

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 602857

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassHighway to discuss the proposed Route 18-JFK Highway Access Improvements in New Bedford, MA.

WHERE: New Bedford Main Library
Meeting Room, 3rd Floor
613 Pleasant Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

WHEN: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Route 18-JFK Highway Access Improvement Project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: This project consists of reconstruction and signal improvements on JFK Highway, from just south of Pine Street northerly to just north of Elm Street. These improvements include: signal improvements at three intersections, sidewalk and ramp accessibility improvements, a combination of pavement overlay and full depth reconstruction, a 10' shared use path that will accommodate pedestrians and bicycles, landscape, lighting and signage improvements and a new ramp from Route 18 northbound to the New Bedford Fairhaven Bridge.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. MassHighway is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands required for State owned roads. The City of New Bedford is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands required for City owned roads. MassHighway's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassHighway 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 MassHighway 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 Frank A. Tramontozzi, P.E., Chief Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. 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.

The community has declared that this facility is accessible to all in compliance with the ADA / Title II. However, persons in need of ADA / Title II accommodations should contact Angela Rudikoff by phone at (617) 973-7005 or email angela.rudikoff@eot.state.ma.us. Please notify MassHighway if you require a translator. Requests must be made at least 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the MassHighway website <http://www.mass.gov/mhd>.

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