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NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

PROJECT FILE NO. 609509

A pre-recorded Design Public Hearing will be posted to the MassDOT website below on September 11, 2020 to present the proposed Intersection Improvements at Merrimack Street and South Broadway (Route 28) project in LAWRENCE, MA.

https://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings

PURPOSE: The purpose of this virtual hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Intersection Improvements at Merrimack Street and South Broadway (Route 28) project. All comments submitted in response to this event will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of improvements to enhance safety and operations at the intersection and provide improved pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. The existing traffic signal system will be replaced to meet current standards with vehicle detection, time-of-day timing, accessible pedestrian signals, and emergency vehicle preemption. Under the recommended alternative, an exclusive left-turn lane will be introduced on the southbound approach to facilitate protected-permissive left-turn phasing. Bicycle accommodations will consist of bike lanes on South Broadway and Merrimack Street. Pedestrian accommodations will consist of reconstructing sidewalks for ADA compliance, installation of accessible pedestrian signals, and installation of accessible curb ramps. Crosswalks and all other pavement markings will be re-striped and updated and a new crosswalk will be installed at the Merrimack Street/Carver Street intersection. Storm drainage will be updated to accommodate the proposed intersection geometry and opportunities to facilitate future separation of storm and sanitary sewer systems along S. Broadway will be evaluated and included if feasible. Access management measures will also be evaluated and implemented where feasible, for adjacent driveways. The existing pavement is proposed to be resurfaced.

Please submit any written statements regarding the proposed undertaking to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention:
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Project inquiries may also be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us.