



MEDIA ADVISORY

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DCR SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING TO PRESENT DESIGN FOR REHABILITATION OF NEPONSET RIVER BRIDGE

WHAT: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has scheduled a public meeting to present the design for the rehabilitation of the Neponset River Bridge that crosses the Neponset River between Quincy and Dorchester. The rehabilitation, a full deck replacement scheduled to begin in late 2009, is part of Governor Patrick's Accelerated Bridge Program.

Upholding his pledge to quickly repair the Commonwealth's most neglected bridges, Governor Patrick last August signed a bridge bond bill that committed \$3 billion to repair and replace 250 Massachusetts bridges identified as structurally deficient. Of that amount, DCR is overseeing \$906 million to repair or replace 29 agency bridges and preserve 50 more.

Over the next several years, the Accelerated Bridge Program will ensure public safety by funding repair work for bridges in the most urgent need of repair, and will create thousands of engineering and construction jobs. The project will save the state an estimated \$1.5 billion in avoided inflation and deferred-maintenance costs.

To learn more about the Accelerated Bridge Program, visit www.mass.gov/acceleratedbridges. To learn more about DCR projects, visit www.mass.gov/dcr/projects.

WHEN: Monday
April 27
6:30-8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Port Norfolk Yacht Club
179 Walnut St.
Dorchester

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