



MassDOT May Board Meeting

**May 13
Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza
Suite 3830
Boston, MA 02150**

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On the MassDOT Blog

**Whittier Bridge Project:
Helps Connect Regional
Trail Network**



MassDOT's [Whittier Bridge/I-95 Improvement Project](#), with construction well underway, includes a new shared-use path along I-95 over the Merrimack River. This will be Massachusetts' very first bicycle/pedestrian path located on an interstate highway bridge. The path will offer an essential connection between the [Amesbury Riverwalk](#) and the [Ghost Trail](#) in Salisbury and increase access to recreation, including nearby [Moseley Woods](#) and [Maudslay State Park](#) in Newburyport. With completion slated for 2016, the path will offer additional travel options for reaching the special destinations and varied natural resources the region has to offer.

View the entire [Whittier/Regional Trail Network](#) blog post.



- ▶ [Renew Your Driver's License](#)
- ▶ [Renew Your Registration](#)

May 8, 2015

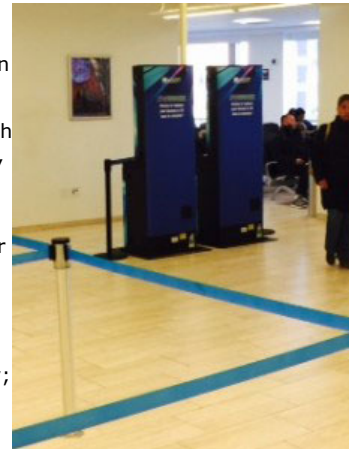
RMV FasTrack License Renewal Self-Service Kiosks

The Registry of Motor Vehicles [FasTrack self-service kiosks](#) allow eligible customers to skip the Registry line and renew their license or ID card or request a duplicate license/ID on their own in less than four minutes!

FasTrack service is currently available at Boston's Haymarket branch as well as branches in Worcester, Springfield, Watertown, Brockton, Plymouth, Wilmington and South Yarmouth.

Customers will still need to go to a counter if they require an eye test, are 75 years of age or older, are receiving their first license or have any outstanding financial obligations. The FasTrack process is quick and easy:

- ▶ Eligible customers take their own photo using FasTrack.
- ▶ Customers using FasTrack should read each question carefully; an unintended answer may stop the transaction.
- ▶ When the kiosk prompts that it is time to take a photo, step back to the yellow footprints on the floor. Customers will need to remove glasses, hats and head coverings.
- ▶ Payment is required via a debit or credit card.
- ▶ FasTrack prints a temporary credential just as the RMV does following counter service, and the permanent license or ID will be sent to the customer's address on record.



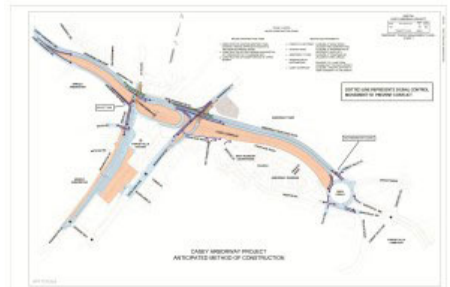
Check out details in the new video [FasTrack Self-Service on YouTube](#)

Casey Arborway Project: Casey Overpass Permanent Closure

As part of the MassDOT Casey Arborway Project, the project team has announced that the Casey Overpass will be closed as follows:

- Saturday, May 9th -
Westbound toward Jamaica Pond closed**
- Saturday, May 16th -
Casey Overpass closed permanently BOTH directions**

By the time of the May 9 westbound closure, temporary lanes to the north of the Overpass and the temporary signals will be fully operational and ready to receive traffic. The southbound exit of Forest Hills Street, toward Shea Circle, will remain closed to ensure the safety of the traveling public.



MassDOT, project contractor Barletta Heavy Division and members of the Boston Transportation Department will monitor the performance of the temporary traffic signals and make any needed adjustments to signal timings. Police will be present in the corridor to help keep traffic moving and assist drivers in adjusting to the new traffic pattern.

Over the weekend of May 16, the overpass will be closed permanently in both directions. All traffic will be shifted on to temporary roadways built over the past several months. Temporary signals to accommodate traffic flow for vehicles and pedestrians will be fully operational. Overpass demolition will begin during the week of May 18.

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The project consists of removing the existing structurally deficient Casey Overpass and replacing it with a simplified at-grade reconstructed roadway network. A new fully accessible Orange Line access/egress headhouse will replace the existing substandard exit-only headhouse. Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations will be enhanced throughout the project limits. The Route 39 bus will be relocated to

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the reconstructed upper busway at Forest Hills Station. The project will result in the reconnection of the Arborway and Emerald Necklace Park from the Arnold Arboretum to Franklin Park.

For more information about this project, please visit the [Casey Arborway project website](#).

To sign up for project emails showing upcoming construction operations:

CaseyArborway.Construction@dot.state.ma.us. For questions or concerns, please contact Jim Kersten, (857) 368-9041. For immediate questions about a construction issue, call 617-571-7878.

Massachusetts Community Transportation Conference

MassDOT's Rail & Transit Division in partnership with MassMobility hosted the annual Massachusetts Community Transportation Coordination Conference on Tuesday, May 5 in Marlborough.

The annual statewide coordination conference began in 2009. This year attendance doubled when compared to 2014, indicating a growing interest in improving mobility and access for seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals statewide

MassMobility, an initiative of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services' Human Service Transportation Office, hosts the annual conference along with the MassDOT Rail & Transit Division Mobility Management Center.

Attendees include staff members from Regional Transit Authorities, consumers from the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission and other state agencies, Council on Aging staff, regional planners, transportation providers, and advocates. Many are active participants in the Regional Coordinating Councils on community transportation supported by MassMobility and MassDOT.

The councils bring stakeholders together to share information about transportation options, identify key regional needs, and collaborate to improve mobility.

Discussion topics and presentations focus on funding, advocacy, and specific strategies for increasing mobility, such as teaching people how to ride transit independently, employment transportation services in rural areas, and promoting older driver safety.