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January 17, 2019

Mr. Brian Gomes
 New Bedford City Council
 133 William Street
 Room 215
 New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Route I-195 to Route 18 Viaduct Rehabilitation MassDOT Project No. 606527, New Bedford, MA

Dear Mr. Gomes:

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division (MassDOT Highway Division) proposes viaduct rehabilitation of Bridge N-06-046, which carries Interstate I-195 over the Route 18 interchange, Mass Coastal railroad, Mt. Pleasant Street, Purchase Street, State Street and Weld Street (see attached Project Locus Map). The project area also includes two off-ramps.

The structures, first constructed in 1965, are approaching the end of their anticipated service life. This project is proposed to address current structural deficiencies necessary to maintain the important regional and local connections provided by I-195 and Route 18. The proposed project also includes safety and operation improvements.

Due to the significance of the I-195/Route 18 interchange and the high volumes of traffic, a major focus of the project is to construct the improvements with the least possible impacts to traffic on the interchange, the local cross streets, and the adjacent community, including businesses. The current project schedule is as follows:

Time Frame	Action
Winter/Spring 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertise for bids by general contractors
2023 – 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction Begins
Fall 2024 to Spring 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction on I-195 westbound
Spring 2025 to Winter 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction on I-195 eastbound
Winter 2025 to Spring 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Completion



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MassDOT is committed to a collaborative and transparent public involvement process and will coordinate with local and regional stakeholders to avoid and minimize construction impacts where feasible. Engagement efforts are underway to involve community groups and residents and ensure that stakeholders are made aware of project updates.

MassDOT appreciates your unique perspective and welcomes you to share your comments and concerns. There will be various opportunities in which you may do so. MassDOT will host a series of public meetings during which you can learn more about the project and provide valuable feedback. You can find general information and materials on the project website:

<https://www.mass.gov/new-bedford-route-i-195-to-route-18-interchange-rehabilitation>

You will receive email notifications inviting you to attend events as they are scheduled. Additionally, the project team is available for in-person project briefings upon your request.

To provide comments or request an in-person briefing, please contact Nate Cabral-Curtis at (617) 482-7080 x236 or ncabral-curtis@hshassoc.com. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

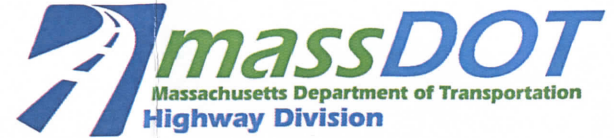
Sincerely,

Stephen Soma
MassDOT Project Manager

Attachment:
Project Locus Map



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I-195 Rehabilitation Project Locus Map



Route I-195 to Route 18
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