

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Project File No. 606448

A Public Information Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed deck replacement and superstructure repairs on Bridge No. B-16-365 Bowker Overpass over Beacon Street, Commonwealth Ave and Muddy River in Boston, MA.

WHERE: Mezzanine Conference Room
Boston Public Library
700 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

WHEN: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 6:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this information meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed deck replacement and superstructure repairs on Bowker Overpass over Beacon Street, Commonwealth Ave and Muddy River. All views and comments made at the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of interim repairs to the superstructure and deck of the Bowker Overpass and associated ramps. Accelerated deterioration of the bridge structures requires that these interim repairs be conducted during the preliminary phase of the Bowker Overpass Planning Study. Repairs will include beam repairs, pin-and-hanger-retrofits, partial deck replacement and partial parapet replacement. These repairs are considered necessary to provide safe passage over and under the structures and to avoid unnecessary emergency repairs at inconvenient times.

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. Presentation items will be on display one-half hour before the meeting 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 information meeting regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention.: Matt Hopkinson, P.E., Bridge Project Manager. Such submissions will also be accepted at the meeting. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public information meeting transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Information Meeting. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

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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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