THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION <u>NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING</u>

<u>Project Description:</u> Sudbury-Framingham – Bike Path Construction Of Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, From The Sudbury Diamond Railroad Crossing To Eaton Road West (Framingham) <u>Project File No. 613319</u>

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed project in Sudbury, MA.

WHEN: Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:30PM

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 submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of extending the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) approximately 1.3 miles from the existing terminus at the Sudbury Diamond Railroad Crossing to Eaton Road W in Framingham. The proposed trail will be a 10 foot paved shared-use path along the former railroad corridor with 2 foot dense graded crushed stone shoulders, consistent with the other portions of the BFRT in Sudbury and Concord. Sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps at the at-grade intersection of the trail and Route 20 are proposed to be updated to create an ADA compliant and accessible crossing at the existing signalized intersection of Nobscot Rd/Route 20. A new paved parking lot is also being proposed along Nobscot Road, approximately 550 feet south of Route 20. Other work includes fixing or replacing culverts and stream crossings where necessary and implementing safety fencing along the trail where appropriate.

A secure right-of-way is required for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Sudbury and City of Framingham are 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. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to <u>MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us</u> or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. **613319**. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

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

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