

Secretary's Report to the MassDOT Board

September 21, 2020



Municipal Grant Programs

Shared Streets and Spaces: Launched on June 10, the program provides technical and funding assistance to help Massachusetts cities and towns conceive, design and implement tactical changes to curbs, streets, on-street parking spaces and off-street parking lots in support of public health, safe mobility, and renewed commerce.

Municipal Small Bridge Program: The program has reached its fifth and final year, until further bond funding is authorized. The final round of grants were awarded in early August. After 5 years of the program, it is spent out with 117 awards.

Complete Streets Program: The Complete Streets Funding Program has awarded 174 technical assistance grants and 148 construction grants across the Commonwealth totaling \$52M in its first five years. The first funding round of FY21 will be announced shortly and the second round will open in early November.



Safe Streets and Spaces

- Program is MassDOT partnership with municipalities and the Barr Foundation. Barr provided free technical and design assistance for town and city leaders who would like free help as applications are made.
- To date, program has given out total of \$8.6 million to fund 101 projects in 87 municipalities across the Commonwealth, of which 60% are Environmental Justice communities.
- We have received 225 applications valued at \$28 million.



RMV Dedicated Service Hours for 75+

RMV Continues Innovative Steps to Protect Health During Pandemic

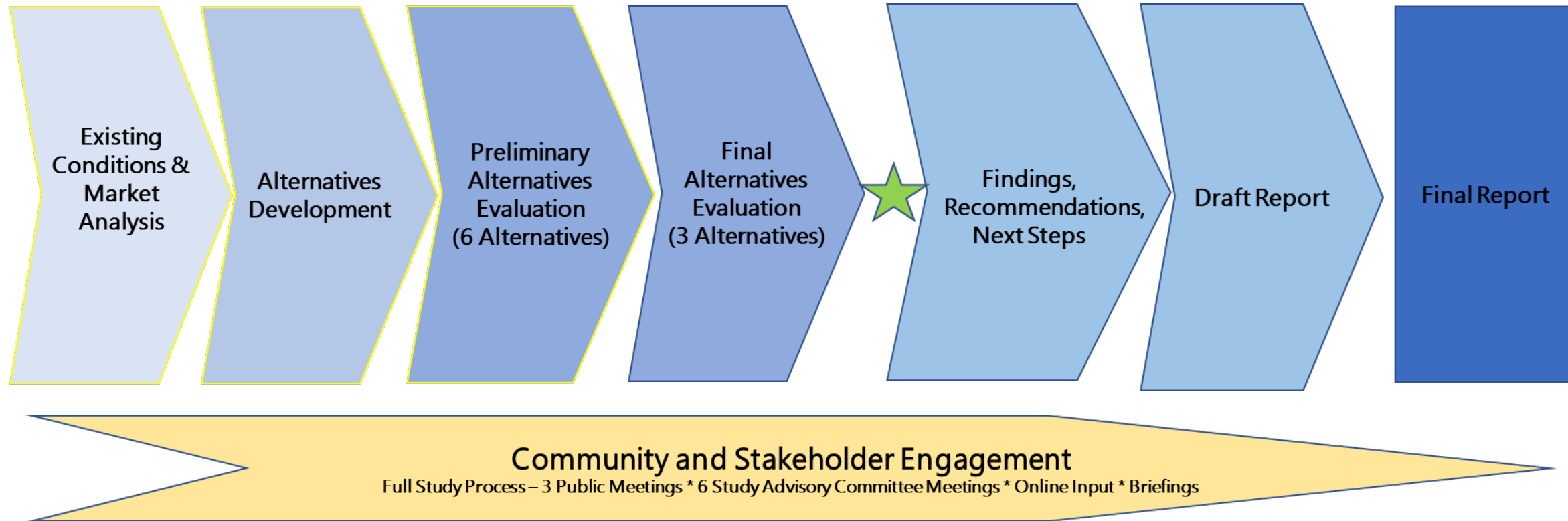
This photograph was taken on Wednesday, September 2, at the Watertown customer service center when Watertown became the first location to offer dedicated hours for customers 75 and older by appointment.



Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Council

- Tuesday, September 22: virtual public meeting of state's 15 Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs.)
- The meeting agenda includes several panel discussions covering service planning and federal funding.
- The first panel will discuss service planning with overviews of current strategies for planning in a pandemic environment. The second panel will focus on electric bus technology.

East-West Passenger Rail Study



 We Are Here

BUILD Grant for I-495/I-90 Interchange Improvements

BUILD Grants

Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Discretionary Grants Program

Urban

PROJECT NAME: I-495/I-90 Interchange Improvements Project
APPLICANT/SPONSOR: Massachusetts Department of Transportation
BUILD GRANT AWARD: \$21,000,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$371,300,000
PROJECT LOCATION: Boston, Massachusetts

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project includes the redesign and reconstruction of the I-495/I-90 Interchange and associated improvements on 3.5 miles of the I-495 mainline and 2.5 miles of the I-90 mainline. This includes the replacement of approximately 6 existing bridges along with removing approximately 2 other existing structures. The project will reconfigure the ramp system from the existing double trumpet interchange to a semi-directional system interchange.



Exit Renumbering Project

- Virtual public meeting will be held Thursday, September 24, on the schedule to implement new exit signs.
- Statewide Exit Renumbering Project is converting all existing exit numbers on freeways to a milepost-based numbering system, per Federal Highway Administration requirements.
- Construction period: mid-October 2020 through summer 2021.
- Following corridors will have new exit numbers: Rt. 3, Rt. 24, Rt. 128, Rt. 140, Rt. 3, Rt. 6, I-93, I-95, I-195, I-295.
- Info: www.newmassexits.com

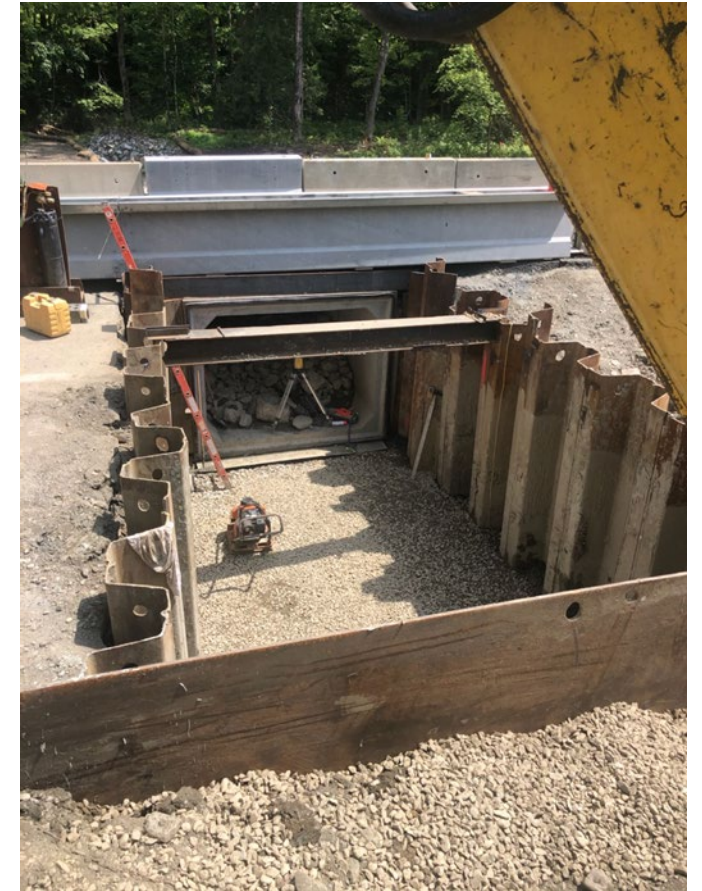
Highway Core Infrastructure Work



The Highway Division's recent work included installing the deck for pedestrian and bicycle path over Route 1 in Salisbury. Photographs were taken August 26.



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The Highway Division's recent work included Route 7 culvert installation in Williamston.