



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **DCR SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PATRICK ADMINISTRATION'S BRIDGE REPAIR PROGRAM**

**WHAT:** The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has scheduled a public meeting to discuss all DCR bridge projects that the agency will undertake as 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. Included are 29 DCR bridge repair projects and 50 preservation projects. Over the next several years, the 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.

DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. said DCR officials are dedicated to informing the community about bridge design, repair, and rehabilitation work as these important transportation projects get underway. To that end, public meetings are being scheduled to discuss individual bridge projects. This second overview meeting is to discuss all DCR projects in the Accelerated Bridge Program.

To learn more about the Accelerated Bridge Program, visit [www.mass.gov/acceleratedbridges](http://www.mass.gov/acceleratedbridges). To learn more about DCR projects, visit [www.mass.gov/dcr/projects](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/projects).

**WHEN:** Thursday  
February 12, 2009  
6-7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Worcester State College  
Science & Technology Building  
486 Chandler St.  
Worcester

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