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Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2 that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will hold a virtual public hearing and accept public comments regarding proposed amendments to a regulation 700 CMR 13.00 Approval of Access to Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highways and Other Property.

The proposed amendment will effectuate the requirements of an FCC Order ("In the Matter of Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment") which requires governmental entities to allow access to their Rights of Way (ROW) and structures to telecommunications companies for small cell units, including 5G wireless technology. The FCC regulation sets forth the criteria, application requirements, and application process relative to licensing the placement of small cell facilities and structures in public ROWs under MassDOT's custody and control. Emergency regulations were promulgated in July 2019. This proposed action will finalize the regulation amendments. 700 CMR 13.00 is promulgated pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6C, § 2.

A virtual public hearing will be held online on **Friday, June 18, 2021, at 10:00 am**. Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZ0uce-hqDIsGNdCM-KStC0Z3j-qX3IcvVyB>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. For technical assistance with registration, email Alex.Cantor@dot.state.ma.us.

Testimony may be presented orally at the public hearing or in writing. While MassDOT encourages all interested parties to submit testimony in advance of the hearing, written comments will be accepted until **5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 18, 2021**. Written comments must be submitted by email or postal mail to the following address. Email is strongly preferred.

Email: REMorse@mbta.com

Postal Mail: Massachusetts Department of Transportation
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A copy of the proposed amendments to 700 CMR 13.00 may be obtained by contacting Rachel Morse in writing by email (preferred) or postal mail.