

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank A. Tramontozzi, P.E., Chief Engineer
FROM: Marie J. Rose, P.E., Director of Project Management
DATE: June 19, 2009
RE: Somerville – Assembly Square Access Improvements
PARS # Pending
Project File #605680
Contract # N/A

Plans have been sufficiently developed to warrant the conducting of a 25 / 75% Design Public Hearing for the referenced project. Your approval to conduct this Public Hearing on Thursday, July 23, 2009 @ 7:00PM in the Senior Center, 165 Broadway, East Somerville, MA 02143 is requested.

If you have any questions, please call the Project Manager, Manhar Patel, at ext. # 7217.

MJR/mbp

APPROVED:

Chief Engineer

ATT: Public Hearing Notice

cc: Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., District No. 4 Highway Director
Thomas Gray, ROW Bureau Director

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassHighway to discuss the Assembly Square Access Improvement Project in the City of Somerville, MA.

WHERE: Senior Center
165 Broadway
East Somerville, MA 02143

WHEN: Thursday, July 23, 2009 @ 7:00PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: Proposed improvements are located within three jurisdiction areas:
City of Somerville - The project includes transportation improvements to Assembly Square Drive from the intersection of the Fellsway (Route 28) to the intersection of Mystic Avenue / Lombardi Street. In addition, roadway and traffic signal improvements to various locations including the Foley Street, New Road and Ikea Way.
MassHighway - Roadway and traffic signal improvements are proposed at Mystic Avenue, Lombardi Street and Broadway. Pedestrian improvements are proposed at Kensington Street/Mystic Avenue.
Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) - Roadway and traffic signal improvements are proposed at the intersection of Fellsway (Route 28), Assembly Square Drive and Middlesex Avenue. To improve visibility, additional traffic signal heads, mast arms and new pavement markings are proposed at the intersection of Fellsway (Route 28) and Mystic Avenue northbound.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City of Somerville is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. 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 is 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. 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>.

LUISA PAIEWONSKY
COMMISSIONER

FRANK A. TRAMONTOZZI, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER

Boston, Massachusetts

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Tanya Barros, Director of Contracts and Records
FROM: Marie J. Rose, P.E., Director of Project Management
DATE: June 29, 2009
RE: **Somerville** – Assembly Square Access Improvements
PARS # Pending
Project File #605680
Contract # N/A
Request for Newspaper Advertisement

This Office requests that provisions be made to publish the attached Public Hearing Notice in the following papers:

1. Somerville Journal
Telephone No. 781-433-7998, 617-629-3380
Fax No. 781-453-6650, 617-629-3381
2. Boston Globe
Telephone No. 617-929-2000
Fax No. 617-929-3186

The first posting of the Public Hearing Notice in the above newspapers should be at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing and the second posting should be on or about seven (7) days prior to the hearing. Please provide this Office with a verification of the publication of this notice.

If you have any questions, please call the Project Manager, Manhar Patel, at ext. #7217.

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Attachment:

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION
MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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June 30, 2009

Mr. David J. Fraser
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196 Boston Avenue, Suite 2900
Medford, MA 02155

Re: SOMERVILLE: Assembly Square Access Improvements
File No.: 605680, PARS No.: P605680P11

Dear Mr. Fraser:

This letter is to confirm my conversation with your office on the above date in which I requested a Stenographer for the Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Senior Center, 165 Broadway, East Somerville, MA 02143. For your information, enclosed please find the Public Hearing Notice. In addition, I would like to ask you if you can **remind the Stenographer that all required setups must be in place and operational prior to 7:00 P.M.**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 973-7874, or you may contact Project Manager, Manhar Patel at (617) 973-7217.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Willoth

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C: Project Manager
Project Management
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