

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Project File No. 602165

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Route 28 at North Street Intersection Improvement Project in Stoneham, Massachusetts.

WHERE: **Town of Stoneham**
 Town Hall (Banquet Room)
 35 Central Street
 Stoneham, MA 02180

WHEN: **Wednesday, November 30, 2016 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 Route 28 at North Street Intersection Improvements 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 intersection improvements including the addition of a northbound left turn lane opposite the existing southbound left turn lane, and a designated southbound right turn lane on Route 28. A new, fully actuated traffic signal installation is proposed as part of the improvements. The new traffic signal system includes a northbound/southbound left turn phase for Route 28 to replace the existing lead/lag phases. It also includes an advance phase for the North Street eastbound approach. The new traffic signal equipment will include accessible pedestrian signals with count down pedestrian housings and ADA/AAB compliant push buttons. Other improvements will include: roadway widening; pavement milling and overlay; installation of new vertical curb; sidewalk reconstruction with ADA compliant wheelchair ramps; new traffic signs; and new pavement markings. All bicycle and pedestrian accommodations have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

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: Roadway Project Management, Project File No. 602165. 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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