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**Notice of Public Comment Period
Charlestown Haul Road/Rail Feasibility Study**

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) has issued for public review and comment a feasibility study of the physical alternatives and costs for constructing a haul road/rail corridor to serve the maritime industrial properties in and near the Mystic River Designated Port Area (DPA) in Charlestown. The corridor alignment follows the existing Mystic River Branch rail right-of-way, purchased by Massport in 2002. The study was prepared by Rizzo Associates under the direction of Massport and funded by the Massachusetts Seaport Advisory Council and the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

The feasibility study includes documentation and analysis of existing conditions along the right-of-way, a summary of current and future needs, and the presentation and evaluation of a series of corridor alternatives. The public process supporting the study included a series of meetings with the affected community, business abutters, and representatives of relevant City of Boston departments and state agencies.

Massport intends to voluntarily collect public comments on the Feasibility Study and bind them with the final project documentation as a permanent record of public input to the project. This input will be incorporated into the future decision-making process regarding the project. Massport will accept public comments for sixty calendar days. Comments should be received by Massport no later than Friday, September 30, 2005. Comments should be addressed to:

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The Feasibility Study Executive Summary will be available on the Massport website (www.massport.com) on or before August 1st. The complete Feasibility Study document is available, in electronic or hard copy formats, to interested parties. To receive a copy, please contact Denita Jordan at 617/946-4490 or djordan@massport.com.