



January 6, 2014

RE: Charles River Basin Connectivity Study

Dear Interested Citizen,

On Tuesday evening, December 3, 2013, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) held a public information meeting to provide an overview of the Draft Charles River Basin Connectivity Study and to gather final comments. The study focuses on the Charles River Reservation from the Galen Street Bridge in Watertown downstream to the Craigie Dam Bridge and Drawbridge, and includes areas within approximately two blocks of the Reservation.

DCR's and MassDOT's design consultant presented background and analysis on the study area and priority recommendations for projects to enhance connectivity for the approximately 10,000 pedestrians, runners, and cyclists who use the routes along the park system daily, during peak hours.

The draft study, as well as the presentation made at the meeting, can be viewed at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-boston/charles-river-basin.html>

DCR and MassDOT welcome public comments on the draft study through Friday, January 17. (This is an extension of the date announced earlier of January 2, 2014) Comments may be submitted through email to dcr.updates@state.ma.us, with "CRB Connectivity" in the subject line; by writing the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Public Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114, or by calling 617-626-4974. Please note that public comments submitted to DCR by email or letter will be posted on the DCR website in their entirety, and no content (including personal information) will be redacted.

After DCR and MassDOT have reviewed the comments received at the recent public meeting and during the comment period, the final study will be published. At that time you will receive an email with a link to the completed study.

We greatly appreciate your continued interest and support as we move forward to create a more walkable, runnable, bikeable, and accessible Charles River Basin that will be enjoyed by citizens and visitors to the Commonwealth for years to come.

Sincerely,

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