

## ROUTE 18 CORRIDOR STUDY SURVEY

### Elm Street to Coggeshall Street in New Bedford

MassDOT is conducting a study to evaluate ideas to redefine Route 18 from Elm Street to Coggeshall Street in New Bedford. In the late 1990s, MassDOT and the City of New Bedford initiated the concept of redefining Route 18 or John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway starting at Cove Street as a three-phase project. The first phase, from Walnut Street to Elm Street, was completed in 2012. The second phase, from Cove Street to Walnut Street, was completed in 2019. The section from Elm Street to Coggeshall Street is the third phase.

The goals of the study are:

- To develop concepts to improve access between Purchase Street and Route 18
- To improve connections across Route 18 and along Route 18
- To facilitate economic development along the corridor
- To provide access between Route 18 and the new South Coast Rail Station.

We want to hear from you! What are your thoughts and goals for the corridor?

1. What is your relationship to the Route 18 corridor? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ I live in the neighborhood surrounding Route 18
- ☐ I work in the neighborhood, commercial areas, or industrial areas surrounding Route 18
- ☐ I commute through Route 18
- ☐ I drive to school, hospital, library, or recreational area along Route 18
- ☐ I own or operate a business or commercial property on the Route 18 Corridor
- ☐ I use Route 18 for business, service, or commercial purposes such as deliveries or movement of freight
- ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_.

2. How do you typically travel on Route 18? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Drive alone in an automobile
- ☐ Drive others or travel as a passenger in an automobile
- ☐ Walk
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ Ride on the bus
- ☐ Truck or Commercial Vehicle
- ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_.

Current transportation concerns about the corridor:

3. Please indicate any safety concerns you encounter while on Route 18. (Check all that apply)
- ☐ Speed of vehicles
  - ☐ High Volume of Traffic
  - ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Please indicate any congestion and access issues you encounter while on Route 18. (Check all that apply)
- ☐ High volumes of traffic
  - ☐ Congestion and long delays at traffic signals/signalized intersections
  - ☐ Ability to access adjacent streets from Route 18 (Purchase St., Acushnet Ave., MacArthur Dr., Route 6, Herman Melville Blvd., North Front St., Etc.), businesses, the waterfront, etc.

Vision for future possibilities

5. If this section of Route 18 was open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic, please indicate any pedestrian and bicycle concerns you might have. (Check all that apply)
- ☐ Availability of sidewalks
  - ☐ Lack of accommodation for bicycles (bike lanes, multiuse path, or useable shoulders)
  - ☐ High volumes of traffic
  - ☐ High speed of vehicles
  - ☐ Difficulty crossing Route 18 (location or absence of crosswalks)
  - ☐ Gaps in sidewalk network
  - ☐ Poor street lighting
  - ☐ Unwelcoming streetscape/landscape
  - ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Think about the needs of the broader neighborhood and city. Which of the following priorities are most important for Phase 3 improvements to Route 18? (Select top 3)
- ☐ Bike and pedestrian safety: making it safer for people to walk and bike in the corridor, including ability to safely cross Route 18
  - ☐ Vehicle access to businesses, industrial areas, and/or the waterfront
  - ☐ Vehicle access to the new South Coast Rail Station
  - ☐ Bike and pedestrian access to businesses, industrial areas, and/or the waterfront
  - ☐ Bike and pedestrian access to the new South Coast Rail Station
  - ☐ Making the corridor more beautiful. Improving the landscape.
  - ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Route 18 or JFK Memorial Highway was improved south of Elm Street in Phases 1 and 2. When thinking about that section, what works well? (Check all that apply)

Yes    No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The sidewalks are in good condition and allow me to walk safely   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are safe ways for me to cross JFK Boulevard.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I can safely bike along that section  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I can safely wait for a car or bus along that section   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | It is easy for me to navigate by motor vehicle. I can access side streets, businesses, and other destinations I might want to reach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The streetscape is beautiful and inviting   |

8. What changes would you like to see to the Route 18 corridor? (Open ended)

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