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MassDOT Public Meeting for I-91 Exit 19 Study on June 14

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will conduct a public meeting to present information and gather input on the I-91 Exit 19 Study. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the public to the study process as well as showcase data and potential improvement options. This is an opportunity for the public to obtain information and discuss the potential improvement options early in the process.

The purpose of the study, which began in 2009, is to find ways to improve traffic congestion in the I-91 Exit 19 area, particularly on Route 9. The project includes a traffic analysis, roadway design, environmental analysis, and an effort to seek community input. In particular, the study considers recently-proposed development projects in the area. The final product could be a completed highway design, a series of smaller recommended improvements, or a recommendation to make no improvements.

While the earlier 2004 Connecticut River Crossing Transportation Study recommended construction of a full interchange at Exit 19, this study will include a detailed alternatives analysis and evaluation that reviews build as well as no-build improvement options.

The public meeting will be held **Monday, June 14, 2010** from 6–8PM at Bridge Street School Library, 2 Parsons Street, Northampton, Massachusetts.

The meeting will begin with an informal interactive open house session. A presentation will begin at 6:45 PM, followed by a discussion period. MassDOT and members of the study team, led by TranSystems of Boston, will be present to discuss the study and answer questions.

Detailed information for the public meeting is available at http://www.interchange19.org/html-pub_involve/public_meetings.html. Additional information on the study can be obtained on the project website at www.mass.gov/massdot/interchange19. Other questions or comments may be directed to **Bao Lang**, MassDOT District 2, via email at Bao.Lang@state.ma.us.

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