CLIPPERSHIP CONNECTOR
MULTI-USE PATH PROJECT

DCR Public Meeting
Thursday, June 8, 2017 – 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Andrews Middle School Cafetorium
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor
Charles D. Baker

Lieutenant Governor
Karyn E. Polito

Energy and Environmental Secretary
Matthew A. Beaton

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner
Leo P. Roy
DCR Mission Statement

To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all.
Purpose of Tonight’s Meeting

• To introduce the DCR Design Team

• To present the existing conditions of the project location

• To obtain feedback on concept design alternatives for the Clippership Connector
Project Partners

- Medford
- MyRWA
- The Lawrence & Lillian Solomon Foundation
- Medford Bicycle Advisory Commission
- WalkMedford
REGIONAL GREENWAYS INITIATIVE: Connecting Charles River/Alewife to Mystic River
Design Team

• Crosby | Schlessinger | Smallridge
  Landscape Architecture, Community Engagement

• BSC Group
  Electrical & Civil Engineering

• Hardesty & Hanover
  Structural Engineering

• Epsilon Associates, Inc.
  Environmental Permitting
Design Goals & Guiding Principles

• The Connector is part of the ongoing implementation of the Mystic River Master Plan

• The Connector shall be direct and shall maximize opportunities for users to view and be close to the River

• The Connector shall be designed primarily as a community route while recognizing the regional network

• The Connector shall be accessible and inviting to people of all ages and abilities, including students and seniors

• The Connector shall be designed to protect the privacy of and address the security concerns of abutters

• The Connector shall improve the habitat and ecology of the river bank

• Other?
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Existing Conditions
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99 Riverside Ave
Existing Conditions

121 Riverside Ave
Existing Conditions

MassDOT 1-93 Bridge
Existing Conditions

Drainage Outlets at MassDot Bridge
Existing Conditions

DCR Parcel at Outfall
Existing Conditions

DCR Parcel behind 76 Ship Ave
Existing Conditions

DCR Parcel behind
52-66 Ship Ave – River Side
Existing Conditions

52-66 Ship Ave – Street Side
Existing Conditions

DCR Parcel at Riverside Yacht Club
Concept Design Alternatives

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Pros

• Path alignment provides the greatest continuous connection to the Mystic River

• Path alignment is entirely within DCR property

• Path alignment is completely off-road and avoids all on-street vehicle conflicts

Cons

• Path is in close proximity to abutter backyards

• Path must make 90 degree turns at Riverside Yacht Club

• Path alignment results in potential loss of parking spots at the Riverside Yacht Club
**Pros**

- Path alignment avoids being in close proximity to abutter backyards
- Path alignment expands distance between 90 degree turns
- Path alignment provides more direct access from residents near Ship Avenue

**Cons**

- Path alignment is not entirely on DCR property and will require easement negotiations
- Path alignment will result in loss of public on-street parking spaces
- Path alignment has more user/vehicle conflicts and may deter potential user groups
Next Steps

• Summer/Early Fall 2017: DCR meetings with abutters and stakeholders

• Fall 2017: Preliminary Design Public Meeting

• Late Fall 2017: Permitting

• Winter 2017/2018: Final Design
Questions for Discussion

• Are there any other goals or design principles that should be added to the list?

• How would you use the Connector when built?

• What other groups of people might use the Connector?

• Where should connections to the new trail from the neighborhood be located?

• Are there places that should be considered for seating or overlooks?

• What is most important to you to consider in the design?

• What are your concerns about this project?
Additional Information

For more information:


If you have comments or suggestions on this project:

Submit online:

Write:  Department of Conservation and Recreation
       Office of Public Outreach
       251 Causeway Street, Suite 600
       Boston, MA 02114

Deadline:  Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Note: Public comments submitted to DCR may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety.

If you wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-related listserv:
Contact DCR’s Office of Community Relations at 617-626-4973 or Mass.Parks@state.ma.us.