



The Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Highway Division

Invites You to a

Public Information Meeting

for the

Whittier Bridge/I-95 Improvement Project

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Newburyport City Hall, Auditorium
60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, MA**

The purpose of this meeting is to present an update on the environmental analyses for the highway widening and bridge river crossing alternatives that are being evaluated as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment process. The evaluation is being performed as part of a joint federal NEPA and state MEPA environmental review process and in accordance with the scope outlined in the Secretary's Certificate for the Environmental Notification Form. Following the presentation, MassDOT staff will lead a discussion to answer questions and gather public comment on the alternatives. Comments received will be carefully considered as the alternatives evaluation moves forward.

The Whittier Bridge/I-95 Improvement Project involves as its centerpiece the replacement of the Whittier Bridge over the Merrimack River. It is one of the most significant projects to be undertaken by MassDOT under the Commonwealth's \$3 billion Accelerated Bridge Program. The completed project will result in four travel lanes, a shoulder adjacent to the high speed travel lane and a breakdown lane in each direction along the length of the project corridor. The project will improve safety and reduce congestion with additional I-95 lane capacity. 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 City Hall Auditorium is accessible.