

MassHighway Invites You to

Public Workshop #2 for the Route 2 Concord Rotary Reconstruction Project

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Harvey Wheeler Community Center, Auditorium 1276 Main Street, Concord

The purpose of the second workshop is to present the initial draft refinements to Alternatives 3, 5 and 7, which were presented at the first workshop in June. MassHighway has completed data collection, met with critical abutters and received public input. Initial draft refinements have been made based on the input and information collected and the site constraints defined within the project area. At the second workshop, MassHighway will gather more detailed input on the draft refinements from Town officials, community residents and businesses, users of the area, and other interested individuals.

MassHighway has been making targeted improvements along the Route 2 corridor at Crosby's Corner and from Sudbury Road to Emerson Hospital. The agency worked with the Route 2 Corridor Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and other agencies, during an earlier feasibility study phase of the rotary reconstruction project, which resulted in the CAC recommending that three alternatives advance to the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) phase. Now, a more detailed evaluation and environmental review process of the three alternatives is taking place, which will lead to a preferred alternative later in 2008 and submittal of the Environmental Assessment (EA) / Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) early in 2009.

The purpose of the preferred alternative will be to improve traffic flow and safety, minimize impacts to the environment and respond to comments raised on the ENF and during the public involvement process of this phase of design. In addition to traffic and safety improvements, this project presents an opportunity to also reconnect neighborhoods, incorporate the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail crossing and wildlife corridors, improve water and air quality and maintain or improve the aesthetics of the area.

MassHighway held the first public workshop on June 3, 2008. More than 100 people attended and more than 60 submitted comments. The project team has carefully reviewed the comments and is incorporating them into the revised alternatives, to the extent possible. The input received at this workshop will be used to continue to refine the alternatives to lead to a preferred alternative, which incorporates the project goals and the community's vision. Additional meetings will be scheduled later in 2008 to review the preferred alternative and collect more input from the public.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Grace Arthur, MassHighway Project Manager, at 617-973-8251.

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