1982	Work begins on Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report (FEIS/R).
1985	• Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report (FEIS/R) filed; approved early the next year.
1986	Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff begins work as management consultant.
1987	Congress approves funding and scope of project.
1988	Final design process under way.
1989	Preliminary/final design and environmental review continue.
1990	Congress allocates \$755 million to project.
1991	 Federal Highway Administration issues Record of Decision, the construction go-ahead. Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Report (FSEIS/R) approved. Construction contracts advertised and awarded. Construction begins on Ted Williams Tunnel and South Boston Haul Road.
1992	 More than \$1 billion in design and construction contracts under way. Dredging and blasting for the Ted Williams Tunnel ongoing. Downtown utility relocation to clear path for Central Artery tunnel construction begins. Archaeologists find 17th and 18th century artifacts at a North End dig.
1993	 South Boston Haul Road opens. All 12 tube sections for Ted Williams Tunnel placed and connected on harbor floor.
1994	 Charles River Crossing revised design and related FSEIS/R approved. New set of loop ramps open in Charlestown.
1995	Ted Williams Tunnel opens to commercial traffic.
1996	Downtown slurry work under way for I-93 tunnels.
1997	Utility work 80 percent complete.
1998	 Enter peak construction years. Construction begins on the Charles River Crossing.
1999	 Construction 50 percent complete. New Broadway Bridge opens. Leverett Circle Connector Bridge opens.
2000	• Close to 5,000 workers employed on the Big Dig.
2001	Construction 70 percent complete.
2002	Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge completed.
2003	 I-90 Connector from South Boston to Rt. 1A in East Boston opens in January. I-93 Northbound opens in March. I-93 Southbound opens in December.
2004	 Dismantling of the elevated Central Artery (I-93). Opening of tunnel from Storrow Drive to Leverett Circle Connector, providing access to I-93 North and Tobin Bridge.
2005	 Full opening of I-93 South. Opening of Dewey Square Tunnel, including new entrance and exit ramps. Opening of the two cantilevered lanes on Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge. Opening of permanent ramps and roadways at I-90/I-93 Interchange and in other areas.
2006	Reached majority completion of the Central Artery/Tunnel Project in January.
2007	Construction on development parcels continues after Central Artery/Tunnel Project completes.