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Border to Boston Trail – Northern Section Public Information Meeting

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC), and the communities of Boxford, Georgetown, Newbury and Salisbury will be jointly hosting a Public Information Meeting on the proposed Border to Boston Trail – Northern Section project. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, from 4:00 - 8:00 PM at Lincoln Hall - 564 Main Street, West Boxford (corner of Rt. 133 and Main Street). Parking is available behind the church located across the street from the Hall.

The goal of the meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments/concerns at this early phase in the project. The information gathered will be considered as part of the design process. As the project advances, there will be additional Town and public outreach efforts.

The Border to Boston Trail is a proposed 30-mile trail system linking eight Essex County communities – Danvers, Wenham, Topsfield, Boxford, Georgetown, Newbury, Newburyport and Salisbury. As envisioned, this regional trail will connect areas of cultural, economic, social and natural significance along the multi-community corridor and provide a non-motorized transportation and recreational alternative for people of all ages and abilities.

MassDOT and the MVPC in conjunction with the Towns of Boxford, Georgetown, Newbury and Salisbury are advancing the design of the 19-mile Northern Section of this regional trail. Utilizing a combination of former railroad corridor, utility right of way, and local roadways, the proposed project will connect to trail segments that have been constructed in recent years – the Clipper City Rail Trail in Newburyport and the Old Eastern Marsh Trail in Salisbury.

The format of the Meeting will be an informal open house where interested individuals can stop in anytime between 4:00 – 8:00 PM to learn more about the project. There will not be a formal presentation as part of this meeting. Representatives from each community, MassDOT, MVPC, and the design team from Fay, Spofford & Thorndike (FST) will be in attendance to answer questions. All interested persons are invited to attend.

For further information about the Border to Boston Trail – Northern Section, please visit the project website being maintained by the MVPC: <http://mvpc.org/programs/transportation/border-to-boston-trail>

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