



Whittier Bridge

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Highway Division

Invites You to a

Stakeholder Information Meeting

for the

Whittier Bridge/I-95 Improvement Project

Monday, December 7, 2009

6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Salisbury Town Hall, Colchester Auditorium
5 Beach Road, Salisbury, MA**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide stakeholders with an update on progress since the June 18 Public Meeting. Specifically, the project team will discuss potential approaches to address comments received. This stakeholder meeting is a precursor to a general public meeting that is planned for January 2010.

The Whittier Bridge/I-95 Improvement Project involves as its centerpiece the replacement of the Whittier Bridge over the Merrimack River. The new structure will have four travel lanes and a high-speed shoulder and breakdown lane in each direction. It is one of the most significant projects to be undertaken by MassDOT under the Commonwealth's \$3 billion Accelerated Bridge Program. When completed, the project will return the breakdown lanes for emergency use only to improve safety and provide additional I-95 lane capacity to reduce congestion. The project also includes the replacement or reconstruction of four adjacent bridges along I-95 in Amesbury and Newburyport.

If you have questions or would like more information about the project, please contact Mike O'Dowd, MassDOT Highway Division Project Manager, at 617-973-7475. To be added to the project email or US Mail distribution lists, please contact Stephanie Boundy, Public Outreach Coordinator for MassDOT's Accelerated Bridge Program, by phone at 617-973-8049 or by email at Stephanie.Boundy@state.ma.us. The Colchester Auditorium is accessible.