

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 608073

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be published on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed **Westfield River Levee Multi-Use Path** project in **Westfield, MA**.

WHEN: August 19, 2020.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed **Westfield River Levee Multi-Use Path** project. 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 multi-use path for all non-motorized users in the City of Westfield, along the Westfield River levee, beginning at Ellsworth Street and extending to Williams Riding Way near Meadow Street, for a total length of approximately two miles. The project will include the construction and installation of retaining walls, wood fencing, bicycle racks, park benches, trash receptacles, pathway lighting, and select landscaping. The proposed path will intersect with the Columbia Greenway at the Westfield River Esplanade.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City of Westfield is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 608073. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after this hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

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