



PRESERVE



Protect Residential Environments with Sensible Engineering & Residents' VoiceS

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Mission Statement

As citizens concerned about the negative impacts on our community and neighborhoods, we are opposed to the I-93/I-95 (Rt.-128) Interchange Study being conducted by the Massachusetts Highway Department. We urge our local, state, and federal elected representatives to do everything in their power to stop the expansion of this interchange as it is now being proposed.

On Thursday, June 20, 2002, over 135 people attended an organizational meeting at the Church of the Good Shepherd. The purpose of the meeting was:

- Follow up from the first community meeting on June 9th.
- Provide results/feedback from the June 11th selectmen's meeting.
- Review of Mission Statement
- Organization, Community Representation and Community Organization
- Notification/Preparation for June 24, 2002 Selectmen's Meetings.

Should anyone want a copy of the power point presentation please

send a request to the PRESERVE email address or postal box.

Meetings: Selectmen, Mass Highway Dept

It is our intention to continue PRESERVE representation at the open meetings. Below is a list of meetings:

JULY:

Reading Selectmen's Meeting : Town Hall on Tuesday, 7:30 PM, 7/9/02 & 7/30/02

Mass Highway Dept: Hosted by State Legislators on Tuesday, 7/16/02 at Reading Memorial High School Auditorium 62 Oakland Road, 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM **Bring a Friend!**

August:

Reading Selectmen's Meeting:
8/20/02

September:

Reading Selectmen's Meeting:
9/10/02

New Web Site

PRESERVE is pleased to formally announce our web site:
www.PRESERVE.ws

This web site will be in conjunction with this newsletter to educate/inform the community; ensuring that information flows to everyone regardless of computer, or mail access.

Flyers/Petition

It is our intention to continue using Flyers and Petitions as a form of communication and source documents to present public response to this Feasibility study. The petition, which started Thursday evening, June 20, 2002, continues. Petition signatures have been gathered door-to-door, and via restaurant locations, (e.g. Christopher's, Pizza World, Java's Brewin', Coiffures by Anthony).

What has happened during this time? From 8:15 AM – 3:00 PM over 500 flyers were distributed in front of Atlantic Supermarket on Saturday, June 22, 2002.

700 people attended the last Selectmen's Meeting at the Parker Middle School.

Flyer Notifications for the July 16, 2002 Mass Highway Department Public Meeting have already begun electronically and door to door.

Flyers: Used primarily to inform people of upcoming meetings and events. We plan to broaden these locations outside of Reading. The flyers intentionally do not include the name of PRESERVE as we wanted there to be no suggestion of solicitation and instead a public service announcement to the community.

129/93Project

While researching the 93/128 feasibility study we found other Mass Highway Projects with the same review date of Nov 2, 2002:

- Stoneham Reconstruction of Route 28(Main St) from Marble St to South St. File #131511 Project Type: Hwy Reconstruction – Major Widening
- Wilmington Rehabilitation Route 129 (Lowell St) from Route (38 Main St) to Woburn St. File #601732 Project Type: Hwy Reconstruction – Major Widening
- Reading/Wilmington Construction of an I93/129 Interchange and Route 29 Widening File #89200 Project Type: Hwy Reconstruction – Major Widening

Upon further investigation, we found this project in the Boston MPO Transportation Plan 2000-2005 (Plan 2000, Update Plan 2002) Universe of projects with \$15,000,000 cost. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) has development of major capital expansion projects for implementation in the plan date period. The I-93/I-95 project is listed at \$75,000,000. A copy of the update plan is available for review in the Town Library or via request to the Central Transportation Plan Staff (CTPS). This plan is prepared by the CTPS for the Boston Metropolitan

Planning Organization (MPO). MPO is composed of: Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, Cities of Boston, Everett, Newton, Peabody, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Joint Regional Transportation Committee, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Advisory Board, Massachusetts Highway Department, Massachusetts Port Authority, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Towns of Bedford, Framingham and Hopkinton.

Points of Interest

- Special meeting scheduled for all real estate licensees concerning this project. Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors has scheduled a meeting with Mass Highway moderated by Senator Richard Tisei. Of importance is the disclosure information real estate personnel will provide to buyers and sellers.
- Recent article with Reading Fire Chief regarding the proposed plan in the 4th of July addition of the Reading Advocate
- Abatement information requests to the Assessors offices
- MPO plan references expansion of Malden Orange line into Reading – no \$ listed.
- MPO Plan references Lynnfield to Reading Rte. 128 capacity improvements - \$50,000,000.
- MPO Traffic data references period of 1996-1998

Let Your Voice Be Heard

This feasibility study is currently a state project. It is therefore very important to notify not only your

local representatives but also your state and federal representatives. Remember that these officials represent you, and your voices need to be heard. Do not believe that your voice cannot make a difference – it can. We are a community of many voices and collectively can – *will* make a difference. Contact names, postal and electronic email addresses will be listed on the PRESERVE Website. We are also creating a form letter and brochure.

Contact PRESERVE

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