

# The hustle and bustle continues into the break.

With a long-awaited break coming for students, faculty, and staff, Campus Planning & Operations (CP&O) will be hard at work getting our campuses ready for the semester ahead. From upgrading classroom technology and enhancing office space, to completing the first phase of the renovation of the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, here are just some of the things we will be tackling over the break.

Learn more by visiting our [website](#) or emailing [Lauren Alzate](#).

## 1) COMMONWEALTH AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS Campuswide

This \$20.4 million undertaking by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will make traveling Commonwealth Avenue safer for bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. Reconstruction of this major street between Brookline and Boston, from the BU Bridge to Packard's Corner, is expected to take three years with a planned completion date by the Commonwealth in June 2019. The upgrades will improve safety for all travelers by separating bicyclists from traffic on one of Boston's busiest thoroughfares.

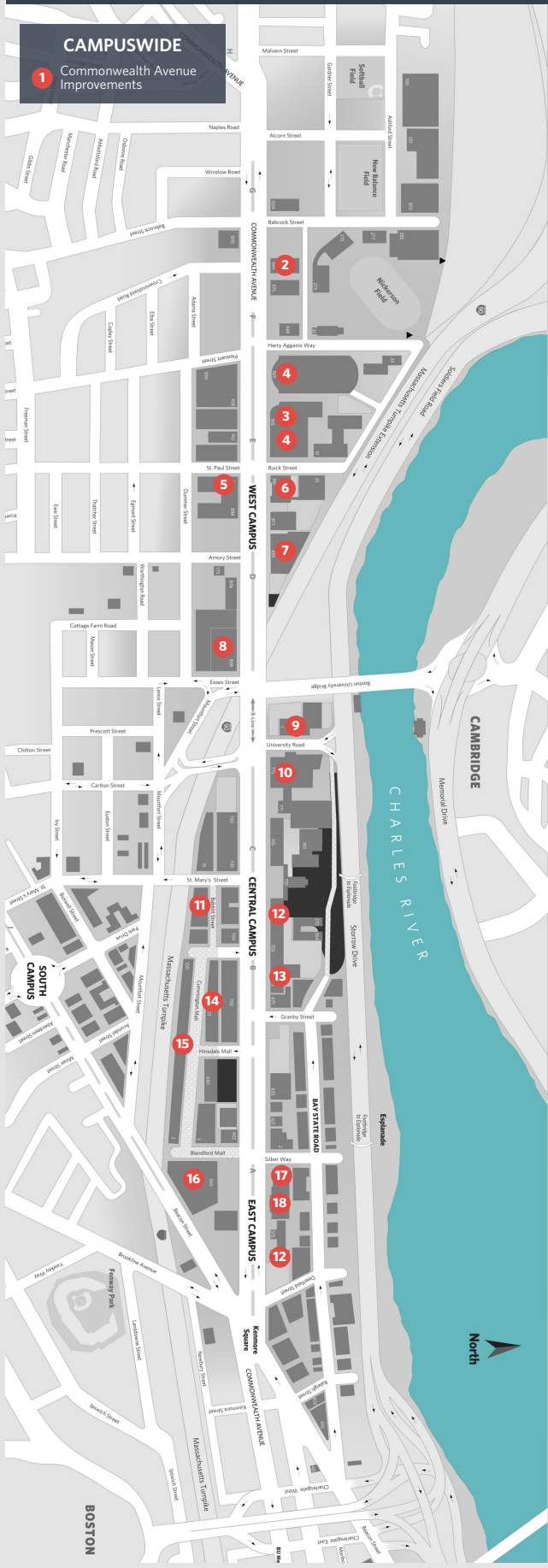
The new dedicated bike track between parked cars and sidewalks will be slightly sloped to prevent water pooling. Other improvements include water filtration to prevent pollutants from flowing into the Charles River, more accessible sidewalks, and new traffic signals.

## 2) MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS RENOVATIONS



### 985 Commonwealth Avenue

Renovations on the first and second floor for Marketing & Communications (MarCom) will create new work space for additional staff. As a result of the work, a majority of MarCom staff will be temporarily relocated to the Fenway Campus as renovations proceed until a planned completion date in June 2019.



**3) 3-COURT GYM**  
**915 Commonwealth Avenue**

The flooring in the 3-court gym at the Fitness & Recreation Center (FitRec) will be replaced over the break. The gym area is used for a variety of activities including basketball, badminton, volleyball and other non-sports events.

**4) BUILDING RETROCOMMISSIONING**  
**915 & 925 Commonwealth Avenue**



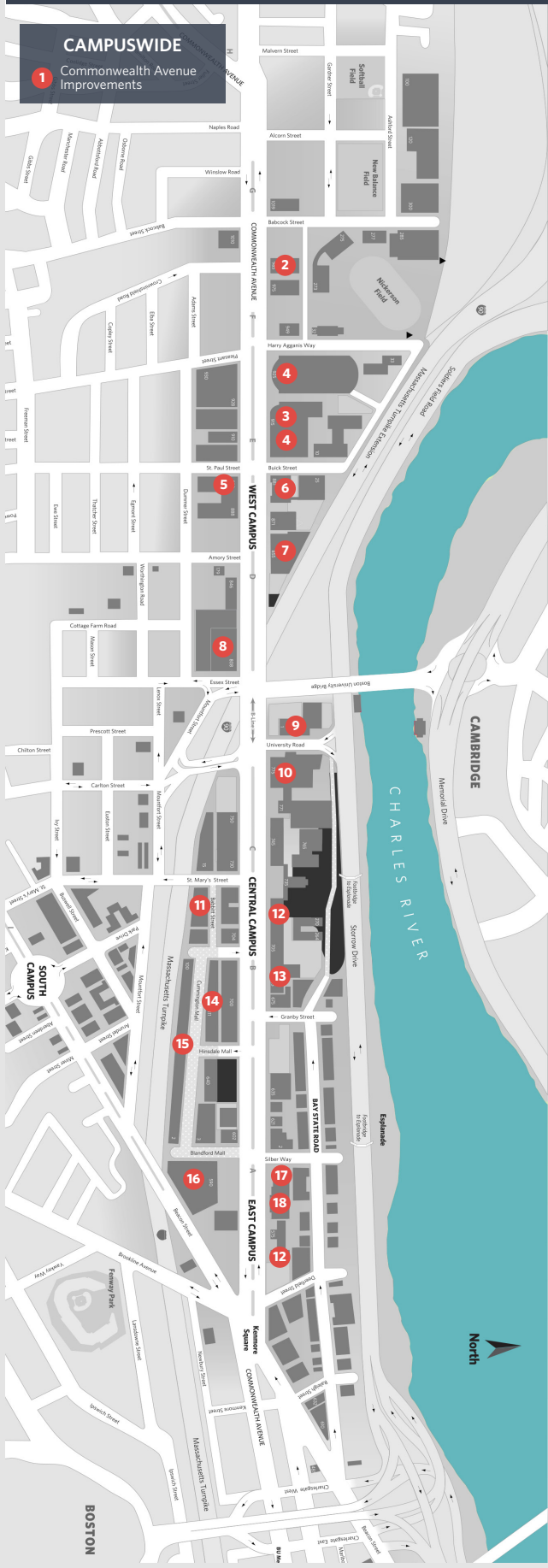
As part of the University's commitment to climate action, the Facilities Management & Operations team is undertaking a retrocommissioning project at Agganis Arena and FitRec that is expected to save 3.8 million kWh of electricity and 180,000 therms of natural gas annually. The project includes recalibrating the airflow of supply diffusers and upgrading control panels to improve airflow and occupancy comfort. Work will not impact normal operations of the Arena or FitRec.



**5) WBUR CITYSPACE**  
**890 Commonwealth Avenue**



Work will be wrapping up on the WBUR CitySpace project, which began in March and is expected to be completed in early 2019. Upon completion, CitySpace will be a state-of-the-art, multi-media, multipurpose convening and performance space and broadcast studio on the ground floor of 890 Commonwealth Avenue in Brookline. The new studio will allow WBUR to expand its dynamic and award-winning NPR programming to live studio audiences and participation and to those listening through a variety of web-based platforms.



**6) STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES RECEPTION**  
**881 Commonwealth Avenue**



The Student Health Services reception area will receive a refresh including relocating the front desk along with new carpeting and paint.

**7) PAINTING STUDIO & GALLERY RENOVATION**  
**855 Commonwealth Avenue**



Renovations to a fifth floor painting studio and gallery at the College of Fine Arts will include painting, flooring, ceiling, sprinkler, and lighting upgrades.



**8) HOWARD THURMAN CENTER FOR COMMON GROUND**  
**808 Commonwealth Avenue**

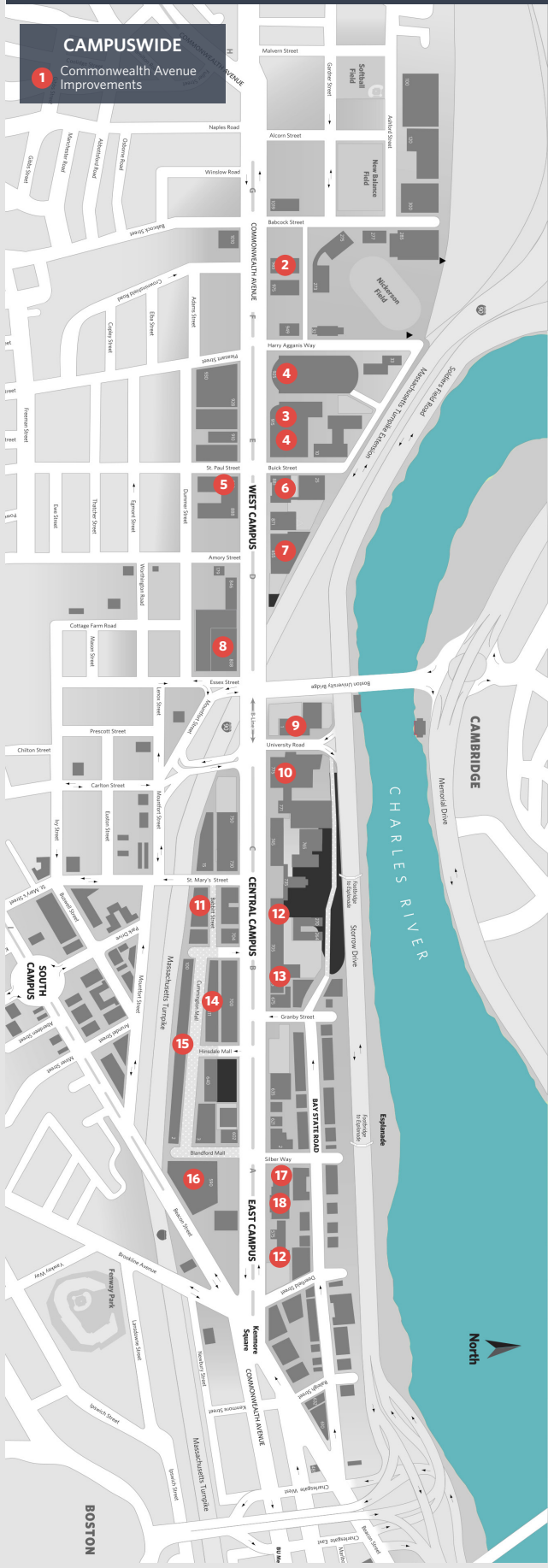


Work will begin over the break to renovate 19,000 square feet at 808 Commonwealth Avenue for the relocation of the Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground (HTC), which is currently located in the basement of the George Sherman Union. The center will expand into what is currently the 808 Gallery on the first floor, occupying 2/3 of the existing space, as well as space on the second floor. The 808 Gallery will continue to operate in the remaining space on the first floor. The project, expected to be completed in fall 2019, will increase the HTC's footprint fivefold, bring it to a prominent location in the center of the Charles River Campus, and activate the very visible showroom space in a historic building.

**9) BU ACADEMY CLASSROOMS**  
**1 University Road**



Renovations in two classrooms on the second floor, containing 32 seats total, include reconfiguring ceilings, writing surfaces, and updating lighting, paint, and carpet.



**10) GEORGE SHERMAN UNION  
775 Commonwealth Avenue**

An exploration of the existing building infrastructure systems (HVAC, electrical, gas, and plumbing) will take place in the GSU Union Court and kitchen in preparation for future renovations.

On the second floor, existing window treatments will be replaced in the Metcalf Ballroom.

**11) COLLOQUIUM ROOM A/V UPGRADES  
8 St. Mary's Street**

Upgrades to the Photonics Research Center's audio/visual system in the Colloquium Room will include two new high-brightness laser projectors mounted in the ceiling with drop down lifts and new wall screens, the addition of a new input location at the back of the room, upgrading all equipment in the control room racks, and providing new spot lighting for presentation speakers at the podium.

**12) CLASSROOM A/V UPGRADES  
565 & 725 Commonwealth Avenue**

To enhance both the learning and teaching experience, existing analog audio/visual equipment in KCB room 101 and OUR auditoria CAS B12 and 522 will be upgraded to digital technology. This project will positively impact 532 seats.

**13) GEDDES LANGUAGE CENTER  
685 Commonwealth Avenue**



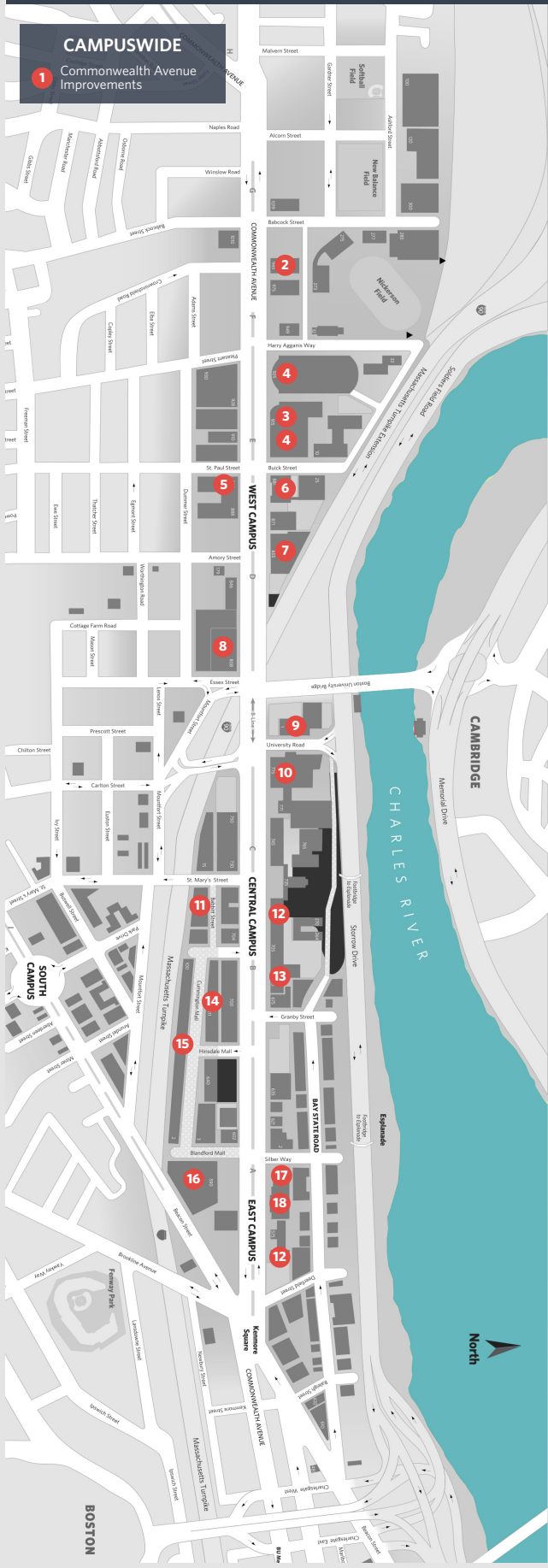
Renovations at the Geddes Language Center to accommodate new staff will include new walls, carpet, a door, lighting, sound proofing, systems furniture, and signage as well as relocation of telephone, data, and electrical outlets.

**14) MATH & COMPUTER SCIENCE BUILDING  
111 Cummington Mall**



Space in the basement will be renovated to create a new lab space for Computer Science faculty. Work includes installation of new work tables, interior glazing, replacement of light fixtures, and architectural finishes. Modifications to existing mechanical and electrical systems will be required. A new soldering exhaust fan and ductwork will also be installed.

Renovations in the basement and on the first floor will be the first phase of a multi-phased renovation project



**CAMPUSWIDE**  
1 Commonwealth Avenue Improvements

to create growth space for the Rafik B. Hariri Institute for Computing and Computational Science & Engineering, Math & Statistics, and Computer Science departments until the Data Sciences Center is completed. The space will be built out as flexible space that can be used by any department once these units move into their space in the new building.

**15) ENGINEERING DEAN'S SUITE**  
44 Cummington Mall



The dean's suite for the College of Engineering on the sixth floor will receive cosmetic improvements to include new paint and carpet.

**16) THEORETICAL CHEMISTRY OFFICES**  
590 Commonwealth Avenue



Renovations on the fifth floor at the Metcalf Science Center will create new office space to support new faculty in Theoretical Chemistry. Work will include the creation of office space for principal investigators and work stations for post-docs and students. A conference room, kitchenette, and storage space will also be created.

**17) METCALF TRUSTEE CENTER A/V UPGRADES**  
1 Silber Way

In order to replace outdated technology in the room, the audio/visual system will be upgraded to include a new video projector for the existing rear projection screen, new control room racks, and equipment with new portable touch screens and presentation controls. New equipment and functionality will support multiple types of meetings involving academic/research symposiums, Trustee and University departmental meetings, video conferences and functions scheduled through Events and Conference Services.

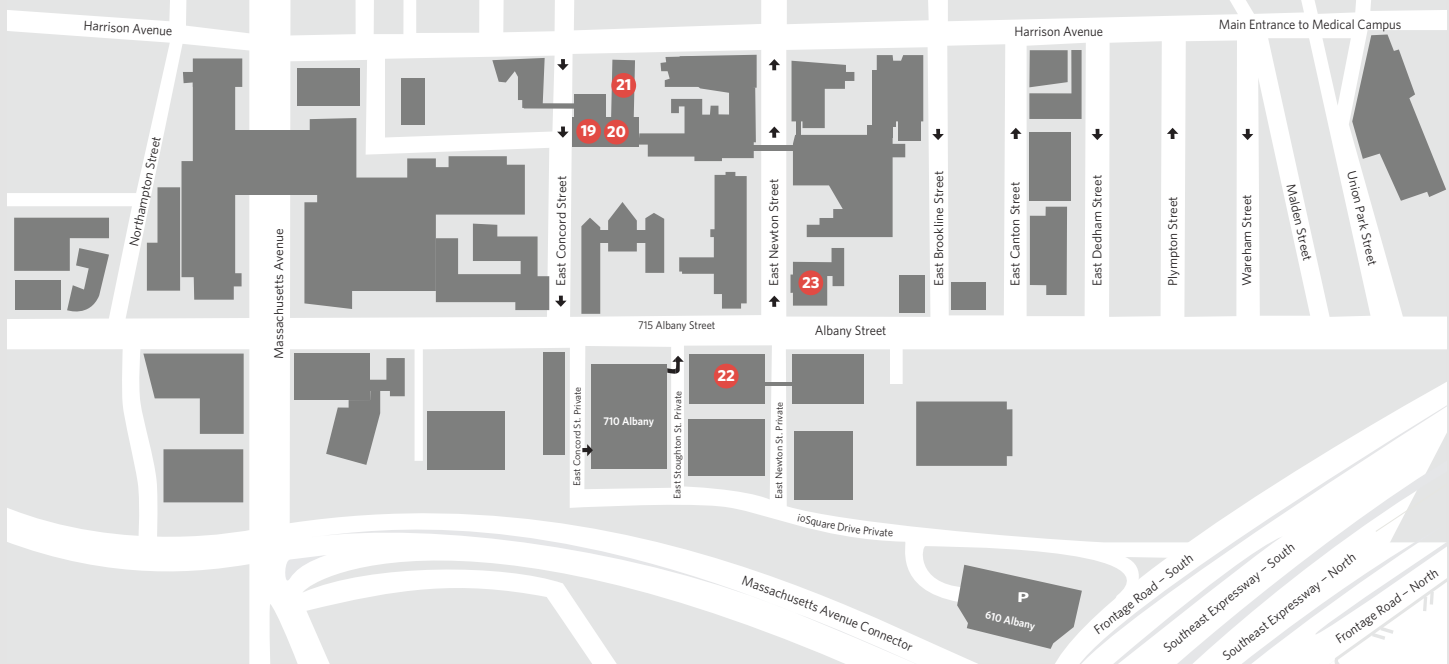
**18) RAFIK B. HARIRI BUILDING**  
595 Commonwealth Avenue



Areas within the underground parking garage will receive a new protective coating on its surface resulting in some areas of the garage being blocked off between December 26 and 31.

Renovations on the first floor at the Feld Career Center for Industry Alliances will include reconfiguring the lobby and creating two new student interview rooms.

Additional storage, finishes, and equipment will be added to the second floor Starbucks space as part of a branding update.



**19) FRAMINGHAM HEART STUDY RENOVATIONS**

**72 East Concord Street (L)**

In order to make space for the Framingham Heart Study, office and lab space on the fifth floor of the Instructional Building (L Building) will be renovated. In turn, Microbiology will be relocated to the W building with equipment moved to the Housman Medical Research Building (R Building). Work will include creation of new restrooms, including an all-gender restroom, offices and cubicles, new flooring, ceilings, LED lighting, and chilled beams. A new conference room with a glass wall and skyfold wall to create two conference rooms will also be created.

**20) LIBRARY LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER**

**72 East Concord Street (L)**

Renovation of the library space on the 13th floor to create a Library Learning Resource Center will be wrapping up over the break. Books and archives currently in the space will be relocated to the Medical Student Residence and the M building. Work will include the creation of new study carrels, study rooms, and tutor rooms; new flooring, ceiling, and LED lighting throughout; replacement of existing concrete walls with glass; the creation of new restrooms, including an all-gender restroom; and the replacement of an existing air handler and relocation of mechanical equipment. The project will also allow for the buildout of new bathrooms and a kitchenette on the 14th floor.



**21) FIRE ALARM UPGRADES**

**780 Harrison Avenue (R)**

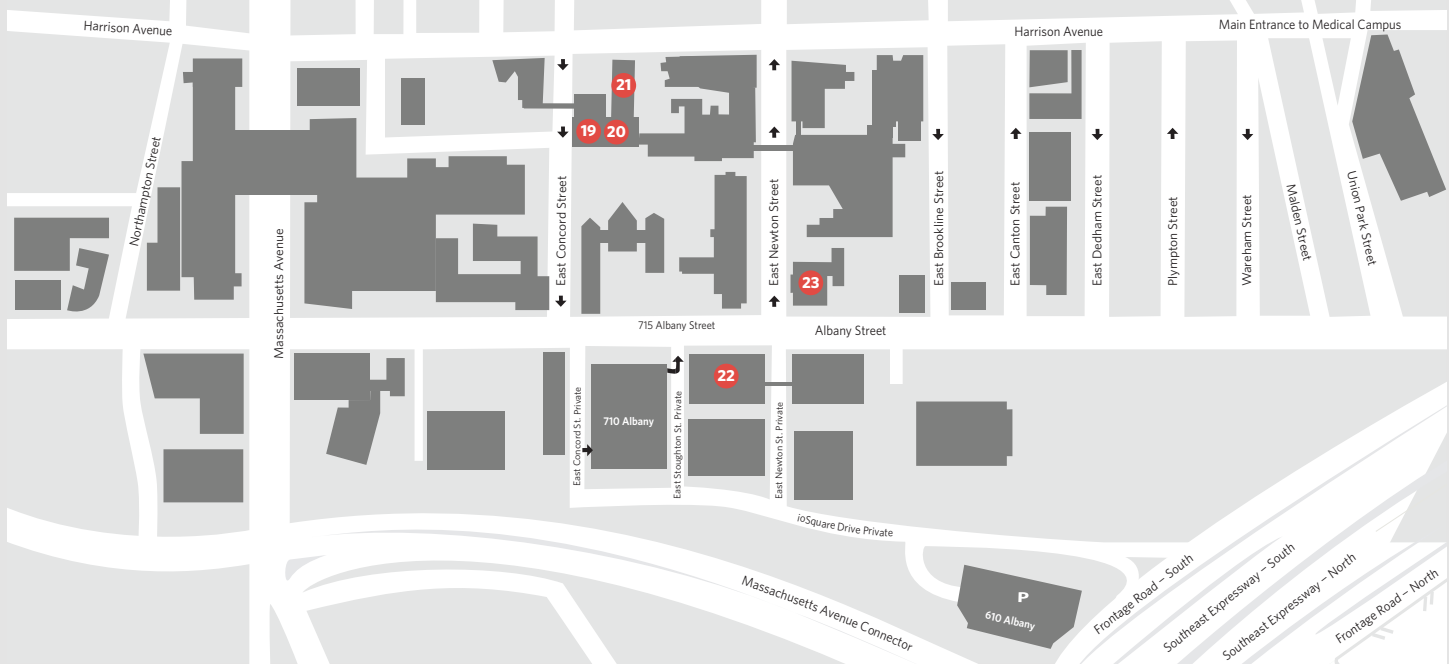
Upgrades to the fire alarm system in the R building will include a new fire panel, new doors to separate the L building from R building, new smoke curtain devices on the elevator lobby doors, and a new stair pressurization annunciator panel.

**22) LAB AND OFFICE RENOVATIONS**

**700 Albany Street (W)**

On the seventh floor, existing lab space will be reconfigured to create two labs for new faculty, and an office will be renovated. Work includes constructing a new shielded wall and door, waveguide penetrations, reworking the HVAC and lighting, demolition of existing fume hood, and installing new lab benches and a larger epoxy sink. In the office area, two half walls will be removed along with existing shelving. New desks, carpeting and paint will be added.





**24) HENRY M. GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE**  
**100 East Newton Street (G)**



Work will continue on the expansion and renovation of the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, which began last spring. The project expands the existing 100 East Newton Street facility with a 48,000 gross square foot addition dedicated to clinical education and practice. 64,000 square feet of the existing building will be partially renovated for patient waiting areas, offices, instructional, and student gathering spaces. The new entrance will open on January 2, providing access to the completed first phase which included renovation of the basement and first floor.

All members of the GSDM community will benefit from the new facility. For students, a better space will improve the learning experience by providing innovative collaboration spaces to prepare them for their careers. For patients, the new space will bolster the School's efforts to offer care and an experience on par with the best dental practices. For an institution that prides itself on patient-oriented care, this is a critically important outcome. Finally, faculty and staff will benefit from improved spaces for teaching and administrative support, along with a layout designed to make interactions with students and patients both easier and more frequent.



This project uses sustainable practices and products.



The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) greenbuilding certification program is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of green buildings.

