

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
Project File No. 608943

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed **Neponset River Greenway Construction** project in **Boston, MA**.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed **Neponset River Greenway Construction** project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project includes construction of a shared-use path, from Tenean Beach to Morrissey Boulevard, a total distance of approximately 3,600 feet (0.7 miles). A 670-foot long boardwalk, including scenic overlooks, will be constructed to convey the path over salt marsh and tidal habitat of the Dorchester Bay. Drainage system improvements, improved habitat value of the corridor, wayfinding signage and pedestrian and bicycle roadway crossings have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

This project is a critical segment in the Department of Conservation and Recreation’s long term, multi-phase, plan for the 10.5-mile Neponset River Greenway linking the Blue Hills Reservation in Milton to Mattapan Square and continuing to Castle Island and the Boston Harborwalk.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The **Department of Conservation and Recreation** is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT’s policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to DOTHighwayDesign@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Highway Design**, Project File No. **608943**. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below.

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This Live Virtual Design Public Hearing or a cancellation announcement will be hosted on the internet at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings.

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