Improved Soldiers Field Road Crossings

DCR Public Meeting

Tuesday, July 10th – 6:30pm-8:00pm
Hotel Studio Allston – Lobby Meeting Room
1234 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, MA 02135
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 Public Meeting

- Project Overview
- Feasibility Study Results
- Existing Conditions
- Proposed Concepts
- Input from Public
Project Partners

Harvard’s Total Contribution: $3,500,000
Feasibility Study: -$ 150,000
This Project’s Allocation: $3,350,000
Improved Soldiers Field Road Crossings
At **Telford Street** and **Everett Street**

*Connecting Allston’s Riverfront*
1. Improved Bicycle/Pedestrian Access Between the Charles River Reservation and Neighborhoods – *why?*

2. Bridge, Sidewalk, Intersection Improvements – *what?*

3. Design and Construction Methods – *how?*
Feasibility Study

• **Previous Studies**
  - DCR Bike-Ped Connectivity, Harvard IMP, Smith Field MP

• **Scope of Study**
  - Arsenal Street to Eliot Bridge
  - West of Telford St, Telford St, Everett St, Smith Field
  - Traffic Counts
  - Conceptual Improvements

• **Findings and Recommendations**
  - Improvements to existing Telford Street Overpass
  - At-Grade pedestrian crossing at Everett Street
Project Area
Existing Conditions

Telford Street Bridge
Existing Conditions

Telford Street Bridge

• Condition
  o Wearing Surface, Drains
  o Railings
  o Concrete
Existing Conditions

Telford Street Bridge

- Southern Landing Area
- North Ramp Slopes
Existing Conditions

Telford Street

• Sidewalk, Utility Poles
Existing Conditions

Everett Street

- Sidewalk
- Utility Poles, BPW Wall
Existing Conditions

Everett St Intersection

- Signals
- Pedestrian Crossing
Existing Conditions

Herter Park Connection

• Bike/Ped Accessibility
Improvements Concept
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- Proposed Staircase
- Reconfigure Pedestrian Ramp Structure
- Repair existing pedestrian overpass structure to remain
Improvements Concept

- REMOVE & RESET EXISTING CURB (TYPICAL)
- RE-ALIGN PEDESTRIAN RAMP STRUCTURE
- PROPOSED 3’ PRECAST CONCRETE PAVER STRIP
- PROPOSED 5’ CEMENT CONCRETE WALK
- PROPOSED ACCESSIBLE RAMP
Improvements Concept

- Harvard Easement Area (Approximate)
- New Traffic Signal System
- Proposed Left Turn Lane
- Proposed Full Depth Widening
- Proposed Shared-Use Path
- Proposed Pavement Milling & Overlay
- Remove & Reset Exist Curb (Typical)
- Everett Street
- Western Avenue
Improvements Concept

- Proposed Shared-Use Path
- Proposed Crosswalk and Accessible Ramps
- Match Existing Pavement Markings
- Proposed Pavement Marking Reconfiguration on Soldiers Field Road
- Harvard Easement Area (Approximate)
- New Traffic Signal System
- Proposed Left Turn Lane
- Remove & Reset Exist Curb (Typical)
Improvements Concept
Next Steps

➢ Initial Public Outreach

➢ Preliminary Design

➢ Supplemental Public Outreach

➢ Final Design – End of 2018

➢ Pre-Construction Public Presentation

➢ Construction – 2019
  • Bicycle/Pedestrian Access Maintained Throughout
Soldiers Field Road Crossings

1. Improves Bicycle/Pedestrian Access Between the Charles River Reservation and Neighborhoods

2. Rehabilitated Bridge, Compliant Sidewalks, Safer Intersection

3. Integrated Design, Phased Construction

Connecting Allston’s Riverfront
Q&A/Discussion
Additional Information

For more information:
DCR Website
• www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings

If you have comments or suggestions on this project:
Submit online: www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment
Write: Department of Conservation and Recreation
Office of Public Outreach
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600
Boston, MA 02114
Deadline: Tuesday, July 24th, 2018
Note: Public comments submitted to DCR may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety, and no information, including contact information, will be redacted.

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