

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
Project File No. 606118**

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT - Highway Division to discuss the proposed John F. Kennedy Boulevard (Route 18) Phase II Rehabilitation in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

WHERE: Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School      WHEN: October 29, 2015      6:30 PM  
286 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street      (doors open at 6:00 PM)  
New Bedford, MA 02740      PROJECT#: 606118

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed rehabilitation of proposed John F. Kennedy Boulevard (Route 18) Phase II in New Bedford. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: Work on the reconstruction of Route 18 project consists of roadway resurfacing and reconstruction, traffic signal installation, sidewalk and bike path installation on a section of Route 18 (JFK Highway) south of the downtown section ending at Cove Street. New signs and pavement markings are included in the .95 mile long project.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City of New Bedford 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 – Highway Division, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, ATTN: (Project Management Section, Project File No. 606118). 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](mailto: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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