

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

Project File No. 607776

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed improvements project under the “Safe Routes to School” program for the North Andover Middle School in North Andover, MA.

WHERE: Stevens Memorial Library
Community Room
345 Main Street
North Andover MA, 01845

WHEN: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 7:00PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed North Andover Middle School Safe Routes to School project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed Safe Routes to School Project will include pavement reconstruction, sidewalks, and curb modifications along Massachusetts Avenue, Greene Street and Parker Street, which will include new ADA compliant wheelchair ramps at all crossings within the project limits. Proposed curb modifications will be constructed at the intersection of Greene Street, Massachusetts Avenue and Green Street / Parker Street to improve driver and pedestrian safety. The project also includes new pavement markings, traffic and pedestrian warning signs, drainage improvements and landscaping improvements. Shared accommodations for all users have been provided in accordance with applicable guidelines.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of North Andover is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT’s policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Roadway Project Management, Project File No. 607776. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

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In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

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