

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 607329

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Rail Trail Extension, from the *Galvin Middle School to the Lynnfield/Peabody Town Line* project in the towns of **Lynnfield/Wakefield, MA**.

WHERE: Lynnfield Middle School
505 Main Street
Lynnfield, MA 01940

WHERE: **Tuesday, March 19, 2019 @ 6:30 PM**

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

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of constructing a shared-use path for pedestrian and bicyclists along an abandoned railroad corridor, beginning at the Main Street/Bennett Street intersection in Wakefield and extending northerly through Lynnfield to the Peabody city-line. The proposed trail is approximately 4.4 miles long and consists of a 10 to 12-foot-wide asphalt surface for about 2/3 of its alignment and elevated boardwalk through the Reedy Meadow and low areas within the floodplain. The project also includes paved parking areas, safety improvements at roadway crossings, new signs and pavement markings and landscape enhancements.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The towns of Lynnfield and Wakefield are 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. **607329**. 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. Project inquiries may be emailed to **dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us**

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