



Chelmsford - Design Public Hearing for replacement of two bridges

What is happening?

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website to present an overview of the forthcoming project to replace two bridges carrying Gorham St over I495 and Westford St over I495.

How will this affect you?

The proposed design for Gorham St will have two travel lanes (one in each direction), shoulders/bike lanes with buffers and sidewalks on both sides. The proposed design for Westford St will have two travel lanes (one in each direction), shoulders/bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. One way traffic will be maintained through construction. The opposite direction traffic will be detoured.

When

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
6 PM

Attend

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Project inquiries may also be emailed to massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us. Please submit any written statements regarding the proposed undertaking to: **Carrie A. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: MAJOR PROJECTS, PROJECT FILE NO. 612631**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 612631

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, C-08-039, GORHAM STREET (ST 3A) OVER I-495 AND REPLACEMENT OF C-08-036, WESTFORD STREET OVER I-495 (DB) project in CHELMSFORD, MA.

WHEN: 6pm, Wednesday, June 14, 2023

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, C-08-039, GORHAM STREET (ST 3A) OVER I-495 AND REPLACEMENT OF C-08-036, WESTFORD STREET OVER I-495 (DB) project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the removal and replacement of Bridges Numbers C-08-036 (2LQ) and C-08-039 (C8V) over Interstate 495. The existing bridges, along with piers and abutments will be replaced in kind. A minimum vertical clearance of 16'-6" will be provided over Interstate 495, and allowance for potential future I-495 widening will be provided in the median area. The bridges will maintain the existing footprint and the cross sections will provide two (2) 5.5'-6' sidewalks, two (2) 11'-13.5' travel lanes, and two 6'-7' shoulders. The approach roadway profiles will be adjusted to accommodate the raised profile of the bridges. Work on the approach roadways will include guardrail replacements, ADA curb ramp installation, pavement restoration, markings, and drainage improvements. Bicycle accommodation consisting of usable shoulders on both sides of each bridge roadway has 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 presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7210, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 612631. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is hosted.

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This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

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