

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

City of Boston’s Proposed Non-Radioactive Hazardous Material Route

Public Hearings will be held by MassDOT, as the state routing agency, to discuss the I-93/I-95 Non-Radioactive Hazardous Material (“NRHM”) through routing designation proposed by the City of Boston.

Boston

Tuesday, August 23, 2011
State Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02116
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Quincy

Wednesday, August 24, 2011
Thomas Crane Public Library
40 Washington Street
Quincy, MA 02169
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Waltham

Tuesday, August 30, 2011
Clark Government Center
Main Auditorium
119 School Street
Waltham, MA 02451
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Stoneham

Thursday, September 1, 2011
Stoneham Town Hall Auditorium
35 Central Street,
Stoneham, MA 02180
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

PURPOSE: The purpose of these hearings is to provide the public with the opportunity to provide testimony and comments regarding the City of Boston’s routing analysis and proposed NRHM through routing designation along I-93/I-95. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: Under the proposed routing designation, the City of Boston would prohibit the use of City streets in the downtown area for the “through” transportation of NRHM where there is neither a point of origin nor destination within the City of Boston. The proposal would designate I-93/I-95 as the prescribed through route over which such NRHM approaching the City of Boston is to be transported. Within Boston, only shipments to destinations/points of origin located within the City would be permissible, provided the motor carrier applies for and receives a permit from the City. For vehicles approaching Boston from Quincy in route to Everett, the routing evaluation prepared by the City identifies the proposed north bound route as: start at Exit 9 on I-93 and continue as follows: Start on I-93 at Exit 9, South on I-93 to I-95N access ramp, North on I-95 to I-93S access ramp, South on the I-93 to Route 38 ramp, South on Route 38, South on Maffa way to Rutherford Avenue, Northwest on Rutherford Ave to Alford Street, Northeast on Alford Street/Route 99, End on Alford St./Route 99 Bridge before Everett. For vehicles approaching Boston from Everett in route to Quincy, the routing evaluation identifies the proposed south bound route as: start on Route 99 Bridge before Everett and continues as follows: Start on Alford Street/Route 99 Bridge just before Everett, Southwest on Alford Street/Route 99, Northwest onto Main Street to Mystic Avenue/Route 38, North on the Mystic Avenue to I-93 ramp, North on the I-93 to I-95S ramp, South on I-95 to I-93N ramp, North on I-93, End on I-93 at Exit 9.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to a respective hearing date shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the applicable hearing(s) listed above. Representatives from MassDOT and the City of Boston will be present to discuss the proposed route and answer questions. Additional information, including the City of Boston routing evaluation, 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 Hearings regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Acting Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160, Boston, MA 02116, ATTN: BOSTON HAZMAT ROUTE. Such submissions will also be accepted at the public hearings. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing and comment record must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of September 23, 2011. All comments may also be emailed to bostonhazmat@state.ma.us.

The community has declared that these facilities are accessible to all in compliance with the ADA / Title II. However, persons in need of ADA / Title II accommodations should contact John Lozada by phone at (617) 973-7171 or email to MASSDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us. Requests must be made at least 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the needs.

In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

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