GET THERE DURING THE ORANGE LINE SHUTDOWN

This guide tells you how to get to Tufts Medical Center during the 30-day Orange Line Shutdown. This shutdown will impact local and regional traffic. Please plan for extra travel time. To learn more about the Orange Line Shutdown, please visit **boston.gov/orange-line** or **mbta.com/BBT2022**.

ORANGE LINE SHUTTLES

Shuttle buses will replace the Orange Line service. Orange Line Shuttles should arrive every 45 seconds during peak hours. They will make all Orange Line station stops between:

- Forest Hills and Back Bay, and also the Copley Green Line Station
- Oak Grove and State

The Orange Line shuttles DO NOT stop at Tufts Medical Center, Chinatown, or Downtown Crossing stations. However, there are separate, connecting shuttles to Tufts Medical Center and Chinatown from 5AM - 1AM (more information below).

Every Orange Line shuttle will be clearly marked. All shuttle vehicles will be ADA compliant. Some buses will have lowered floors, but the majority will have rear entry lifts.

Wheelchair-accessible vans will be available upon request. To request a van, ask a T Ambassador in a red shirt or a Yankee employee in a bright yellow vest.

Riders can take the Green Line to access destinations between Government Center and Copley, including to access Tufts Medical Center.

- **The closest Green Line stop to Tufts Medical Center is Boylston**, which is a 6-minute walk to Tufts Medical Center station. Please note that Boylston station does NOT have an escalator or elevator.
- **The nearest accessible stop with an elevator is Park Street**. Park Street station is a 10-minute walk from Tufts Medical Center station.

Shuttle Times

The Orange Line Shuttles will be available from 5:00am to 1:00am, seven days a week.

SHUTTLES TO TUFTS MEDICAL CENTER AND CHINATOWN (5AM - 1AM)

The City of Boston and MBTA have partnered to run free shuttles to Chinatown and Tufts Medical Center. Shuttles will arrive every 30 minutes. The shuttle route is:

Government Center → Tufts Medical Center (Washington Street) → Chinatown → Government Center

You can find a **map of the shuttle route here**. At Government Center, shuttles stop on Cambridge St near the intersection with Sudbury St.

Shuttle Times
The shuttle will leave Government Center every 30 minutes at the top and bottom of the hour (X:00 and X:30) between **5 a.m.** and **1 a.m**.

From **5 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.** and from **8 p.m. - 1 a.m**., shuttles will be orange line coach buses run by Yankee. The shuttles from 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. will be 14-seater vans run by TransAction Associates. All will be clearly labeled and ADA compliant.

COMMUTER RAIL

Anyone taking a Commuter Rail train into South Station can transfer to the SL4, which includes a stop at Tufts Medical Center. The SL4 bus stop is located at Atlantic Ave and Essex St, just outside of South Station.

MBTA has increased Commuter Rail service at Forest Hills and Oak Grove. Anyone can board a Commuter Rail train within the City of Boston at no charge during the Orange Line shutdown. To board, show the conductor a CharlieCard or CharlieTicket. The cards do not need to have value on them, and you do not need to buy a pass or Commuter Rail ticket. This applies to all Zone 1A, 1, and 2 Commuter Rail stations outside the City as well. Visit **mbta.com/commuter-rail** for maps and schedules.

CharlieCards are available for free at all Boston Public Library branches and at City Hall on the first floor. Visit **boston.gov/orange-line** for the most up to date list of locations to pick up a free CharlieCard.

Commuter Rail service is available at the following Orange Line stations:

- **Franklin Line:** Ruggles, Back Bay to South Station
- **Haverhill Line:** Oak Grove, Malden Center to North Station
- **Needham Line:** Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay to South Station
- **Providence/Stoughton Line:** Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay to South Station
- **Worcester Line:** Back Bay to South Station

Commuter Rail schedules specific to Orange Line stations are available at **mbta.com/bbt2022**.

For information about accessibility on the commuter rail, visit **mbta.com/accessibility/commuter-rail-guide**.

DRIVING

If you are able, please refrain from driving during this time. We expect local and regional impacts to traffic because of this closure. Streets will be more congested, and parking may be more difficult to find. The City has made many changes to our streets so shuttles can travel quickly and safely. We encourage you to walk, bike, or use other MBTA services if possible. This will leave room on the roads for people who must drive and first responders.

If you must drive, please pay attention to new signs and traffic patterns along the Orange Line shuttle route.

SPECIFIC TRAVEL OPTIONS

Below are alternative travel routes to Tufts Medical Center. Trip costs are estimates.

Accessible travel routes are labeled with a symbol. Even though these routes are accessible, they may require significant travel on sidewalks. We have verified that these sidewalks are in accessible condition.

You can also use the MBTA Trip Planner to plan your journey on the MBTA.

North Station - Commuter Rail, Orange Line Shuttle (North Loop), Green Line Shuttle

- After exiting the Commuter Rail, follow signs to the Orange and Green Line shuttles
- Take either the Orange or Green Line shuttle to State/Government Center
- Travel south on Tremont Street towards Winter Street (Bank of America should be on your left), and continue down Tremont St to Temple Place
- Turn left on Temple Place to reach the Silver Line stop (next to Café 26)
- Get on the Silver Line 5 (SL5) bus towards Nubian
- Ride 2 stops on SL5 to Tufts Medical Center
- **Trip Cost: $1.70 one way, $3.40 roundtrip**

Government Center/State - Orange Line Shuttle (North Loop), Green Line Shuttle, Blue Line

Option 1:

- At Government Center, transfer to the Green Line outbound to Park Street, using
  - Green Line (B) Westbound towards Boston College, OR
  - Green Line C Westbound towards Cleveland Circle, OR
  - Green Line (D) Westbound towards Riverside
- Exit Park Street onto Tremont Street
- Travel south on Tremont Street towards Winter Street, and continue to Temple Place
- Turn left on Temple Place to reach the Silver Line stop (next to Café 26)
- Get on the Silver Line 5 (SL5) bus towards Nubian
- Ride 2 stops on SL5 to Tufts Medical Center
- **Trip Cost: $2.40 one way, $4.80 roundtrip**

Option 2:

- Get on the Green Line Westbound to Arlington Station
  - Green Line (B) Westbound towards Boston College, OR
  - Green Line C Westbound towards Cleveland Circle, OR
  - Green Line (D) Westbound towards Riverside

- Exit Arlington Station at Boylston Street and travel south on Arlington Street to St. James Street
- Get on MBTA bus #9 to City Point (Stop located next to Circle Furniture in the Park Square Building)
- Ride 2 stops to Herald St @ Washington Street
- Travel north on Washington Street towards Marginal Road, and continue to Tufts Medical Center
- **Trip Cost: $2.40 one way, $4.80 roundtrip**

Option 3:

- After exiting Government Center, continue South onto Tremont Street
- Take a left onto Stuart Street
- Take a right onto Washington Street and continue to Tufts Medical Center
- **Estimated walking time: 18 minutes**

South Station - Commuter Rail, Red Line

Option 1:

- Follow signs at South Station to Silver Line 4 (SL4) towards Nubian; the stop is located outside South Station at the corner of Essex Street and Atlantic Avenue
- Ride 1 stop to Tufts Medical Center
- **Trip Cost: $1.70 one way, $3.40 roundtrip**

Option 2:

- Follow exit signs to Atlantic Avenue
- Turn left on Atlantic Avenue (towards the Bank of America)
- Cross the street and take a right onto Essex St
- Continue on Essex Street until you reach Washington Street
- Take a left onto Washington Street and continue to Tufts Medical Center
- **Estimated walking time: 13 minutes**

Park Street - Red Line and Green Line

Option 1:

- Travel south on Tremont Street towards Winter Street, and continue to Temple Place
- Turn left on Temple Place to reach the Silver Line stop (next to Café 26)
- Get on the Silver Line 5 (SL5) bus towards Nubian
- Ride 2 stops on SL5 to Tufts Medical Center
- **Trip Cost: $1.70 one way, $3.40 roundtrip**

Option 2:

- After exiting Park Street, continue South onto Tremont Street
- Take a left onto Stuart Street
- Take a right onto Washington Street and continue to Tufts Medical Center
- **Estimated walking time: 12 minutes**

Downtown Crossing - Red Line

Option 1:

- Exit Downtown Crossing and travel to the Silver Line stop on Temple Place (next to Café 26)
- Get on the Silver Line 5 (SL5) bus towards Nubian
- Ride 2 stops on SL5 to Tufts Medical Center
- **Trip Cost: $1.70 one way, $3.40 roundtrip**

Option 2:

- Exit Downtown Crossing onto Washington Street
- Travel south on Washington Street (past Macy's) and continue to Tufts Medical Center
- **Estimated walking time: 9 minutes**

Copley - Orange Line Shuttle (South Loop), Green Line

Option 1:

- Connect to the Green Line Eastbound to Park Street
  - Green Line (B) Eastbound towards Government Center, OR
  - Green Line C Eastbound towards Government Center, OR
  - Green Line (D) Eastbound towards Government Center
- Exit Arlington Station at Boylston Street and travel south on Arlington Street to St. James Street
- Get on MBTA bus #9 to City Point (Stop located next to Circle Furniture in the Park Square Building)
- Ride 2 stops to Herald St @ Washington Street
- Travel north on Washington Street towards Marginal Road, and continue to Tufts Medical Center
- **Trip Cost: $2.40 one way, $4.80 roundtrip**

Option 2:

- Exit Copley Station and travel south down Dartmouth Street (past the Boston Public Library) to Stuart Street
- At the corner of Stuart Street and Dartmouth Street (next to Eastern Bank), get on MBTA bus #501 or #504 Downtown via Copley (Express)
- Ride 1 stop to Kneeland @ Washington Street
- Exit the bus and take a left onto Washington Street to continue to Tufts Medical Center
- **Trip Cost: $4.25 one way, $8.50 roundtrip**

Option 3:

- Travel east on Boylston Street towards Talbots/H&M
- Continue on Boylston Street past the Public Garden and Boston Common
- Turn right on Washington Street and continue to Tufts Medical Center
- **Estimated walking time: 21 minutes**

Back Bay - Commuter Rail, Orange Line Shuttle (South Loop)

- Follow exit signs towards Dartmouth Street to exit the station
- After exiting Back Bay Station, travel north (towards Eastern Bank) to the intersection of Dartmouth and Stuart Street
- Transfer to MBTA bus #501 or #504 Downtown Via Copley (Express)
- Ride 1 stop to Kneeland @ Washington Street
- Exit the bus and take a left onto Washington Street to continue to Tufts Medical Center
- **Trip Cost: $4.25 one way, $8.50 roundtrip**

From Ruggles - Commuter Rail, Orange Line Shuttle (South Loop)

- Take MBTA bus #43 at Ruggles Station towards Park Street Station
- Travel 12 stops to Tremont @ Marginal Street
- Travel north on Tremont Street towards a large, round, brick building
- Take a right at the round, brick building to stay on Tremont Street
- Continue straight as Tremont Street changes into Oak Street
- Take a left onto Washington Street and continue to Tufts Medical Center
- **Trip Cost: $1.70 one way, $3.40 roundtrip**