

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION**

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 604382

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Fore River Bridge Replacement Project in **Weymouth and Quincy, MA**

WHERE: Abigail Adams Middle School Auditorium
89 Middle St, East Weymouth, MA 02189

WHEN: **Thursday, February 9, 2012 @ 7 PM**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed bridge replacement alternative of Bridge No. Q-01-001=W-32-001, STATE ROUTE 3A (WASHINGTON STREET) OVER THE FORE RIVER. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the replacement of the current temporary bridge with a new, movable span that will safely and efficiently meet the needs of all users - including motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and maritime users for the next 75 years. The proposed cross section will consist of two travel lanes a bicycle accommodating shoulder and a sidewalk for each direction of travel, and will be fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The project will also include the dismantling and removal of the temporary bridge.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts** is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Acting Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, ATTN: **Michael O'Dowd, Project File No. 604382**. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

The community has declared that this facility is accessible to all in compliance with the ADA / Title II. However, persons in need of ADA / Title II accommodations should contact John Lozada by phone at (617) 973-7171 or email to MASSDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us. Requests must be made at least 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

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