

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 603793**

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT - Highway Division to discuss the proposed Route 85 (River Street) over Sudbury River bridge project located in the Towns of Hopkinton and Southborough, MA.

**WHERE: Hopkinton Town Hall
Room 215, Selectmen's Conference Room
Hopkinton, MA 01748**

WHEN: Thursday, October 14, 2010 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 85 bridge 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 the replacement of the Route 85 (River Street) bridge over the Sudbury River, which connects Hopkinton & Southborough. The existing single span reinforced T-Beam structure will be replaced with a single span prefabricated beam structure with new abutments located behind the existing. The proposed bridge and roadway approaches will have a 36-foot curb-to-curb width. The cross section will consist of two 12-foot travel lanes and 4-8 foot shoulders with a new 6-foot sidewalk on the west side. The horizontal and vertical alignments will remain essentially the same. The superstructure design will incorporate provisions for identified future utilities. The existing traffic will be maintained by the use of staged construction methods.

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 Frank A. Tramontozzi, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT – Highway Division, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, ATTN: Accelerated Bridge Program, Project File No. 603793. 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

The community has declared that this facility is accessible to all in compliance with the ADA / Title II. However, persons in need of ADA / Title II accommodations should contact Angela Rudikoff by phone at (617) 973-7005 or email to angela.rudikoff@state.ma.us. Requests must be made at least 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

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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