

MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE CORRIDOR PROJECT
Project File No. 604687

PROJECT UPDATE

June 22, 2010

The information below is a chronological list of project activities following the 25% submission to MassDOT on September 16, 2009:

Adjustments to Project Elements

Typical Section – Mass Avenue

Increased thru travel lane widths from 11 feet to 12 feet eastbound and 13 feet westbound
 Increased width of left turn lanes where possible
 Increased parking lane widths from 9 feet to 10 feet (9 feet where ROW controls)
 Extended left-turn storage length for Mass. Ave. to Bates Road traffic movement
 Extended two-lane eastbound section from Harlow Street to Tufts Street
 Provided pedestrian refuge via small raised islands at Wyman, Foster and Winter Streets
 Eliminated concerns relative to crossing the flush, painted medians

Adjustments to Project Design Parameters

Mass Avenue Corridor

Traffic analysis includes a 10-year and 20-year traffic projection (per MassDOT)
 Traffic growth rate established at 0.5% per year (0.3% from MassDOT through CTPS)
 Side street traffic counts (26 locations) and speed data collected for baseline comparison purposes

Schedule

September 16, 2009	Submitted 25% Preliminary Design Package to MassDOT
March 22, 2010	Meeting w/MassDOT District 4 to Discuss Preliminary 25% Comments
March 30, 2010	Received 25% Review Comments from MassDOT District 4
April 16, 2010	Meeting w/ Town of Arlington to Discuss/Review 25% Comments
April 28, 2010	Meeting w/ MassDOT District 4 to Discuss/Review 25% Comments
May 5, 2010	Attended TIP Day at Boston MPO w/ Town of Arlington
May 12, 2010	Meeting w/ MassDOT District 4 to Discuss/Review FST Initial Responses
May 17, 2010	Meeting w/ Town of Arlington to Discuss Responses to 25% Comments
May 19, 2010	Meeting w/MassDOT Row to Discuss Need for Temporary Easements
May 21, 2010	Requested Public Input Regarding Side Street Traffic Count Program
May 26-27, 2010	Collected Side Street Traffic Counts and Speed Data
May 28, 2010	Conducted Site Walk & Tree Inventory w/MassDOT Landscape Section
June 1, 2010	Meeting w/ Town of Arlington to Discuss Design Status and Schedule
June 14, 2010	Meeting w/ Town of Arlington to Discuss Public Meeting Agenda
June 15, 2010	Project Update w/Town of Arlington & Design Review Committee
June 22, 2010	Public Informational Meeting
July 23, 2010	Resubmit 25% Preliminary Design Package including Preliminary ROW
September, 2010	Schedule Design Public Hearing
January, 2011	Submit 75% Design Package to MassDOT and Notice of Intent
April, 2011	Issue Environmental Clearance
June, 2011	Submit 100% Design Package to MassDOT
September, 2011	Submit PS&E Package to MassDOT
December, 2011	Issue ROW Clearance Certificate and Advertise Contract for Construction