Fort Point Channel Bridges

Open Space/ Parks

Summer Street, 1899
Congress Street, 1930
Evelyn Moakley/ Seaport Blvd, 1996
Northern Avenue, 1908

Concrete/ Steel

Spanning the Fort Point Channel, these four bridges link Fort Point, the Seaport district and South Boston to downtown and the Rose Kennedy Greenway.

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Summer Street Bridge

Built in 1899, the Summer Street Bridge is a retractile structure, designed to pull away from the road diagonally to allow ship traffic to pass. Two of four retractile bridges remain in the United States today. The mechanism of the Summer Street Bridge is no longer functional.

Connecting Fort Point to South Station, the Summer Street Bridge is used daily by thousands of commuters, residents and visitors to cross the Fort Point Channel, a part of Boston Harbor.

Congress Street Bridge

Completed in 1930 by Boston Bridge Works, this 547-foot long bascule bridge was designed to lift over the water to allow ship traffic. The bridge's original mechanical house building made room for the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, a floating history museum that celebrates the December 16, 1773 events leading to American independence through live reenactments, multimedia exhibits and a tearoom.

The Congress Street Bridge was restored in 2008.

Evelyn Moakley Bridge

The youngest bridge crossing the Fort Point Channel, the Evelyn Moakley Bridge carries Seaport Boulevard from downtown into the Seaport. The structure, designed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, opened in 1996.

At night the Moakley Bridge is lit blue, a public art project by John Powell.

The Boston HarborWalk passes underneath the bridge, where the docks of the Boston Rowing Center can be accessed, as well.

Old Northern Avenue Bridge

Built in 1909, this bridge used to rotate to allow ship traffic to pass. In 1999 it was converted to pedestrian traffic only, and in the winter of 2014 the bridge was closed to all traffic. The City of Boston is currently exploring redevelopment options for the landmark bridge.