



VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

AUGUST 7, 2024

FOR THE PROPOSED

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, O-06-030, (ST 56)
LEICESTER ROAD OVER THE FRENCH RIVER PROJECT

PROJECT FILE NO. 605323

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- Adam Nicastro, Highway Lead, CDR Maguire

ALSO PRESENT:
General Audience

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MS. GRODSTEIN: Good evening. We're just going
3 to give it a minute or so, wait for some more attendees
4 to join us.

5 MR. LAMOTHE: So you're going to record it?

6 MS. GRODSTEIN: When we begin, I will.

7 MR. LAMOTHE: Okay. Thank you.

8 MS. GRODSTEIN: All right. It looks like we've
9 got all the attendees we're going to get. So, Herrio,
10 you can begin when we're ready, and I'll begin the
11 recording.

12 AUTOMATED VOICE: Recording in progress.

13 MS. GRODSTEIN: Okay.

14 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you. Thank you, Leah.
15 Thank you. Good evening. Welcome to our live virtual
16 design public hearing. My name is Herrio Lamothe, and
17 I am the project manager for the proposed
18 superstructure replacement of Route 56 over the French
19 River in Oxford, which will be presented today. I work
20 in the project management section at the Massachusetts
21 Department of Transportation Highway Division
22 headquarters in Boston. The purpose of this hearing is
23 to provide a method for the Commonwealth to furnish to
24 the public information containing the state highway

1 construction proposal, and to give every interested
2 resident of the area the opportunity to be heard on the
3 proposed project.

4 Also, this hearing gives the Commonwealth a
5 opportunity to receive information from local sources,
6 which will be of value to the state in making decisions
7 as the design progresses. First, we would like to
8 present some procedural elements of a design public
9 hearing and review the functionality of the Zoom
10 software. Leah Grodstein, one of the producer for this
11 evening will present that information.

12 MS. GRODSTEIN: Thank you, Herrio.

13 MR. LAMOTHE: You're welcome.

14 MS. GRODSTEIN: My name is Leah Grodstein, and
15 I'm one of the MassDOT producers, providing tech
16 support and facilitating the Q and A. I'm joined by my
17 co-producer, Roy Kirwa, who's controlling the screen
18 share. Let's take a few moments to review the Zoom
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5 automatic from Zoom, so they're not always perfectly
6 accurate.

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9 transcript are part of the record and can be requested
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12 and A, or you can excuse yourself from the hearing.
13 Materials will be posted online so you don't miss out
14 on important information if you choose to leave. Note
15 that we'll take Q and A at the end of the presentation.
16 But until then, you won't be able to use your
17 microphone, and your camera is disabled for the whole
18 hearing so that we don't have any accidental
19 distractions.

20 Finally, MassDOT's policy on diversity and
21 civil rights is on screen. Stating that MassDOT
22 activities are intended to be free of discrimination.
23 If you're interested in learning more, please contact
24 our Office of Diversity and Civil Rights. And now, I

1 will turn the presentation back to the MassDOT project
2 manager, Herrio.

3 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you, Leah. Thank you so
4 much. First, I would like to present the agenda for
5 tonight hearing. We'll go over project overview,
6 project goals, and alternatives considered, project
7 impacts and construction approach. Also, what will
8 change for the community. Then, next -- following like
9 question and feedback. For this hearing, a handout has
10 been prepared and posted to the MassDOT website. In
11 the handout, you will find documentation which may be
12 useful to you in understanding the project and
13 submitting formal comments in response to this
14 presentation.

15 The notice of hearing is included on Page 2 of
16 the handout. The notice was sent to your municipality
17 on July 19, 2024, and coordination will continue as the
18 design progresses. This notice appeared in the
19 Telegram & Gazette on July 24, 2024, and July 21, 2024,
20 and Webster Times on July 26, 2024, and August 2, 2024.

21 The hearing was also posted to MassDOT social media.

22 Let me welcome our panelists who've joined me
23 this evening. As mentioned previously, I'm Herrio
24 Lamothe, MassDOT project manager. Also, from MassDOT,

1 we have Tanya Keselman, District 3 projects engineer;
2 Craig Sheehan, right-of-way compliance officer; Daniel
3 J. Racicot, legislative affairs coordinator; Leah
4 Grodstein and Roy Kirwa, our producer and facilitator
5 for tonight. For CDR Maguire, consultant retained for
6 this project, we have Bob Elliott, the project manager,
7 and Adam Nicastro, highway lead. And here tonight to
8 provide a complete verbatim transcript from Advanced
9 Court Reporters, LLC, Melissa Lupo, stenographer.

10 Before moving to the substance of the
11 presentation, I would like to mention that we estimate
12 the total project will cost approximately 4 million,
13 federal funding with the Federal Highway Administration
14 funding 80 percent and MassDOT funding the remaining 20
15 percent of the total construction cost. This project
16 must be programmed in the Statewide Transportation
17 Improvement Program in the appropriate federal fiscal
18 year in order for MassDOT to solicit bids for eventual
19 construction. The total estimate cost of the project
20 does not include any right-of-way acquisition costs.
21 The design is expected to be completed in the fall of
22 2026.

23 Now, I am going to turn the presentation over
24 to Bob from CDR Maguire, who has been retained by

1 MassDOT. Please keep in mind that the project we are
2 presenting is still in the very early design stage.
3 All your questions and comments will be taken into
4 consideration when completing the project design.

5 Bob, it's your turn.

6 MR. ELLIOTT: Thanks, Herrio.

7 MR. LAMOTHE: Welcome.

8 MR. ELLIOTT: As Herrio Lamothe indicated, my
9 name is Bob Elliott from CDR Maguire, and we are the
10 design consultant for MassDOT on this project. So, how
11 did we get here? In June of 2022, CDR Maguire received
12 notice to proceed on the preliminary design. CDR
13 Maguire submitted an alternatives analysis in November
14 of 2022. And once that was approved, we started
15 developing the bridge type selection workbook for the
16 bridge design, which was submitted in August of 2023.
17 Then in October, we submitted the 25 percent highway
18 plans and bridge sketch plans. And then in April of
19 this year, we revised the bridge sketch plans and
20 submitted the geotechnical engineering report. Once
21 those were reviewed and approved, we were able to
22 schedule this virtual design public hearing today.

23 So, the project is located on Route 56, known
24 as Leicester Street in the Town of Oxford. This bridge

1 is located just north of the intersection with Comins
2 Road and Mill Street. So, why was the project
3 initiated? The purpose of the project is to address
4 structural issues of the bridge with a full
5 superstructure replacement. Roadway approaches leading
6 to and from the bridge will be reconstructed, and
7 safety improvements such as new guardrail and wider
8 shoulders will be installed.

9 What do we want to accomplish? The project
10 scope will include a new bridge superstructure,
11 including new beams, deck, and railings. The abutment
12 will be upgraded to support the new superstructure.
13 And new approach slabs and improved joint details will
14 be installed to provide a longer service life of the
15 bridge. Catch basins will be adjusted as needed to
16 direct water away from the bridge, and the roadway
17 approaches will be reconstructed full depth for
18 approximately 40 feet north and south of the bridge,
19 while the roadway will be milled and repaved from the
20 northern edge of Comins Road/Mill Street to
21 approximately 350 feet north of the bridge, ending just
22 south of an existing private driveway.

23 So what alternatives were considered? Through
24 the design process, various bridge alternatives were

1 considered. A superstructure replacement was evaluated
2 with both steel and prestressed concrete beams, and
3 both a cast-in-place and precast concrete deck. We
4 also considered a full bridge replacement matching the
5 existing bridge width, but this was determined to not
6 be necessary since the existing abutments and wingwalls
7 are in good condition with adequate capacity to support
8 the new superstructure.

9 And finally, we also considered a full bridge
10 replacement with widening to add sidewalks and bike
11 lanes to the bridge. However, this was also discounted
12 due to the lack of any connecting facilities leading to
13 or from the bridge, which would create safety concerns.
14 For construction, we considered closing the bridge,
15 which requires a detour and utilizing accelerated
16 bridge construction. This would allow for the bridge
17 to be replaced with just a 14-day road closure. And we
18 also considered phased construction, which would
19 maintain a lane of traffic on the bridge controlled
20 with a temporary traffic signal. However, the levels
21 of service were poor and resulted in a much longer
22 overall construction duration.

23 What is the preferred alternative? The

24 preferred alternative was to go with a superstructure

1 replacement utilizing prefabricated bridge units or
2 PBUs, with rolled steel stringers and a composite
3 precast concrete deck. This superstructure will be
4 installed under a full road closure lasting 14 days,
5 and this option provided the most cost-effective
6 solution since we do not need to replace the abutments
7 and wingwalls and has the least disruption to local
8 traffic. How has our design progressed? As mentioned
9 earlier, CDR Maguire developed a bridge type selection
10 workbook, which provides much of the analysis,
11 evaluated various structure types and options, and
12 addressed the potential impacts of the project.

13 Through this process, CDR Maguire recommended
14 the superstructure replacement using PBUs, and
15 accelerated bridge construction as previously
16 described. Once this report was approved, bridge
17 sketch plans were developed to detail the preliminary
18 design. These details included a crane layout for
19 erection, moment slab details for the wingwalls, and
20 various abutment upgrades required to fit and support
21 the new superstructure.

22 And now, I'll turn it over to Craig Sheehan
23 from MassDOT to talk about the right-of-way process.

24 MR. SHEEHAN: Thanks, Bob.

So when the

1 Commonwealth, acting through its Massachusetts

2 Department of Transportation Highway Division indicated
3 it would accept this project for funding, the

4 municipality accepted certain responsibilities, and one
5 of those responsibilities is acquiring all the

6 necessary rights in private and public lands for the
7 design construction and implementation of the project.

8 My function will be to review and recommend procedures
9 that the municipality may use in acquiring these

10 rights. Procedures used must comply with both federal
11 and state regulations. And current design plans

12 indicate there are two temporary easements that may be
13 required for the project.

14 Property owners impacted by this project, will
15 be contacted by your local municipal officials. They

16 will present the proposed impacts to each owner and
17 discuss the methods with which they may acquire the

18 needed rights for the project. Frequently,

19 municipalities may appeal for donations to minimize the
20 acquisition cost to your community. However, donations

21 are not required, and property owners are entitled to
22 an appraisal, review appraisal, and just compensation.

23 The right-of-way documents will be provided to each

24 owner to help them understand the acquisition process

1 and just how the project affects their individual
2 property.

3 Affected property owners' rights are protected
4 under a Mass. General Laws, primarily Chapter 79.
5 Because this project is receiving federal funds,
6 property owners' rights are further defined under the
7 Title 3 Act of the Real Property Acts of 1970. I will
8 be available during the open forum portion of this
9 hearing for any questions concerning the right-of-way
10 activities that you may have.

11 And with that, I'll throw it back to Bob.

12 MR. ELLIOTT: Thanks. So, how will bicyclists
13 and pedestrians be impacted? No bicycle or pedestrian
14 accommodations will be made during construction. With
15 a 14-day construction period, there was no feasible way
16 to safely accommodate bikes and pedestrians through the
17 construction zone. In the final condition, bicyclists
18 and pedestrians will use the shoulders to cross the
19 bridge. Narrowed travel lanes will provide for
20 slightly wider shoulders compared to the existing
21 condition. Current and expected volumes of bicycle and
22 pedestrian traffic is low, so this concept meets the
23 needs of the project.

24 So what are the environmental, cultural

1 resource, and community impacts? Because we are only
2 doing a superstructure replacement, the necessary
3 excavation, and therefore, environmental impacts are
4 minimal. Environmental permitting is anticipated to be
5 started in the summer of 2026 in preparation for
6 construction in 2027. So what is the construction
7 approach? The construction approach for this bridge
8 project is a full closure for 14 days. This will be
9 accomplished using a prefabricated bridge elements that
10 can be quickly assembled into a new bridge.

11 It is anticipated that this work will occur
12 during the summer months. While the bridge will be
13 closed for two weeks, there will be some construction
14 activity before and after this period for preparation
15 such as utility relocations, and for wrapping up final
16 grading and other activities at the end of the project.
17 Two separate detours will be utilized. A shorter
18 detour for passenger vehicles will direct traffic down
19 Mill Street to Stafford Street. A temporary traffic
20 signal will be installed at this intersection to
21 alleviate congestion.

22 A longer detour will be posted for trucks that
23 directs truck traffic to Worcester Road, Center Depot
24 Road, and Stafford Street. There may need to be some

1 temporary pavement widening at the corner of -- at
2 Center Depot Road and Stafford Street. So, how will
3 the road user be affected? Functionally, not much will
4 change compared to the existing condition. Some things

5 that will change is the travel lanes and turning lanes
6 will be narrowed slightly from 12 feet to 11 feet.

7 This will provide extra room to widen the shoulders to
8 six-foot one inch on the southbound side and six-foot
9 six inch on the northbound side. This will improve
10 safety for pedestrians and bicyclists that would need
11 to cross the bridge.

12 As previously mentioned, the roadway
13 approaches will be paved from Comins Road to
14 approximately 350 feet north of the bridge. And

15 finally, new pavement markings, signage, and upgraded
16 guardrails will be installed. The next steps in the
17 process will be to develop final design plans beginning
18 in the next month or so. As those are completed,
19 environmental permitting will happen in the summer of
20 2026, and final plan specifications, and estimate or
21 PS&E design submission will happen in the fall of 2026.

22 The project is scheduled to advertise in the winter of
23 2026 with an anticipated start of construction in the
24 spring of 2027.

1 And now, I'll turn it back over to Herrio
2 Lamothe from MassDOT to discuss how you can keep
3 informed on the project and then have questions and
4 answers.

5 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you so much, Bob Elliott.
6 Thank you so much. The last sheet of the handout is a
7 mail-in sheet. If you have any questions or comments
8 which you would like to submit in writing, you may use
9 the sheet for that purpose. You may mail it to the
10 department within ten days of this date, and it will
11 become part of the official record. As stated
12 previously, the purpose of this hearing is to solicit
13 your input regarding this project. As the plans are
14 not yet complete, we may not be able to answer all of
15 your questions or respond to all of your comments at
16 this time.

17 Leah will now give you more information about
18 these different ways to reach out and facilitate
19 questions and answers. Leah, please.

20 MS. GRODSTEIN: Thank you. So, the e-mail
21 address to send your e-mail comments about the project
22 is massdotprojectmanagement@dot.state.ma.us also shown
23 on the screen. Please put the project number, which is
24 605323 in the subject line of the e-mail. If you want

1 to use the project handout that Herrio mentioned,
2 you're going to scan the QR code on screen with your
3 phone camera, and you'll find the project handout at
4 the bottom of the hearing web page. Then you can print
5 the handout and send your comments to the mailing
6 address on screen. Again, please send in comments or
7 questions within ten business days to have them
8 included in the official hearing transcript.

9 I will now transition us to the
10 question-and-answer portion of the hearing. At
11 MassDOT, we have a tradition of allowing public or
12 elected officials to make comments and ask questions
13 first. If you are a public official and would like to
14 comment on this project, please identify yourself in
15 the Q&A box while I go over some general Q&A
16 instructions. So, to ask a question verbally, you can
17 click the Raise Hand button or use the keyboard
18 shortcut, Alt Y, and Roy will allow you to unmute your
19 microphone and ask your question. If you're joining by
20 phone, you can also raise your hand by dialing *9. If
21 you do ask a verbal question, please introduce yourself
22 before asking. We also have a written Q&A, which you
23 can access by clicking the Q&A icon. Just type your
24 question in the box, and I'll read it out loud to our

1 panel.

2 For both methods, we could try to keep it
3 under two minutes or one question at a time, so we can
4 respect everyone's time. Although we do actually only
5 have a couple of people here. So, you're definitely
6 going to have time to ask multiple questions if you
7 have them. But we'll just do one at a time first. And
8 as I mentioned earlier, public or elected officials are
9 allowed to ask questions first. So, I'll turn it over
10 to Daniel from Legislative Affairs to help facilitate
11 public official Q&A.

12 MR. RACICOT: Good evening, folks. My name is
13 Daniel Racicot with Legislative Affairs here at
14 MassDOT. And at this time, if we have any public
15 officials with us, you are more than happy -- more than
16 welcome to ask a question. I don't believe we do, but
17 if -- yeah. But this would be the first meeting of
18 many, and so your state and local elected officials
19 will be read in on this over the coming years. So, I
20 don't see anyone, but -- so Leah, I think you can take
21 it away and move on to the general Q&A, all right?

22 MS. GRODSTEIN: All right. Sounds good. We'll
23 officially open it up to the public. So, if you have a
24 question, feel free to click on that Raise Hand button

1 or write in the Q&A. I don't see any open questions so
2 far, but we'll definitely give it a couple of minutes.

3 MR. LAMOTHE: If someone from the municipality
4 is in attendance that you would like to say something?

5 MR. KIRWA: I see Kevin Duffy has raised his
6 hand. Kevin, you should be able to unmute your mic
7 now. Go ahead.

8 MR. DUFFY: Hi, good evening. Thank you very
9 much for having this presentation for the general
10 public to become more familiar with the project. Just
11 one note that I did have during the presentation. You
12 do have listed that the plans are available to review
13 at Public Works Department at 450 Main Street in
14 Oxford. The plans are actually available for review at
15 the Town Hall building, which is 325 Main Street, also
16 in Oxford. But again, thank you very much for having
17 us, and it's great to see this project moving forward.

18 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you, Kevin. Thank you.

19 MS. GRODSTEIN: We will give a couple more
20 minutes for people to ask any questions that they might
21 be thinking of. Feel free. In the meantime, maybe we
22 can go back to the ways to contact us. If you're -- if
23 you don't want to ask your question right now or you
24 think of something later, you can always also submit

1 the e-mail comments. It's
2 massdotprojectmanagement@dot.state.ma.us or a snail
3 mail at -- address is Carrie Lavalley, P.E. Chief
4 Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza. Boston, Mass.
5 02116, Attention: Project Management, and then the
6 project file number, which is 605323.

7 MR. LAMOTHE: So -- I don't know. Kevin, could
8 you please -- if you're comfortable with the traffic
9 detour and if your police department is on board when
10 implementing -- when we have to implement this traffic
11 detour during the project. So, you think is something
12 that you're comfortable with, Kevin?

13 MR. RACICOT: Did you have a question for
14 Kevin?

15 MR. DUFFY: Hi. Yes. Thank you for -- I just
16 got unmuted. This is the first that we have seen the
17 proposed traffic management plan. So, it's certainly
18 something that we'll share with our local emergency
19 teams, police department, fire department, and public
20 works. But I wouldn't imagine there is any issue with
21 having this implemented.

22 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you. So, could you provide
23 some information? What do we need two detour instead
24 of one? One for truck and one for regular vehicle. So

1 why the difference between these two options?

2 MR. ELLIOTT: Yeah. Primarily, the desired
3 detour route, anytime we need to use a detour route, is
4 to have the shortest detour route as possible. In this
5 case, the shortest detour route is to send traffic down
6 Mill Street to Leicester, that -- then they can go up
7 and loop around back to 56 if they need to. The
8 problem with that is that there is a low clearance
9 bridge that goes underneath of a railroad. So we
10 cannot send trucks in that direction. So that's why we
11 have to send the trucks around on a longer detour route
12 to get around that underpass, and also to keep them out
13 of -- you know, off of smaller roads that go through
14 residential neighborhoods. So that's the purpose for
15 the truck detour, and why it's longer than a passenger
16 vehicle detour.

17 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you.

18 MS. GRODSTEIN: Maybe we can put the detour
19 slides up. Give everyone another look at them.

20 MR. KIRWA: So, I have the truck detour. Here
21 is slide 28.

22 MR. LAMOTHE: So above -- so, for the traffic
23 management, so I think we have we some advance notice
24 to let people know for the -- that a project will

1 happen soon. So, how far we'll go before starting the
2 project to notify both side and notify about when the
3 closure will started?

4 MR. ELLIOTT: Yeah, I'm not sure the exact
5 time. I know there's a lead time that the contractors
6 will be required to, you know, convey to the local
7 officials and to the public about the -- you know, that
8 -- when the detour is going to happen. I think it's
9 usually -- like, it's usually, like, two weeks or 30
10 days, something like that. But there would be advance
11 notice.

12 MR. LAMOTHE: And I think we have a lack of
13 signboard. Okay. People will see flashing, telling
14 them -- okay, what the detour is. And I think it will
15 be a nice job. So -- yeah.

16 MS. GRODSTEIN: We have a question in the Q&A
17 from Taylor who asks, Will this be design-build or
18 design-bid-build? Thank you for that question, Taylor.

19 MR. LAMOTHE: So, I think it's basically -- is
20 a -- there's a difference. It's not a design-build so
21 a design. We have Bob there. So, after we had -- at
22 this point, we will go to advertising, so it's design
23 and build. So, it's not just going to design some
24 project, a design-build. No. Is a different thing. I

1 know if we say more about that, Bob?

2 MR. ELLIOTT: Yeah. This is a -- this will be
3 -- project will be advertised as a typical
4 design-bid-build project. So, when we put out the
5 plans for advertisement, the PS&E package would include
6 the fully designed plans for construction.

7 MR. LAMOTHE: So Tanya, you want to add
8 something on that? Tanya from District 3. Can you
9 hear, Tanya?

10 MS. KESELMAN: Yes. Hi. Hello, Tanya Keselman
11 from District 3 projects. Yes, this is the -- our
12 regular design-bid-build project. The project was
13 designed from preliminary reports to the PS&E
14 submission, and it will be advertised as
15 design-bid-build project.

16 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you.

17 MS. KESELMAN: Thank you.

18 MS. GRODSTEIN: Thank you. Why don't we --
19 it's 6:37 now. Why don't we give it until, like, 6:40,
20 and if we don't get any more questions, then we can
21 start to wrap up. So, please feel free to submit
22 questions, either right now, via Raise Hand or the Q&A,
23 or via e-mail or snail mail. And one more thing is
24 that the QR code there that takes you to the, you know,

1 highway division event page for this hearing, it's got
2 the hearing notice, flyer, handout. I believe we'll
3 also be putting the presentation up here. So, if you
4 got any friends or other officials in the town who want
5 to know about this project, you can direct them there.
6 You know, just give us a day or two for the
7 accessibility check to be performed, and we'll get the
8 presentation up there for reference.

9 MR. LAMOTHE: So, maybe we have to put in
10 process is only a 14-day closure. There will be some
11 activities before and after that, as Bob just
12 mentioned. It will be during the summer. So, when
13 school close, everything to -- limited in this -- the
14 regular activities. So, for any questions, you could
15 just grab the QR code, and we are available at the
16 district level and at the project management level to
17 respond and at any time if you have any questions, if
18 you are listening, if you are watching this video,
19 after the -- after decision -- after this presentation.

20 I see there is no following -- no additional questions.

21 And, Bob, you like to add something when this
22 project could be re-design? Remind people about when
23 the design will be completed if everything goes well,
24 and I think is important thing to do.

1 MR. ELLIOTT: So, you're asking, like, when the
2 design will be completed?

3 MR. LAMOTHE: Yes.

4 MR. ELLIOTT: Yeah. So, the design will be
5 completed in, like, 2026. We right now just are
6 wrapping up preliminary design. And then once we get
7 under agreement to do final design, that'll begin, like
8 I said, in the next month or so. And then I'll be
9 working through all of that process with 7,500 percent
10 PS&E submissions.

11 MR. LAMOTHE: Thank you.

12 MS. GRODSTEIN: All right. So, I said we'd
13 hold until 6:40 to see if you got any more questions.
14 We haven't got any more questions, so I'll turn it back
15 over to Herrio to close us out.

16 MR. LAMOTHE: Okay. Thank you so much. Thank
17 you to all of you for your time. And thank you very
18 much for attending. We look forward to hearing from
19 all of you. It is now ended at 6:41 p.m. Thank you.
20 (Whereupon, the hearing in the above-captioned matter was
21 adjourned at 6:41 p.m.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY OF NORFOLK, ss.

I, Melissa Lupo, a Professional Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify that the foregoing Hearing Transcript was taken by me on August 7, 2024 and transcribed under my direction.

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I am not connected by blood or marriage with any of the said parties, nor interested directly or indirectly in the matter in controversy.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Notary Seal this 14th day of August, 2024.



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