Bernardston – Bridge Replacement of Route 10 over Fall River and Bridge Deck Replacement of Route 10 over I91

Capital Programs Committee

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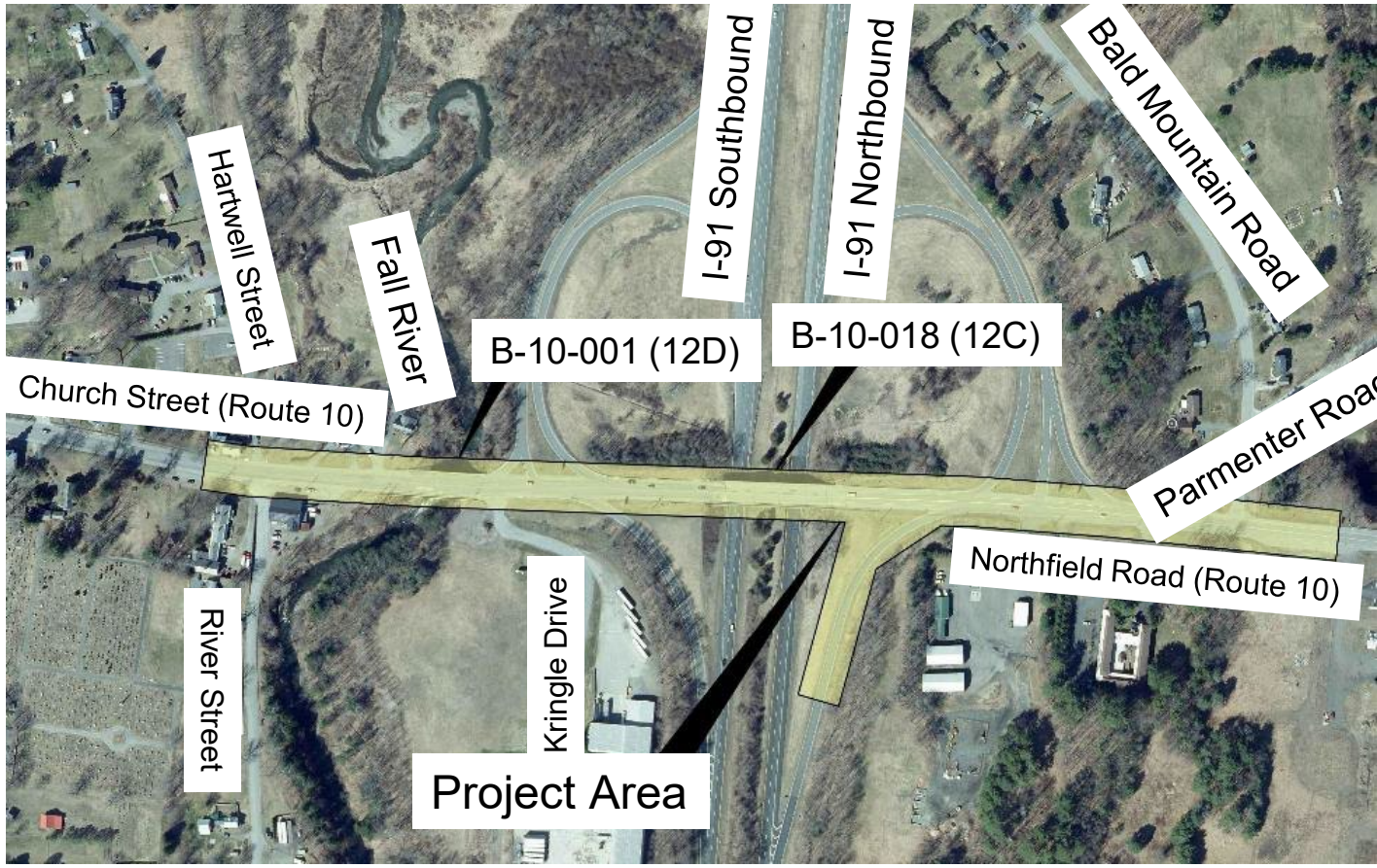
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Overview

- Investment in Western MA infrastructure
- Address two poor condition, National Highway System bridges, integral to an interstate interchange
- Keeping these bridges in service is vital to mobility economy of the surrounding area and to the local transportation network
- Project Investment meets Beyond Mobility priorities for **Reliability**, **Travel experience**, **Safety** and **Destination Connectivity.**



Project Location

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Project Scope

This contract replaces the bridge carrying State Route 10 (Church Street) over the Fall River (Bridge No. B-10-001) and preserves State Route 10 (Northfield Road) over Interstate 91 (Bridge No. B-10-018)

This project also includes:

- Roadway reconstruction of approximately 2,640 feet of State Rte 10
- ADA/AAB compliant sidewalk and curb ramps
- Buffered bicycle lanes throughout project limits
- Installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons
- Bridge rail and highway guardrail
- Stormwater and drainage improvements
- Pavement markings & signage



Temporary shoring Fall River Bridge



Emergency Deck Repair of I91 overpass

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Public Review and Construction

Outreach, Permitting and Construction Management

Public Review:

- Virtual Public Hearing was held July 17, 2024

Permits include:

- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act - Preconstruction Notification (PCN) with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- Section 401 of the Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- National Historical Preservation Act of 1966 – Section 106
- Project qualifies as a footprint bridge and is exempt from certain state permitting

Construction Management:

- The Construction Contract Duration ~ 5.4 years from the Notice to Proceed
- Construction will be staged (3 stages) and includes nighttime and weekend work with some anticipated weekend closures (for deck pours on Rte 10)



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Procurement and Budget

Advertisement: August 22, 2026

Engineers Estimate: $33,314,870.00

Bid Opening: October 6, 2026

3 bids were received:

New England Infrastructure Inc	$31,775,000.00
E T & L Corp	$35,996,366.00
S & R Corporation	$40,448,959.00

Line Item	Budget
Bid Amount	$31,775,000.00
Contingencies (~10%)	$3,178,750.00
Construction Engineering (~5%)	$1,609,610.00
Specialty Services	NA
Traffic Police	$413,200.00
Trainees	$4,000
Total	$36,976,590.00

Project is programmed with Next Generation Bridge Funds

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Request of the MassDOT Board of Directors

The Price Proposals were reviewed by engineers in Construction, Construction Contracts, Project Management, and the Design Consultant; costs were found to be reasonable and recommended to be awarded to the apparent low bidder.

Request of the MassDOT Board

Staff request that the Capital Programs Committee recommend to the MassDOT Board of Directors to authorize the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or their designee, to award and execute MassDOT Construction Contract 136484 - Bridge Replacement, B-10-001, Route 10 over Fall River and Deck Replacement, B-10-018, Route 10 over I-91 in Bernardston, MA, with **New England Infrastructure Inc** for the amount of **$31,775,000.00.**

Thank You

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