



VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

FOR THE PROPOSED

**River Street Bridge Closure
Project No. 606901
Project Management**

IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY DIVISION**

**JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR**

**CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER**

Public Meeting Notice River Street over Amtrak and MBTA – Hyde Park (Boston)
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Overview

A live, virtual public information meeting will be hosted by MassDOT to discuss the status of the currently closed River Street Bridge, in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Boston, over the Amtrak and MBTA Northeast Corridor railroad line.

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the conditions of the existing River Street Bridge and MassDOT efforts to provide full vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle connection on River Street.

Proposal:

The River Street Bridge has been closed to all traffic, except pedestrians, since May of 2022. Over the course of the summer, MassDOT has been analyzing the condition of the existing structure and working with a consultant team to advance a design for the bridge replacement. MassDOT has determined that repairing the existing structure is infeasible given the magnitude of work needed and the limited time to perform it during railroad closures and that a considerable time saving in constructing the new bridge can be achieved by maintaining the current structure as pedestrian-only with vehicular traffic detoured. The removal of utilities and relocating the Amtrak electric wires from the current structure; two activities which were originally part of the new bridge project, have been advanced as early action steps. It is anticipated that a proposed design for the new bridge will be shared with the public in the first quarter of 2023.

Project inquiries regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7360, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 606901.

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g., interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This Live Virtual Public Information Meeting or a cancellation announcement will be posted on this website.



Dear Concerned Citizen:

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is committed to building and maintaining a transportation infrastructure that is both safe and efficient for all who use our roadways, bridges, bicycle facilities and pedestrian paths, while maintaining the integrity of the environment.

As part of the design process for this project, we are conducting this public hearing to explain the proposed improvements, listen to your comments and answer any questions you may have. At the conclusion of the hearing, MassDOT will review all of your comments and, where feasible, incorporate them into the design of the project.

We recognize that road and bridge construction can create inconveniences for the public. MassDOT places a great deal of emphasis on minimizing the temporary disruptive effects of construction.

MassDOT encourages input from local communities and values your opinions. Please be assured that we will undertake no project without addressing the concerns of the community.

Sincerely,

Patricia A Leavenworth, P. E.
Chief Engineer

WHAT IS A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING?

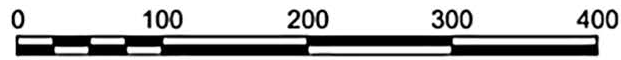
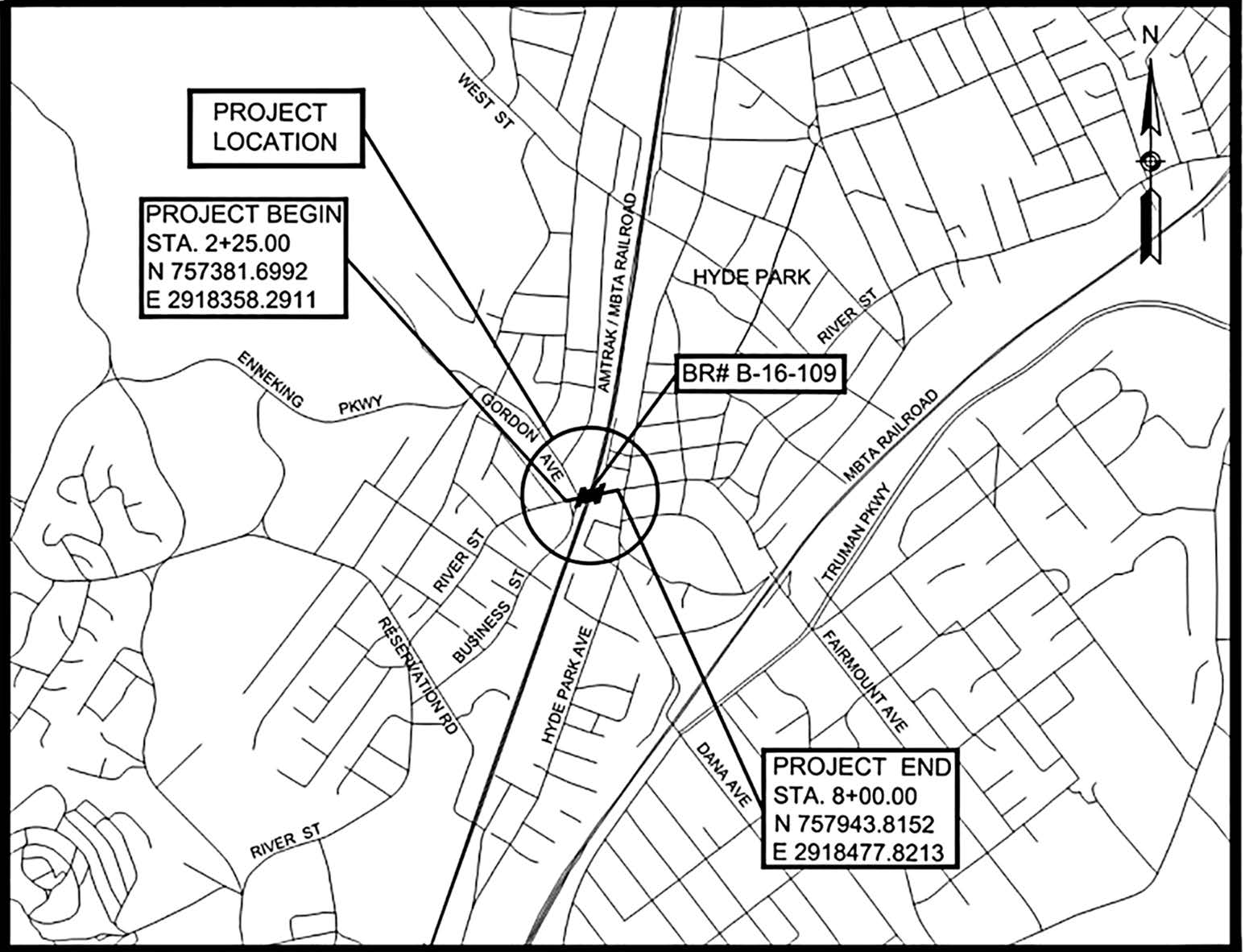
WHY A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING?

To provide an assured method whereby the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can furnish to the public, information concerning the State's proposed plan for the recently closed structure, and to afford every interested resident of the area an opportunity to be heard on the proposed project. At the same time, the meeting affords the Commonwealth an additional opportunity to receive information from local sources which would be of value to the State in making its final decisions regarding the project.

WHAT DOES A PUBLIC HEARING ACCOMPLISH?

It is designed to ensure the opportunity for, or the availability of, a forum to provide factual information which is pertinent to the determination of the final alternative considered by the state to best serve the public interest, and on which improvement projects are proposed to be undertaken.

It is important that the people of the area express their views in regard to the proposal being presented, so that views can be properly recorded in the minutes of the meeting. These minutes will be carefully studied and taken into consideration in the determination of the final design.



SCALE: 1" = 100'

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This sheet is provided for your comments. Your input is solicited and appreciated. You may e-mail comments directly to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or you may mail this sheet with any additional comments to:

Carrie E. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer
MassDOT – Highway Division
10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973
Attn: Project Management

Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing.

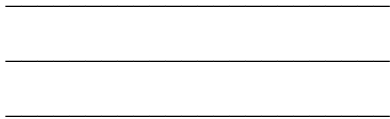
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