

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

**Project File No. 608142**

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed construction of a Shared Use Path along Beach Road project in Oak Bluffs, MA.

WHERE: Oak Bluffs Public Library  
56R School Street  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

WHEN: **Tuesday, October 29th, 2019 @ 6:00 PM**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Construction of a Shared Use Path along Beach Road from Lagoon Pond Bridge to Eastville Ave./County Road project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of construction of a shared use path extending approximately 0.75 miles along Beach Road in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts. The project limits are from the existing shared use path (SUP) at the MassDOT Lagoon Pond Drawbridge bridge replacement project (MassDOT Project #604029) to the west, along Beach Road onto Eastville Avenue, and to the intersection of Eastville Avenue / County Road where it will connect to an existing shared use path. The proposed improvements will enhance vehicular and pedestrian safety, provide bicycle accommodations, provide compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and improve vehicular traffic safety by including “Complete Streets” design principles. Bicycle accommodations consisting of an 8’ – 10’ shared use path have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts 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. **608142**. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing/meeting. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing/meeting transcript must be postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after 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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