THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Project File No. 604716

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the project to reconstruct Bridge M-12-002, Main St. (Rte. 38) over Mystic River (Cradock Bridge) in Medford, MA.

WHERE: **Medford City Hall, City Council Chambers**
85 George P. Hassett Drive
Medford, MA 02155

WHEN: **Thursday, June 27, 2013 @ 7:00 pm**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Cradock Bridge Reconstruction 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 rehabilitation of the existing double stone arch substructure, and reconstruction of the dam portion and the simple span section of the bridge. The portion of the bridge consisting of, and including the remnants of the abandoned dam structure will be demolished and re-built to match the adjoining existing double stone arch structure and facade. The simple span portion of the bridge will be demolished and replaced on the existing abutment and pier which will be rehabilitated. The surface of the bridge will be completely reconstructed with new roadway and sidewalks. Parapets and railings will be rehabilitated and replaced to match existing. Some utilities will be relocated/replaced and some will be maintained as existing. The removal of the dam remnants will restore the full bridge hydraulic opening as a planned incremental improvement as part of the Aberjona River Flood Mitigation Program. Bicycle accommodations consisting of a usable shoulder have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides. The bridge will be reconstructed in phases, maintaining two (2) lanes of vehicular traffic southbound. A temporary bridge structure will be utilized on the downstream side of the bridge and carry two (2) lanes of vehicular traffic northbound.

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 Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention.: Paul King, P.E., Bridge Project Management, Project File No. 604716. 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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