

April 11, 2016

Dear Friend,

On March 28, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held a public meeting at the Leahy-Holloran Community Center in Dorchester to introduce a redesign project for reconstruction of Morrissey Boulevard and to obtain input from the community on key issues and concerns regarding the parkway.

The primary goals of the redesign project, which is underway and anticipated to be completed by the end of this year, are to:

- Provide for storm water improvements and climate resiliency:
- Provide safe, convenient, and inviting pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, balanced with appropriate vehicular accommodations;
- Enhance the parkway character and strengthen connections to recreational facilities, natural resource areas, and neighborhoods.

DCR will be implementing a robust public process for the redesign project and welcomes feedback from the community through a series of public meetings and public comment periods.

We encourage you to view the presentation and handouts from our first public meeting, as well as a summary of the feedback we obtained from the attendees, at http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/.

We also would welcome your input during our initial comment period, which we are extending through **Friday**, **April 22**, by completing our survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/morrisseyboulevardreconstructionprojectdesign, providing general comments at http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/submit-public-comments/, or by writing to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Public Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02116. If you have questions or would like to be added to an email list to receive DCR general or project-specific



announcements, please email Mass. Parks@state.ma.us or call 617-626-4973.

We appreciate your interest and value your input as we aim to develop a design for Morrissey Boulevard that, subject to the availability of funding, would result in drainage, transportation, and urban design upgrades benefitting both the parkway users and surrounding community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Leo Roy

Commissioner