

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 604687

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Reconstruction of Massachusetts Avenue, from Pond Lane to the Cambridge City Line in Arlington, MA.

WHERE: Town Hall Auditorium
730 Mass. Ave.
Arlington, MA 02476

WHEN: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 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 reconstruction of Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington, MA. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of milling and overlaying existing pavements; removal and resetting existing granite curb; installation of new granite curb; reconstruction of existing cement concrete sidewalks; construction of new wheelchair ramps; replacement of existing traffic signals; installation of new traffic signals; installation of new signs and pavement markings; installation of landscaping and streetscape amenities. The project also involves ADA accessibility upgrades, improvements to pedestrian safety, and bicycle accommodation improvements along Massachusetts Avenue. The proposed Mass. Ave. cross section will typically consist of two 11 foot lanes eastbound and one 14-15 foot wide lane westbound; one 5 foot bike lane in each direction (one eastbound and one westbound); and 8-10 foot wide parking lanes/bus stops on each side from Pond Lane to Alewife Brook Parkway. Additional travel lanes and turn lanes will be provided at major intersections where appropriate.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Arlington 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., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management Section, Project File No. 604687. 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

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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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