

# Everett / Somerville – Mystic River Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge

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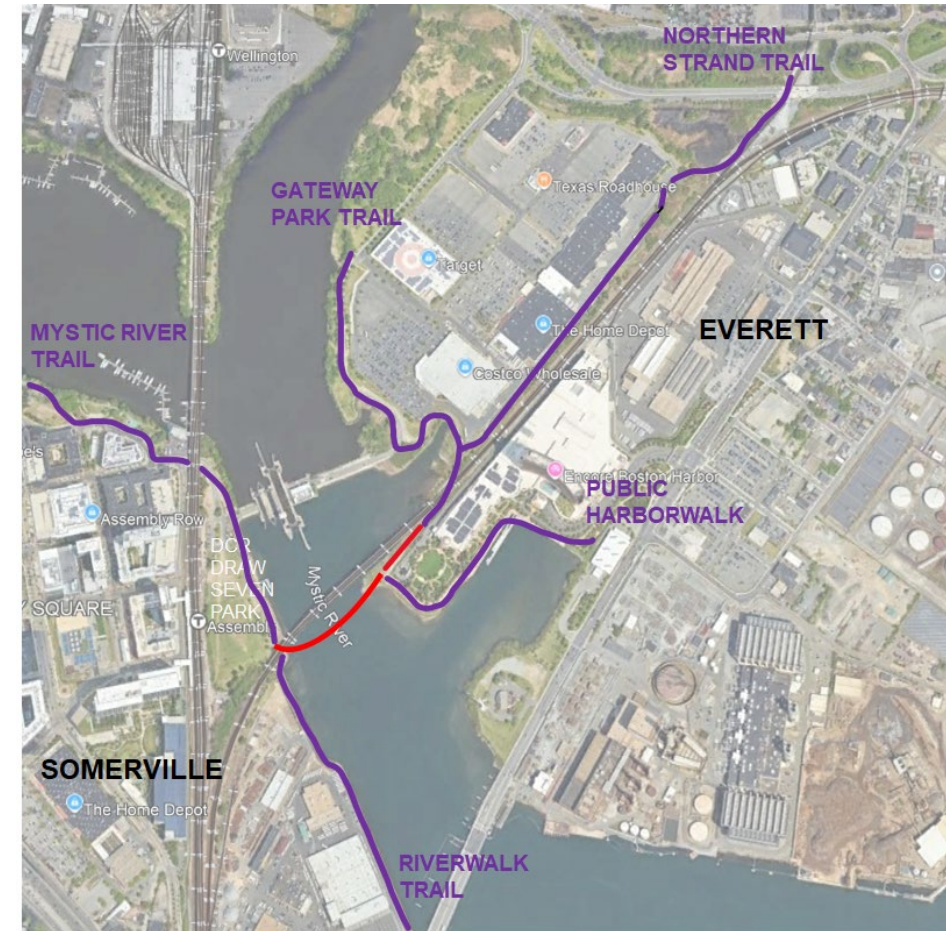
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# Overview

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- Investment to create a new, safe, and accessible crossing (Bridge) over the Mystic River, linking the communities of Everett and Somerville.
- Will connect Regional Multi-Use Pathways, create waterfront access, and provide safe bicycle and pedestrian access.
- This project will connect neighborhoods, commercial areas, green spaces, and transportation networks, including an Everett connection to the MBTA Orange Line.
- Partnership with DCR throughout the design development, permitting and procurement efforts – DCR will retain ownership and maintenance responsibility upon completion
- Project Investment meets Beyond Mobility priorities for **Reliability**, **Travel experience**, **Resiliency** and **Destination Connectivity**.



Project Location

# Project Scope

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- Construction of Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge
- Shared use path lighting system on bridge and approaches as well as bridge architectural lighting
- CCTV system for security video cameras
- Stormwater drainage features
- Landscaping and landscape architecture

# Public Review and Construction

## Outreach, Permitting and Construction Management

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### Public Review:

- Public Information Meeting on June 24, 2025
- Design Public Hearing (DPH) on October 21, 2025

**Permitting:** NEPA Individual Categorical Exclusion, MEPA ENF, Section 106, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act - EFH, Section 7, 401 Water Quality Certificate, Army Corps of Engineers - 404, Army Corps of Engineers - 408, United States Coast Guard - Bridge Permit, MassDEP - Chapter 91, MA Wetlands Protection Act / Everett and Somerville ConCom, Department of Conservation and Recreation - CAP

### Construction Management:

- Design-Build Project- District 4 Construction
- Utilizes Project Labor Agreement
- Anticipated Notice To Proceed October 2026
- Construction Duration- 2.8 years



# Procurement and Budget

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Advertisement (RFP): July 5, 2025

Engineers Estimate: \$52,985,417.00

Bid Opening: August 6, 2026

| Best Value Calculation                                   |                                     |                                   |                     |                                        | Line Item                                                                                                                                            | Budget          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Everett-Somerville-612004-133792                         | Shortlisted Teams (Design Builders) |                                   |                     | STEP                                   | Bid Amount                                                                                                                                           | \$78,686,777.00 |
|                                                          |                                     |                                   |                     |                                        | Contingencies                                                                                                                                        | \$11,803,016.54 |
|                                                          | Barletta Heavy Division, Inc.       | Skanska USA Civil Northeast, Inc. | SPS New England Inc | 1- Pre-Entered by MassDOT              | Construction Engineering                                                                                                                             | \$3,934,338.85  |
|                                                          |                                     |                                   |                     |                                        | Traffic Police                                                                                                                                       | \$100,000.00    |
|                                                          | 89.13                               | 87.88                             | 84.49               | 2- Transferred from BidX               | Railroad Flaggers                                                                                                                                    | \$500,000.00    |
| Technical Scores                                         |                                     |                                   |                     |                                        | Specialty Services                                                                                                                                   | \$750,000.000   |
| Price Proposal                                           | <b>\$78,686,777.00</b>              | \$125,170,000.00                  | \$81,735,975.00     | 3- Calculated by MassDOT (Step2/Step1) | <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                         | \$95,774,132.39 |
| Overall Value Rating = Price Proposal / Technical Scores | <b>882,831.561</b>                  | 1,424,328.630                     | 967,404.131         |                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Federal Aid / Site Specific – Bridge</li> <li>• Programmed Cost in the 2027-31 CIP: \$67.16M</li> </ul> |                 |
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# Questions from Capital Programs Committee

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## **Q1. What was the cause of the bid discrepancies?**

**A1.** Many aspects contributed to the discrepancy from the project estimate including a change from the anticipated access as full marine access will be more expensive and the market volatility in materials, especially steel.

## **Q2. How did MassDOT anticipate construction staging and access?**

**A2.** MassDOT anticipated a combination of marine and land access from the Somerville/Assembly side and from Everett.

## **Q3. Will there be any impacts or risks to MBTA facilities?**

**A3.** No, there has been collaboration with the MBTA to mitigate risk and the waterway access that will now be used reduces risks of impact with the Commuter Rail bridge.

## **Q4. Is there any contribution from stakeholders to funding?**

**A4.** There has been funding from DCR that has been passed over to MassDOT to support this project

## **Q5. Do any prior bridge sub-structures conflict with the proposed foundation?**

**A5.** No – borings were conducted to determine any issues from the prior structure

## **Q6. Does MassDOT utilize project cost comparisons?**

**A6.** Yes, MassDOT utilizes project cost comparisons to inform estimates but the changes in access method and market volatility could not be anticipated in how prices have increased when looking at similar previous projects.

## **Q7. Were there any concerns with Section 4(f) permitting?**

**A7.** There has been close coordination with DCR to ensure no disruption to their facilities and land, and as all the impacts are temporary and there are overall improvements being made, especially significant bicycle and pedestrian access there were no Section 4(f) concerns

# Request of the MassDOT Board of Directors

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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 Best Value Design Builder.

This contract was presented and unanimously approved by the Capital Programs Committee at their September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Request of the MassDOT Board**

Staff request that the MassDOT Board of Directors authorize the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or their designee, to award and execute MassDOT Construction Contract 133792 – Proposed Bridge, E-12-006 = S-17-053, Mystic River Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge in Everett and Somerville, MA, with **Barletta Heavy Division Inc**, for the amount of **\$78,686,777.00.**

# Thank You

