



**IN PERSON DESIGN PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**MARCH 7, 2024**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – REVERE BEACH PARKWAY OVER BROADWAY**

**Project No. 612184**

**Bridge No R-05-015**

**Highway Design**

**IN THE CITY OF REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
Project File No. 612184**

An In Person Public Informational Meeting will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bridge Replacement of R-05-015 on Revere Beach Parkway (Route 16) over Broadway (Route 107) project in **Revere, MA**.

WHERE: City Hall; 281 Broadway; Revere, MA 02151

WHEN: 7 PM – 8 PM, Thursday, March 7, 2024

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Public Informational Meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacement on Revere Beach Parkway (Route 16) over Broadway (Route 107). All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible. Interpretation for Spanish will be provided. Interpretation for Khmer will be provided upon request.

PROPOSAL: The purpose of this project is to improve public safety and maintain through-travel on Revere Beach Parkway (Route 16) and Broadway (Route 107) by replacing the bridge. Along with the bridge structure, the project includes roadway improvements on Route 107 below the bridge from the Revere/Chelsea city line (southern limit) to the intersection of Route 107 with Taft Street/Page Street (northern limit). The project will also include intersection improvements where the Route 16 on and off-ramps meet Route 107.

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](mailto: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 meeting.

This meeting will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

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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,

Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E.  
Acting Chief Engineer

## **WHAT IS A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING?**

### **WHY A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING?**

To provide an assured method whereby the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can furnish to the public information concerning the State's highway construction proposals, and to afford every interested resident of the area an opportunity to be heard on any proposed project. At the same time, the hearings afford the Commonwealth an additional opportunity to receive information from local sources which would be of value to the State in making its final decisions to what design should be advanced for development.

### **WHY NOT A VOTE ON HIGHWAY PLANS?**

The meetings are not intended to be a popular referendum for the purpose of determining the nature of a proposed improvement by a majority of those present. They do not relieve the duly constituted officials of a State highway department of the necessity for making decisions in State highway matters for which they are charged with full responsibility.

### **WHAT DOES A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING 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.



## **RIGHT OF WAY CONCERNS**

The State is responsible for securing the Right of Way for this project. If your property, or a portion of it, must be acquired by the State for highway purposes in the interest of all people of the Commonwealth, your rights are fully protected under the law. Briefly, here are some of the answers to questions you might ask.

### **1. WHO CONTACTS ME?**

Representatives of the Right of Way Bureau of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Highway Division. They will explain the impacts and your rights as protected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79.

### **2. WHAT IS A FAIR PRICE FOR MY PROPERTY?**

Every offer is made to ensure that an equitable value is awarded to you for the property, or to appraise the "damage" to the property as a result of the acquisition. MassDOT appraisers, independent appraisers, MassDOT "Review Appraisers" and a Real Estate Appraisal Review Board may all contribute in arriving at an award of damages. The State also pays a proportionate part of the real estate tax for the current year for fee takings, and interest from the date the property is acquired to the payment date, on all impacts.

### **3. MUST I ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFER?**

No. If, after the figure established as market value has been offered to the owner, the owner feels he or she is not being offered a fair price, he or she has the right, within three years, to appeal to the courts. Pending a court decision, he or she can be paid on a "pro-tanto" basis (or "for the time being") that in no way prejudices the court appeal.



### **4. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY HOUSE?**

The owner will have the opportunity to buy back his or her house, provided he or she has a location to which it can be moved, and the proper permits for its removal. If the owner does not wish to repurchase, the house will be advertised for bids. The highest bidder, who must also have a location and permits for removal, will be awarded the house. Otherwise, the structure will be slated for demolition.

### **5. WHAT HAPPENS IF I MUST RELOCATE?**

In addition to the market value of the property, the Department pays certain relocation benefits for both owners and tenants of acquired residences and businesses who meet eligibility requirements. Assistance in relocation is also provided. Department brochures are available for details on these benefits.



-  Project Scope along Rt. 107
-  Project Scope along Rt. 16 & Bridge

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the replacement of Bridge R-05-015, which carries Route 16 (Revere Beach Parkway) over Route 107 (Broadway) in Revere. The project begins along Route 107 at the intersection of Route 16 Eastbound (EB) ramps and extends to the intersection of Route 16 Westbound (WB) ramps to the north. The project limits along the Route 16 corridor extend from the Route 16 WB on-ramp to the Route WB off-ramp.

The existing bridge was first constructed in 1931 and consisted of eleven (11) three-sided concrete encased steel truss frames. The bridge was later widened in 1958 with four (4) steel stringers, a reinforced concrete bridge deck and reinforced concrete abutments with adjoining wingwalls. The existing bridge is currently in poor condition and needs to be replaced.

The proposed bridge will consist of a simple span steel stringer bridge with an approximate span length of 74 feet and will be supported by cantilevered reinforced concrete abutments on spread footings. The new bridge will retain similar bridge aesthetics by reusing the existing stone masonry from the existing bridge wingwalls, including any signage. The new bridge will improve the vertical clearance to a minimum of 14'-6".

Along with the bridge structure, the project includes roadway improvements on Route 107 below the bridge from the Revere/Chelsea city line (southern limit) to the intersection of Route 107 with Taft Street/Page Street (northern limit). This project will also include intersection improvements where the Route 16 on and off-ramps meet Route 107.

The intersections with the on and off-ramps lack ADA compliant curb ramps and crossings. There are no bicycle accommodations on Route 107 under the bridge and into Chelsea, and there are gaps in the pedestrian network throughout the project area. In addition to the bridge replacement, this project will bring Route 16 and Route 107 up to current standards for vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle accommodations.

Both Route 16 and Route 107 will remain open during construction. The Bridge will be reconstructed in three (3) primary stages and will continually keep two (2) lanes of Route 16 traffic open in each direction (WB & EB). Route 107 will remain open throughout construction but will require off-peak/nighttime hour detours to perform bridge demolition and placement of new steel stringers.



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Revere, MA  
Bridge Replacement, R-05-015, Revere Beach Parkway over Broadway  
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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](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us) or you may mail this sheet with any additional comments to:

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MassDOT – Highway Division  
10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973  
Attn: Project Management 612184

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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