



# FALL RIVER-SOMERSET FENDER SYSTEM REPAIRS

## DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

### What is happening?

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for members of the Fall River, Somerset, and surrounding communities as well as maritime users of the Taunton River to become fully acquainted with MassDOT's plans to repair the fender system of the Charles M. Braga Jr. Bridge. 25% design plans for the new fender system which will replace the existing damaged or missing fenders will be presented at the hearing. Attendees will also be presented with information regarding construction staging, anticipated duration, and how the proposed fender system will be constructed.

### How will this affect you?

Pier 16 of the Braga Bridge is located next to the designated navigation channel of the Taunton River. The fender system protects pier 16 from accidental damage by ships. The current fender is significantly deteriorated and must be replaced to maintain public safety. All work for this project is within the channel with no impacts to roadway users or changes to the roadway. Construction will be staged to allow shipping traffic to continue while the new fender system is built. MassDOT encourages all interested members of the community to attend and learn more about this project.

### When

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024  
6:00PM to 8:00PM

### Attend

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