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AT THE ROUTE 132 PARK AND RIDE PROJECT

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. YOO: Hi, everyone. We'll get started,
3 just a moment, please. We'll wait for everyone to get
4 acclimated to Zoom. Thank you for joining us tonight.
5 All righty. I think we can start. Before we begin our
6 presentation tonight, I'd like to let everyone know
7 that we have interpretation services for both
8 Portuguese and Spanish. So, I'd like to let Rosiane,
9 our Portuguese interpreter introduce herself.

10 Thank you. And we have Susana, our Spanish
11 interpreter. Thank you. So I'll start the
12 interpretation channels, so feel free to use -- use it
13 anytime to go back and forth between English, Spanish
14 and Portuguese. All right. And with that, I'll pass
15 it on to Herrio.

16 MR. LAMOTHE: Yes. Thank you, Joe. Good
17 evening. My name is Herrio Lamothe. I am the project
18 manager for the Proposed Park and Ride Expansion and
19 Improvement at Route 132 in Barnstable which will be
20 presented today. I work in the project management
21 section at the Massachusetts Department of
22 Transportation Highway Division, headquarters in
23 Boston. Welcome to our live virtual design public
24 hearing. During this presentation, we will explain the

1 purpose of the hearing, provide an overview of the
2 right way procedures and explain the design. Finally,
3 we will explain how you can submit your comments and
4 questions about the project. Many of which can be
5 included in the official hearing transcript. But
6 first, I will hand it over to Joe Yoo, who will explain
7 how to use our meeting platform. Joe.

8 MR. YOO: Thank you, Herrio.

9 MR. LAMOTHE: You're welcome.

10 MR. YOO: My name is Joe Yoo, and I am one of
11 the MassDOT producers this evening, providing tech
12 support and facilitating questions. There are a couple
13 of ways for you to participate in tonight's hearing.
14 As I mentioned before. You can listen to this hearing
15 in Spanish and Portuguese. There are a -- there are a
16 couple other channels for those who have trouble
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2 these are automatically generated, you can expect that
3 there are some inaccuracies. And lastly, you can use
4 the view button in the upper right corner to adjust the
5 view settings to your preference. Give me one second
6 to change my microphones feed.

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6 MassDOT gov website shown on the screen to reach the
7 Office of Diversity and Civil Rights.

8 All questions and comments are welcome and
9 appreciated. However, we do request that you refrain
10 from any disrespectful comments. Back to you, Herrio.

11 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you, Joe. First, I will go
12 over tonight agenda with you. We'll go over project
13 history, project need, project scope, ROW impact,
14 environmental impact, schedule and question and
15 discussion. In the handout you will find documentation
16 which may be useful to you in understanding the project
17 and submitting formal comments in response to this
18 presentation. You will see that the notice of hearing
19 is included on page two of the handout. The notice was
20 sent to your municipality on May 11, 2024, and

21 coordination will continue as the design progresses.
22 This notice appeared in the Cape Cod Times on May 15,
23 2024, and May 22, 2024, and the Barnstable Patriot on
24 May 15, 2024, and May 24, 2024 and the route has been

1 prepared and posted to the MassDOT website. The
2 hearing was also posted to MassDOT social media.

3 Moving forward, the purpose of holding
4 hearings is to provide a method whereby the

5 Commonwealth of Massachusetts can furnish to the public
6 information concerning the state of highway

7 construction proposal, and to provide every interested
8 resident of the area, a opportunity to be heard on any
9 proposed project. At the same time, the hearing allow

10 the Commonwealth an additional opportunity to receive
11 information from local sources, which will be of value
12 to the State making it's final decision to what design
13 should be advanced for the project.

14 Let me welcome our panelists for MassDOT who
15 have joined me this evening. As mentioned previously,
16 I am Herrio Lamothe, the MassDOT Project Manager. We
17 have Rich Bilski, District 5 Project Engineer. Lisa
18 Szamreta ROW representative. Gareth Saunders

19 Legislative Affairs, Joe Yoo, Producer and Facilitator.
20 And from BNC -- from BSC Group, Incorporation, MassDOT
21 consultant for this project, we have Wayne Keefner, PE,
22 BSC Group, Highway Engineer. For Cape Cod Commission
23 -- Cape Cod Commission, we have Colleen Medeiros,
24 Transportation Project Manager. And as Municipal

1 Liaison, we have Griffin Beaudoin, PE, Town Engineer.
2 And also, we have Peter Bertling, Parking Program
3 Manager. For HNTB, we have Patrick Marvin, Community
4 and Public Engagement. And also, we are able to
5 provide language translation is Portuguese, was just
6 present to you, and Spanish, just at the beginning,
7 presented to the audience. And here tonight to provide
8 a complete verbatim transcript is a stenographer from
9 Advanced Court Reporters, LLC.

10 The project started in 2020 with the approval
11 of the project need and initiation forms, and the
12 approval of the project review committee. Various
13 options are investigated and presented at the 25 design
14 stage. The selected concept is presented tonight at
15 this hearing before proceeding into the final design
16 phase. So, I would like to turn to Colleen who is
17 going to explain why -- how this project initiated.
18 So, it's your turn, Colleen.

19 MS. MEDEIROS: Yes. Good evening, everyone.
20 My name is Colleen Medeiros from the Cape Cod
21 Commission. We would like to thank MassDOT for the
22 opportunity to share a role in presenting our data
23 collection. Recognizing that this facility meets an
24 important regional need for residents and that it

1 serves as a gateway for our visitors. We have been
2 collecting data at this location for over 30 years,
3 since 1995. We have counted over 300 counts at this
4 facility with the majority of the counts, we're
5 counting number of empty spaces or occupied spaces as
6 well as illegally parked vehicles. We have also done
7 some other occupancy -- other individual counts such as
8 turnover and other metrics that we've analyzed at this
9 location, but this is an important location that we
10 have been monitoring over the years. And is summarized
11 in our annual traffic counting reports.

12 Next slide. So, this slide is going to
13 present some of the data that's been collected since
14 1995 of the average and maximum observed occupancy. As
15 you can see on the screen, the average occupancy
16 observed by year back to 1995, and we're going to add
17 on the maximum occupancy observed in the yellow there.
18 This is the fullest we saw that -- the parking lot in
19 that year. Can also see, this is noting when we're at
20 100 percent full, and that means we have parked cars
21 parked illegally, and the lot is over capacity. We
22 also have -- want to note when the parking lot is about
23 85 percent full, and this is being nearly full, so it's
24 -- it's challenging to find a spot and from a parking

1 utilization standpoint.

2 But just a few highlights. In the late, we
3 had approximately 220 spaces, and as you can see,
4 regularly over capacity. The lot was expanded in --
5 just to over 300 spaces after that time. And then up
6 to 365 spaces is what is currently exists today. You
7 also want, on the slide, want to note during the
8 pandemic. You can see we have the dip in occupancy
9 counts in the 20 20 to 2021 time frame. And all of the
10 2020 counts that we are showing on the slide were pre
11 COVID pandemic. And since the COVID pandemic, you'll
12 see that the parking occupancy at this lot is turning
13 back upwards.

14 This next slide, we're showing a typical day.
15 We did a extensive parking lot count on this day,
16 Wednesday, February 12, in 2020 before the pandemic.
17 As you can see, on this slide, the lot -- parking lot
18 was quickly filled by 6:00 a.m. up to 99 percent
19 capacity. And then again, it didn't re-open back up
20 till later in the evening. Again, the majority of the
21 day of this lot was full during this parking
22 observation. And at least 85 percent full during even
23 longer portion of the day.

24 So, our last slide, just wanted to summarize

1 the data again. So, reviewing the latest data 2003 to
2 2020. This is the latest configuration of 365 parking

3 spaces, pre-pandemic, the average occupancy of parking
4 -- the parking space was at 91 percent. And again, the
5 lot was nearly full, 85 percent occupancy over 90

6 percent of our observations. And then during our ten
7 percent of our observations, the parking lot was
8 completely full. And we also want to note some major

9 takeaways, that the high occupancy days are not tied to
10 seasonality. Based on our observations, we're finding
11 near capacity conditions are observed year round.

12 And again, I'll just turn it over and I
13 appreciate the opportunity to share our data. And I

14 turn over to Wayne who can present some more of the
15 current issues going on from a design standpoint.

16 MR. KEEFNER: Thank you, Colleen. There are
17 not enough parking spaces to service those using the
18 various bus services that utilize the lot. There's a
19 lack of dedicated drop off area. The current layout
20 mixes bus and automobile traffic, and there's a lack of
21 ADA connectivity within the site.

22 So, what do we want to accomplish? This is a
23 list of project goals, to resolve the existing
24 conditions, to provide an improved experience for all

1 users. The design will provide additional parking
2 spaces to service those utilizing the lot, will provide
3 dedicated drop off areas, will separate bus and
4 automobile traffic to improve safety and functioning of
5 the parking lot, and improve ADA accommodations
6 throughout the site.

7 So, what alternatives were considered? As
8 part of the 2020 Cape Cod Park and Ride lot study, five
9 concepts were reviewed. Option A expanded the south

10 parking area to the west and added ten -- 110 spaces.

11 Option B expanded the north parking area to the west
12 and added 101 spaces. Option C expanded the south
13 parking lot to the north and west and expanded the

14 north parking area to the west and added 221 spaces.

15 Option D expanded the south parking lot to the north
16 and the west, and expanded the north parking area to
17 the west and added 300 spaces. And finally, Option E

18 expanded the south parking lot to the north and west

19 and expanded the north parking area to the west and
20 added 365 spaces.

21 This is a summary table of the various
22 alternatives comparing the additional parking spaces,
23 the total parking space count, the additional land area
24 required, whether there were environmental impacts or

1 not, and a relative criterion impact for each
2 alternative.

3 So, what is the preferred alternative? Option
4 D is the preferred alternative. Option D will provide
5 271 net -- new spaces for total future space count of
6 639 spaces. ADA accommodation will be improved
7 throughout the site. New bus shelters with expanded
8 capacity will be provided, and separate bus and
9 vehicular drop off areas will be provided, as well as
10 separate bus and vehicular travel aisles.

11 How has our design progressed since we began?
12 Our current design includes sidewalks within all
13 islands. It also includes dedicated drop off area for
14 buses, as well as for cars. It relocates the existing
15 EV charging stations that are out there. It provides
16 better signage indicating the on ramp to Route 6, as
17 well as a new turn area just before getting onto the on
18 ramp to Route 6. It provides better directional
19 parking and circulation, and it expands the lighting
20 throughout the site. So, I'll now hand this over to
21 Lisa, to go over the right of way impacts.

22 MS. SZAMRETA: Good evening, everyone. My name
23 is Lisa Szamreta, and I represent the Right of Way
24 Bureau of the Massachusetts Department of

1 Transportation Highway Division. The Right of Way

2 Bureau is responsible for acquiring all the necessary
3 rights in private and public lands for the design,
4 construction and implementation of this project.

5 Affected property owners will be contacted by personnel
6 from the Right of Way Bureau, or consultants
7 representing the Massachusetts Department of
8 Transportation Highway Division. The procedures used
9 must comply with state and federal regulations
10 governing the acquisition process. Affected property

11 owners rights are protected under the Massachusetts
12 General Law Preliminary Chapter 79. If a project is
13 receiving federal funds, the property owners rights are
14 further defined under Title three of the Real Property
15 Acts of 1970 as amended.

16 The current design plan indicates that fee
17 takings, permanent easements -- and permanent easements
18 will be required. Other areas will require temporary
19 construction easements, and the drawings are located at
20 Town Hall. And if you have any questions, please feel
21 free to ask me. Thank you.

22 MR. KEEFNER: So, what are the environmental,
23 cultural resource, and community impacts of the
24 project? There are no environmental resources near the

1 limits of the work. Storm water runoff will be managed
2 on-site, and all applicable storm water standards will
3 be met. What is the construction approach? It is
4 anticipated that construction will be performed in five
5 distinct stages. There's a construction moratorium
6 from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Stage one maintains
7 the existing bus pickup area and builds a new bus
8 pickup area, drop off area, and parking area in the
9 north lot.

10 Stage two completes the improvements to the
11 north parking area. Stage three constructs the
12 expanded parking areas to the south lot. Stage four
13 improves in the north half of the existing south
14 parking area, and Stage five completes the improvements
15 to the south parking area.

16 How will users be affected? Pedestrian
17 circulation throughout the parking area will be
18 improved with dedicated walkways between all aisles.
19 New pedestrian curb ramps and new accessible parking
20 spaces. Separated bus and automobile circulation will
21 increase safety by not mixing traffic types. A new
22 bicycle storage area will also be provided.

23 During construction, some areas of the site
24 will be fenced off for construction. The bus drop-off

1 areas will -- will remain functional throughout
2 construction, and a minimum of 300 parking spaces will
3 be available at all times. And I'll now hand this back
4 to Herrio.

5 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you so much, Wayne. Thank
6 you. So as Wayne just explained to you, so we are
7 moving with the design. The project is expected to be
8 ready for advertisement in the summer of 2025. How
9 will we keep you informed? Again, you may access the
10 project website by using your mobile device camera and
11 focusing on the QR code on the slide. You may also
12 access the project website by using the web address
13 www.mass.gov/massdothighwaydesignpublichearing.

14 The last sheet of the handout is a mailing
15 sheet. If you have any questions or comments which you
16 would like to submit in writing, you may use this sheet
17 for that purpose. You may e-mail or mail it to the
18 department within ten days of this date, and it will
19 become part of the official record. For mail in
20 correspondence, address to, "Carrie Lavalley, P.E.,
21 Deputy Administrator and Chief Engineer at MassDOT 10
22 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts 02166, Attention:
23 PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 610800."

24 To mail question, comment, concern, please

1 e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us and
2 include a subject line and attention desire public
3 hearing, webinar comment, project file 610800. Before
4 we move into public comment, we would like to invite
5 any State, city, and local official to speak at this
6 time. To do so, I will invite Gareth from Legislative
7 Affairs to welcome to acknowledge, and after that, will
8 be willing to answer question you may have. So Gareth,
9 please.

10 MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Herrio. Good
11 evening, everyone. My name is Gareth Saunders, and I'm
12 from the MassDOT Legislative Affairs Office. If we
13 have legislators, State legislators, local legislators,
14 Barnstable town council members, or their staff present
15 in the meeting, this is your opportunity to ask your
16 questions. So if you would raise your hand or let us
17 know that you are present, we can start with your
18 questions. Okay. If we -- if we do not -- oh, if we
19 have legislators, please raise your hand and ask your
20 questions, and we will try to answer them.

21 And if not, I'll turn the mic over to Mr. Yoo,
22 and we will take questions from the general public in
23 attendance.

24 MR. YOO: Thank you. I believe we have Felicia

1 Penn.

2 MS. PENN: Yes. Hello.

3 MR. YOO: Yes.

4 MS. PENN: Hi. I already wrote my question
5 down, but since you're asking if anybody's here, I
6 thought I would respond to your invitation. I'm the
7 president of the Barnstable Town Council as of this
8 time. And I use this parking lot frequently when I
9 travel, and it's wonderful that you're increasing its
10 efficiencies, et cetera, et cetera. My question is,
11 not to waste anybody's time, quite a bit of acreage of
12 expansion with Option D. Do you have any idea of how
13 many mature trees are being removed?

14 And because we're so conscious of the value
15 that trees bring to urban and transportation situations
16 where there is just -- you could just bake out there
17 waiting for anything. Are there any plans for
18 compensation, either any place else in the area,
19 whether it be for -- I know this is State-owned land,
20 if I'm correct. You know, would -- would there be
21 compensation made to Cape Cod Community College, which
22 is also State-owned land, or -- or any other place or
23 maybe perhaps compensation to the town in some way for
24 the removal of the trees?

1 MR. YOO: Thank you, Council Member. The

2 question I believe you're asking is, how many trees are
3 anticipated to be removed as part of this project?

4 MS. PENN: Yes.

5 MR. YOO: And if so, are there any compensation
6 for those removed trees?

7 MR. LAMOTHE: So before turning to Wayne, I
8 would like first of all to thank you, Felicia. So

9 also, I would like to thank the following organizations
10 for the support of this project. The Town of

11 Barnstable, Barnstable Disability Commission,
12 Barnstable Council on Aging, Barnstable Veteran's

13 Services, Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization,
14 South Yarmouth RMV Service Center, Greater Hyannis
15 Chamber of Commerce, Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, and
16 Taunton Chamber of Commerce.

17 So, Wayne, do you have a response for Felicia
18 about this issue?

19 MR. KEEFNER: Sure, I can try. I don't have a
20 total count of trees that will be removed. We can get
21 that in the coming stages of the project, as well as --

22 as part of the next phase, our very next submission,
23 actually, to the State for this. We will be developing
24 a planting plan that will improve the lot overall, and

1 that will add, you know, certainly some plantings. But
2 I doubt it would be a one to one. And for your
3 question regarding compensation to the town, MassDOT
4 might be the best person to answer that.

5 MR. LAMOTHE: Yes. So I don't know if -- which
6 as to the something, but I know for every submission,
7 25 percent, 75 percent, 100 percent, we have the
8 environmental section that review the design plan, and
9 to make sure compliance with MEPA, and if there are
10 some trees that they have some issue, maybe disease or
11 they need to be cut down, they will make sure you
12 replace them with the same size and maybe the same
13 quality of trees.

14 But I would like to tell you this is something
15 everyone to section are very focused on that, and they
16 are very good to make sure, okay, MEPA threshold has
17 been followed and respected.

18 MR. SAUNDERS: Yes. Herrio, I just would like
19 to respond to the town council president and just say
20 that I'll be your point of contact since I'm from
21 Legislative Affairs. And once we get an answer, if --
22 if I can have your e-mail, or maybe you could put it in
23 the chat, I'll make sure we get you an answer to your
24 question about how many trees would be removed from the

1 proposed development site. Thank you.

2 MR. BILSKI: And, Herrio, if I can help at all,
3 too. Rich Bilski. The abutters that are impacted,
4 they will be compensated for the loss of trees on the
5 property that we will be impacting. And additionally,
6 we're grading out our slopes around the project
7 specifically, so they can be replanted and maintained.
8 And we are trying to also allow for future
9 accommodations if there is a desire in the future for
10 the possible installation of solar canopies on the
11 site.

12 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you, Rich. Joe? Okay.
13 Felicia, you're satisfied with the answer? But, well,
14 we'll follow up on that with you as Gareth just
15 mentioned.

16 MR. YOO: Yes. Thank you all for the answers,
17 and thank you for the question. Before we get to
18 further questions, I just would like to provide
19 everyone an instruction on how you can participate with
20 our panelists tonight. The main way is to raise your
21 hand as the council member president did. That'll put
22 you in queue to be unmuted for verbal questions. For
23 attendees dialing in, you can press *9 to be put in
24 queue. We'll call out the last digits of your phone

1 number and unmute your audio when it's your turn.

2 Additionally, you can submit your questions
3 and comments using the Q&A box and type out your
4 questions and comments there. When you're speaking,

5 we'd appreciate if you state your name and affiliation
6 before your question, whether you're a concerned
7 citizen, an abutter, or a public official. And for

8 questions and comments, we'd like to be as equitable as
9 possible. So please try to share only one question or
10 comment at a time, limited to two minutes to allow
11 others to participate.

12 Once everyone has a chance to participate, we
13 can go back to any repeat commenters or questioners.

14 As I mentioned earlier, there is a survey that will pop
15 up when you close out of this Zoom webinar. Please

16 take a moment to complete the survey to let us know how
17 your experience was with this virtual meeting. So with

18 that being said, we have Gordon Starr with their hand
19 raised. Gordon, I'm going to unmute you.

20 MR. STARR: Good afternoon. Thank you. My
21 name is Gordon Starr. I'm also a town councilor in the
22 Town of Barnstable. My question has to do with --
23 well, first of all, the comment about trees. I hope

24 you are incorporating trees along some of the sidewalks

1 in between the parking spaces, just so eventually we
2 can have some canopy there. But it would -- but I also
3 like the idea that you -- you might be putting in
4 conduit in plans for future photovoltaic canopies.

5 I don't know if that's going to happen or not.
6 So my question is about moving the EV chargers. They
7 -- they just recently put the electrical boxes in for
8 EV chargers. And there are some on the parking lot
9 across the street near the Burger King, but there
10 aren't any chargers in this parking lot. But there is
11 -- there is some infrastructure that I'm not sure what
12 it's for. There -- there aren't chargers connected to
13 it yet. So maybe somebody could clarify that for me.
14 Thank you.

15 MR. KEEFNER: Sure, Joe, I can take that
16 question, if that's helpful.

17 MR. LAMOTHE: Yes.

18 MR. KEEFNER: So there -- there are -- you're
19 absolutely correct. There's level two and level three
20 chargers out there. The level two -- the level three
21 chargers are the ones towards the Burger King. There's
22 -- there's two of those. I think each serves two cars.

23 The level two chargers in the -- in -- in our parking
24 area, specifically the north lot, where the kind of the

1 existing bicycle storage areas, those are in place
2 right now. There's five level two chargers. Each has
3 two chargers per kind of station.

4 As you know, there's the transformers and all
5 the various boxes out there to feed all of those. The
6 boxes and transformers, those are all staying in place.

7 So the infrastructure for those are staying in place.

8 We will pick up the conduit that leads to the level two
9 chargers and run that to the new location. That'll be
10 closer to the Burger King side, basically, and relocate
11 those five charging stations as part of our project.

12 For the trees that -- the sidewalks or the
13 aisles between the parking rows aren't wide enough to
14 allow both trees and accessibility within that strip.
15 If there are some potential areas, and you can see kind
16 of in green on your screen, where there's some light
17 poles in place. Those light poles are going to be
18 moved actually out of those -- out of the walkways
19 between the parking spaces, again, to allow for
20 accessibility.

21 So there's potential in those kind of green
22 bump outs as well as the green areas within the parking
23 lot to put some additional trees. But in general,
24 there won't be a -- it won't be like a tree-lined

1 walkway. It's not wide enough.

2 MR. YOO: Thank you. Thank you, Wayne, and
3 thank you for the question. We have a written question
4 from Rob Wilson. Rob asks, "What are the anticipated
5 lengths of the individual construction phases?"

6 MR. KEEFNER: I think we anticipated roughly
7 construction would be two years, but the construction
8 moratorium may extend that. We try to break each kind
9 of phase down -- or I should say, we anticipate each
10 phase of construction to be broken down for just a few
11 months at a time. It's an earthwork kind of project
12 versus utility type project.

13 So it should go fairly quickly, but again, the
14 moratorium could extend out the total construction
15 duration. That exact construction time duration --
16 that's what it's called -- will be -- will start to be
17 more specifically defined as part of our next phase of
18 design.

19 MR. LAMOTHE: So also, I would like to add, we
20 -- part of the design process, we have what they call a
21 CTD. So it's the construction time duration. So at
22 the 25, 100 percent design, we will have a CTD for this
23 project that will go deeper and tell you exactly how
24 long it will take this project to be complete.

1 MR. YOO: Thank you.

2 MR. LAMOTHE: Joe?

3 MR. YOO: Thank you. Yes. Thank you, Wayne,
4 and thank you, Herrio, for that. And thank you, Rob,
5 for your question. We have a raised hand from Kristin
6 Terkelsen, I believe. Sorry if I mispronounced your
7 name. Kristin, you can mute yourself.

8 MS. TERKELSEN: Thank you very much. I'm also
9 from Barnstable Town Council. And I typed my question
10 in because I wasn't sure if my hand was seen. In
11 deciding on this option, I'm just wondering if we've
12 taken into account the growing population here in the
13 Cape. And in this option, is this the final amount of
14 expansion that can be done in the space, or if in the
15 future there's more of a need that's determined to come
16 to light, would there be room for a further expansion?

17 And also, have there been any thoughts about
18 processes that could reduce the people that park there
19 illegally over time as kind of like an overflow parking
20 lot versus commuters and people traveling? And how
21 that might impact allowing the spaces to be useful to
22 commuters and people traveling?

23 MR. LAMOTHE: So I think the -- one of the
24 reason we keep the parking space under 300 because

1 there's some MEPA regulation. This is why you see in
2 the alternative option it was rejected because over
3 300. So we have a MEPA threshold that really we --
4 that we didn't meet. So to meet the MEPA threshold we
5 have to have less than 300. And we believe 270
6 additional space will be quietly sufficient for the
7 next -- for the future. So I don't know if Wayne or
8 Rich want to add to my response.

9 MR. KEEFNER: I can add a little bit, Herrio.
10 I'd say there is opportunity to expand the lot further
11 if there's a need in the future. The problem that we
12 ran into with this expansion is that, as you know from
13 being out there, the first parking spaces to fill up
14 are around the bus stops and the shelters. And even
15 when the parking lot seems completely full, there's
16 usually some stray spaces on the far end that are
17 empty.

18 Expanding it a lot further than we have kind
19 of makes that walking distance even further. You do
20 reach a point where the walk is pretty far and people
21 will not want to walk that much. But I think if that
22 time did come, then there could be a different
23 discussion of splitting almost the parking lot into
24 two, maybe having bus shelters in both areas. But

1 we're not quite there yet.

2 MR. BILSKI: Right. And then also, let me add
3 that there's future plans to add additional park and
4 ride down at Route 130, old Exit 2, at some point in
5 the future. And that would draw some of the users to
6 that facility at some point in the future.

7 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you, Rich. Thank you,
8 Wayne.

9 MR. YOO: Thank you. And thank you for -- the
10 council members for all these great questions. We have
11 a question from Rob Wilson. Rob asks -- probably a
12 question for Colleen -- "What is the average residence
13 time for a vehicle? Eight-hour commute time, 12-hour
14 -- 12 hours, days? What will be the policy for a
15 vehicle on charge?"

16 MS. MEDEIROS: We haven't done a detailed
17 collection data on the residency time in several years
18 since post-pandemic. There is a previous study -- more
19 detailed study that was conducted in 2003 time frame.
20 And we did see the majority of users during the length
21 of stay was, you know, less than seven nights. So the
22 majority of it was actually two nights from when we did
23 that study back in 2003 for the length of stay.

24 We don't have it necessarily -- at the top of

1 my head -- broken down by hour, but more so -- but
2 definitely two to three nights is what we saw for this
3 length of stay in that study back in 2003.

4 MR. YOO: Thank you, Colleen. Moving on, we
5 have Sally Cameron raising their hand. Sally, feel
6 free to unmute yourself.

7 MS. CAMERON: Thank you. You didn't really
8 answer the question about -- that the town council
9 member asked about people who park illegally and for
10 longer than they're supposed to. There doesn't seem to
11 be enforcement of the 21-day limit. This is of course,
12 rumor, I can't necessarily say that this is true, but I
13 hear that there are people who park their cars there
14 and go to Florida for three months.

15 So in the winter, that makes travel for people
16 who are going for a few days or commuters having a
17 problem. So the town council member asked earlier
18 about enforcement and what you're going to do about
19 that, particularly as you start construction?

20 MR. LAMOTHE: So Rich, you want to say
21 something? No? So I think we are a design project.
22 We have the design for this project in MassDOT. So we
23 address the design, but then the aspect of maintenance,
24 the aspect of enforcement. And we are moving forward

1 with this project, and we'll address this with the --
2 with District 5 and also the Town of Barnstable.

3 So maybe they will get a plan to address this
4 issue. We are aware of that, but the design could not
5 address this issue specifically. But I believe that
6 there will be a resolution with the town -- the
7 agreement between the town and MassDOT to District 5,
8 to address this issue of people leaving the car there
9 for two, three months. And we'll make sure there is a
10 plan before we complete the design issue.

11 MR. SAUNDERS: Herrio, I just wanted to add
12 that there needs to be more -- maybe some more meetings
13 or co-ordinations between all the people who can be
14 responsible for enforcement and ticketing. And that
15 would include the local police, the state police, and
16 conversations with MassDOT because it's our property.
17 So there has to be some further work on the enforcement
18 because that's the key component to making this
19 expansion work.

20 MR. BILSKI: Right. And I want to agree with
21 both Herrio and Gareth on that. However, the primary
22 role of the park and ride facility is to get people to
23 use alternative transit. I mean, I agree, we don't
24 want people staying beyond the 21 days, but currently,

1 the state police do enforce that.

2 MR. BERTLING: Hi, Peter Bertling from the Town
3 of Barnstable Parking Management. We do enforce that.
4 We are out there several times daily. We issue
5 citations to cars. We have methods of "chalking"
6 vehicles. And in the commuter lot, that is one of the
7 things we do for the 21 days. It is time consuming,
8 but it is done. And when we do recognize that a car
9 has been there beyond the 21 days, we will issue it a
10 citation for being parked over the 21 days.

11 I will actually make an effort to -- through
12 public records, searches, and whatnot, to try to track
13 down the owner and ascertain where -- when they're
14 planning on getting their vehicle out of there. And
15 many times they appreciate the fact that I've done that
16 rather than just call the state police to tow it out of
17 there.

18 Because that is -- that's what the directive
19 was when I took over the program two years ago, but I
20 would rather at least try to make the effort to find
21 out where they are. Of note, we had one vehicle there
22 that was there five months, and it turned out that it
23 was a stolen vehicle from Chelmsford. And the bank was
24 just happy to have it recovered.

1 And they sent a tow truck themselves to come
2 pick it up when I ran the license plate to find it.
3 But we do have ways that we do that, and we're out
4 there two or three times daily. It is an agreement
5 that we have with the state. And unfortunately, the
6 Barnstable Police don't really have a jurisdiction over
7 it. I have to contact the state police and then they
8 reach out to the local tow company that they use.

9 When worst comes to worst, I do reach out to
10 the MassDOT Region 5 radio room and notify people
11 there, and it seems to get a response as well. But
12 there are efforts that we make. Hopefully, with added
13 -- or new and added technology in the future, we'll be
14 able to do that more efficiently.

15 MR. LAMOTHE: Okay. Thank you, Peter. So
16 also, I would like -- we'll try to make sure -- maybe
17 revise agreement to empower the Town of Barnstable to
18 be able to enforce that. So it's something we'll
19 address before -- 100 percent before the project go --
20 before we go into the advertising process, to reinforce
21 the agreement to give the town more power to address
22 this issue.

23 MR. YOO: Great. Thank you all. Before we go
24 back to the raised hands, I'd like to address this

1 question from Robert Palmeri in the Q&A box. Robert
2 asks, "Any possibility of 'pay to stay' for parking
3 longer than 24 hours, similar to that at the Hyannis
4 Transportation Center?"

5 MR. LAMOTHE: So is that under design -- do you
6 have an idea, Rich?

7 MR. BILSKI: Yeah. No. That's something that
8 is not for consideration right now. Considering
9 there's federal dollars involved with this, that would
10 not be an option at this time.

11 MR. LAMOTHE: Okay.

12 MR. YOO: Thank you. And thank you for your
13 question, Robert. Going back to our raised hands.
14 Next up is Paul Phalan. Paul, I'm going to ask you to
15 unmute yourself.

16 MR. LAMOTHE: Paul?

17 MR. YOO: No worries.

18 MR. PHALAN: Can you hear me now?

19 MR. LAMOTHE: Yes, Paul.

20 MR. PHALAN: Thank you very much. My question
21 is [technical interruption] if I can. Have there been
22 any studies done or thought [technical interruption] I
23 think it's ludicrous to spend this \$10 -- or \$15
24 million for a project that's really -- that's busy

1 something we just put like that and design design.

2 There's a process. There is some what they
3 can really expect on that. But to be more detailed,
4 what you just said about the stormwater, I don't think
5 this project have any environmental impact. I think
6 we're just talking about that because we have a
7 forebay. So all the drainage will go to -- the run-off
8 will go there.

9 And it will be good because all this water
10 would go by infiltration, okay, to the underground and
11 to help with the communities. So I don't think it will
12 have any impact. So I don't know -- Wayne, could you
13 please just address a little bit this issue, how we
14 plan to go to the forebay and will improve water going
15 underground and to recharge, okay, the water.

16 MR. KEEFNER: Sure. So I haven't seen the new
17 ordinance, so we can certainly look at that. Herrio
18 had mentioned that we will be providing certain
19 stormwater BMPs. So we've -- as part of -- even before
20 we submitted the 25 percent, we did do some preliminary
21 hydrology for it.

22 Where -- it's kind of hard to see, but in this
23 picture on the lower, kind of, left-hand corner,
24 there's, kind of, a green blob that looks, kind of,

1 like number eight. That's a new sediment forebay.

2 That is for treatment of the stormwater runoff that
3 gets to it.

4 There's currently what was supposed to, kind
5 of, be a forebay, but it wasn't really constructed as a
6 forebay. So currently, the site runoff just, kind of,
7 drains off right out of flared-in sections, a little
8 bit of riprap to slow it down, and then just, kind of,
9 recharges into the groundwater.

10 All of our stormwater will be collected
11 through new, you know, deep sump hooded catch basins,
12 brought to this forebay for pre-treatment, and then
13 recharged, as Herrio was saying, into the ground. So
14 I'm very confident we won't have any off-site
15 stormwater impacts. All of our stormwater is contained
16 on-site, but I will definitely look at those new
17 regulations.

18 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you. Thank you, Paul, for
19 your important question.

20 MR. YOO: Thank you, Paul, for the question. I
21 believe your question was twofold. I think we had a
22 fairly good discussion about your stormwater concerns.
23 I just wanted to let you know that the first part of
24 your question -- your first question was, kind of, cut

1 off due to some microphone issues. So if you want to
2 ask that question again, feel free to, you know, raise
3 your hand or type it out in the Q&A box.

4 Given that we currently don't have any
5 questions at the moment, or any raised hands, I'd like
6 to just go back to how you can reach us after this
7 virtual public hearing. Project event documents are
8 available at the website shown on the screen. You
9 could follow that with your QR code scanner.

10 And you can also e-mail comments or mail in
11 comments to MassDOT shown on the e-mail and mailing
12 addresses, respectively. E-mail is preferred. And if
13 you'd like to be shown on the -- as part of the
14 official hearing transcript, please submit your
15 comments and questions within ten business days.

16 MR. BILSKI: And, Joe?

17 MR. YOO: Yes.

18 MR. BILSKI: I was noticing too in one of the
19 comments about carpooling. And Wayne can speak to this
20 too, but that is one of the reasons why we are
21 substantially increasing the bus island, and we're

22 increasing another number of bus shelters from 2 to 4.

23 And this is something we coordinated with the multiple
24 bus companies, Peter Pan, P&B, the RTA, there is a

1 medical service bus company that runs people to
2 hospitals.

3 So we worked with them in order to provide a
4 facility that could accommodate more drop-offs, and
5 then also more handicapped parking, to address that and
6 make it more inviting for people to be dropped off for
7 the buses and get picked up at the same time.

8 MR. LAMOTHE: Yeah. Thank you, Richard.
9 That's great. I'm so happy. I'm glad you pointed out
10 this because it's not only extending the parking, it's
11 just improvement, improvement. So adding a bicycle
12 facilities on site, adding more-- adding for more as
13 safety.

14 For instance, we have Joseph who was just
15 talking about -- and also, we have the EV. We have 10
16 EV chargers, so people will be able to charge their car
17 if you have electric car. And what's most important,
18 we are the accessible -- accessible for people with
19 disabilities.

20 So we have to make sure everyone need to use
21 -- this type could do that safely and also accessible
22 to all of them -- of people because it doesn't matter
23 what your disability are. You are there to -- this is
24 one of my duty focus to make sure all the public

1 transportation are accessible for everyone. So --

2 MR. BILSKI: Yeah, that's -- thank you, Herrio.

3 I mean, because -- and that's one of the reasons we're
4 providing an improved bike parking area with the --
5 closer to the shelters with the very idea that people
6 could either ride to the facility, or the RTA system
7 has the ability and bike racks on the buses, too.

8 So people could ride to an RTA bus stop, put
9 their bike on the bus, and then store their bike at the
10 facility here, and then take a regional bus to Rhode
11 Island, or New York, or Boston. So it opens up that
12 venue to other users too.

13 MR. LAMOTHE: And also, we say we will improve
14 the lighting. People complain some part of the parking
15 lot dark at night. So we put more lights, so basically
16 a --

17 MR. BILSKI: For security.

18 MR. LAMOTHE: Yes. Security.

19 MR. BILSKI: Yes. Yes. And that's very
20 important. We want people to feel safe using the
21 facility. And that was one of the comments we got from
22 a lot of people that they didn't feel safe in the
23 facility. And we want to improve that and encourage
24 people to use it and then take public transportation.

1 MR. LAMOTHE: Okay. So we will stay for you
2 the five minutes, if you have no more questions. So I
3 don't know if Paul is -- we didn't hear the first part
4 of the Paul question. So we'll give him maybe the --
5 in the three minutes. So if after three minutes we
6 have no more questions, we will conclude this meeting,
7 but it was a great meeting.

8 Sounds like a bunch -- a lot of good, good,
9 good, good questions. And we will take them in
10 consideration. And we'll respond -- okay, we'll be in
11 touch with the town to address the trees issue that
12 need to be cut and what we are going to do.

13 And also about the -- we will talk with the,
14 district 5 and the town we work together to enforce the
15 full car parking for two, three months, so to be able
16 to be -- get not only ticket, to be able to towing
17 these cars, so we will see. So, Joe, there's no more
18 question? There's no people in line?

19 MR. YOO: There actually is a question from
20 council member Gordon Starr. I'm going to ask Gordon
21 to unmute himself.

22 MR. STARR: No. I didn't really. I -- I --
23 I'm sorry, I didn't. I thought I lowered my hand. So
24 I don't have another question.

1 MR. YOO: Oh, okay.

2 MR. STARR: I -- I appreciate all your
3 comments. And -- and I'm looking forward to this
4 moving forward. Thank you.

5 MR. BILSKI: Thank you.

6 MR. LAMOTHE: We appreciate that and we are
7 here for you. We work together with you. We love the
8 town of Barnstable, and we would like to have a great
9 project there, and that we put a -- add value to this
10 parking lot and also the public transportation with the
11 -- the transit transportation with the Peter,
12 Greyhound, all these buses stop there for summer and
13 all the time.

14 Okay, so thank you very much. We have no more
15 questions. So thank you very much for attending this
16 presentation. Going forward, your comments and
17 concerns will be taken into consideration for the
18 design of this project. Just a reminder, the handout
19 will -- for the project, which is posted on the MassDOT
20 website -- summarize the information we have just
21 presented tonight.

22 This handout also contain a form that you can
23 complete and send if you had any additional questions
24 or comments. Thank you again for attending. This

1 meeting is now adjourned at 7:10 minutes. 7:00 p.m.,
2 10 minutes. Good night, everyone. Thank you for
3 attending.

4 (Whereupon, the hearing in the above-captioned matter was
5 suspended/adjourned at 7:10 p.m.)
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