

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Invites you to a

Design Public Hearing

for the

New Bedford Route I-195 to Route 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project

Thursday, March 14th, 2019

6:30 – 8:30 PM

**New Bedford Public Library, Main Branch
613 Pleasant Street
New Bedford, MA**

The purpose of this public meeting is to provide residents of New Bedford and adjoining communities with an opportunity to become fully acquainted with updates to the design of the New Bedford Route I-195 to Route 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project. The proposed project consists of the replacement of the existing viaduct bridge structure that carries Interstate I-195 over the Route 18 interchange, Mass Coastal railroad, Mt. Pleasant Street, Purchase Street, State Street and Weld Street. The structure was constructed in 1965 and, while safe to traverse, is structurally deficient. Once the project has been completed, the I-195 interchange will feature new signage to enhance daytime and nighttime visibility, signal improvements, new drainage, and safety enhancements such as wider auxiliary lanes for weaving, longer deceleration lanes, road shoulders, and safer roadside barriers.

The meeting will focus on advancements to the design, stages and benefits of the project. MassDOT will present and address specific comments received to date from residents, community groups and the City's government. **A snow date for this meeting has been scheduled for March 19, 2019 at the same time and location.**

To be added to the project email list, please contact Dan Fielding, Office of Public Affairs, at 857-368-8959 or daniel.fielding2@state.ma.us. The New Bedford Public Library is ADA accessible. Spanish and Portuguese interpretation will be made available at this public meeting. To request access or language accommodations in languages *other than Spanish and Portuguese*, please contact MassDOT's director of Civil Rights at 857-368-8580, TTD/TTY 857-368-0603, Fax 857-368-0602 or by email at MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us.

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