

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION**  
**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Project File No. 602932**

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Bridge L-15-058, VFW Parkway over Beaver Brook, Bridge Replacement project in Lowell, MA.

**WHERE: Pollard Memorial Library Meeting Room**  
**401 Merrimack Street**  
**Lowell, MA 01852**

**WHEN: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed VFW Highway Beaver Brook Bridge Replacement project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

**PROPOSAL:** The proposed project consists of replacement of the existing 3-span bridge structure with a single span structure over Beaver Brook providing safety improvements for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle travel, combined storm/sewer drain separation, and improvements to the roadway approaches to alleviate settlement issues. Project includes connection of the roadway sidewalk to the existing shared-use path along the river to the east with accommodation across the bridge (over Beaver Brook), and provision for connection/continuation of potential future shared use path to the west. Specific accommodations for pedestrians and bicycles consist of an 8.5 ft. sidewalk along the eastbound side, striped bicycle lanes in each direction, and a 10 ft. shared-use walk along the westbound side. Sidewalks are protected from the roadway with guard rail.

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 Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Paul C. King, P.E., Bridge Project Management, Project File No. 602932. 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](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us)

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