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## Notice of Project Change

The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review of a NPC in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations (see 301 CMR 11.10(1)).

EEA # 15286		
Project Name: Neponset River Greenway: Tenean Beach to Morrissey Blvd.		
Street Address: Morrissey Blvd, Victory Rd, Conley St., (Dorchester neighborhood)		
Municipality: Boston	Watershed: Neponset River/Dorchester Bay	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 19 - 331190 m easting 4685300 m northing	Latitude: 42°17'55.94" N Longitude: 71°2'50.35" W	
Estimated commencement date: March 2022	Estimated completion date: November 2023	
Project Type: Multi-use Pathway	Status of project design: 75 %complete	
Proponent: Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR)		
Street Address: 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900		
Municipality: Boston	State: MA	Zip Code: 02114
Name of Contact Person: Diana Walden		
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<p>With this Notice of Project Change, are you requesting:</p> <p>a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>a Special Review Procedure? (see 301CMR 11.09) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Which MEPA review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03)?</p> <p>301 CMR 11.03(3)(b)(1)(c) Alteration of 1,000 or more sf of salt marsh or outstanding resource waters; 301 CMR 11.03(3)(b)(1)(f) Alteration of one-half (½) or more acres of other wetlands; and 301 CMR 11.03(11)(b) Any project within a designated ACEC.</p>		

Which State Agency Permits will the project require?

MassDEP - 401 Water Quality Certification;  
MassDEP Chapter 91 License;  
Potential: MassDEP Superseding Order of Conditions (*upon appeal only*);  
MassDOT Highway Access Permit

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an Agency of the Commonwealth, including the Agency name and the amount of funding or land area in acres:

8.5 Million dollars total budget - portions from Massachusetts Department Of Transportation

## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

In 25 words or less, what is the project change? The project change involves . . .  
realigning the elevated boardwalk, abutments, and overlook and extending it by 270 feet, and the extension of the multi-use path by 2,050 feet to Tenean Beach.

See full project change description beginning on page 3.

Date of publication of availability of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor: (Date: )

Was an EIR required? ☐ Yes ☒ No; if yes,  
was a Draft EIR filed? ☐ Yes (Date: ) ☐ No  
was a Final EIR filed? ☐ Yes (Date: ) ☐ No  
was a Single EIR filed? ☐ Yes (Date: ) ☐ No

Have other NPCs been filed? ☐ Yes (Date(s): ) ☒ No

If this is a NPC solely for lapse of time (see 301 CMR 11.10(2)) proceed directly to

## **ATTACHMENTS & SIGNATURES**

### **PERMITS / FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE / LAND TRANSFER**

List or describe all new or modified state permits, financial assistance, or land transfers not previously reviewed: **dd w/ list of State Agency Actions (e.g., Agency Project, Financial Assistance, Land Transfer, List of Permits)**

MassDEP - 401 Water Quality Certification; MassDEP Chapter 91 Waterways License; (Boston Conservation Commission - Order of Conditions) - all previously issued but updated applications will be re-filed.

Are you requesting a finding that this project change is insignificant? A change in a Project is ordinarily insignificant if it results solely in an increase in square footage, linear footage, height, depth or other relevant measures of the physical dimensions of the Project of less than 10% over estimates previously reviewed, provided the increase does not meet or exceed any review thresholds. A change in a Project is also ordinarily insignificant if it results solely in an increase in impacts of less than 25% of the level specified in any review threshold, provided that cumulative impacts of the Project do not meet or exceed any review thresholds that were not previously met or exceeded. (see 301 CMR 11.10(6)) ☐ Yes ☒ No; if yes, provide an explanation of this request in the Project Change Description below.

### **FOR PROJECTS SUBJECT TO AN EIR**

If the project requires the submission of an EIR, are you requesting that a Scope in a previously issued Certificate be rescinded?

☐ Yes ☐ No; if yes, provide an explanation of this request\_\_\_\_\_.

If the project requires the submission of an EIR, are you requesting a change to a Scope in a previously issued Certificate?

☐ Yes ☐ No; if yes, provide an explanation of this request\_\_\_\_\_.

## **SUMMARY OF PROJECT CHANGE PARAMETERS AND IMPACTS**

<b>Summary of Project Size &amp; Environmental Impacts</b>	<b>Previously reviewed</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Currently Proposed</b>
<b>LAND</b>			
Total site acreage	~1.5	2.95	4.45
Acres of land altered	0.62	3.44 <small>includes previously developed/paved</small>	4.19
Acres of impervious area	0.4	0.4	0.8
Square feet of bordering vegetated wetlands alteration	0	0	0
Square feet of other wetland alteration <small>*See table under Project Change Description for more detail</small>	Salt Marsh 7sf Coastal beach/flats 0sf Coastal Bank 45lf	11sf 18sf 55lf	18sf 18sf - 2800 restor. 100lf
Acres of non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways	LSCSF 4,523sf 0	40,872sf 0	45,395sf 0
<b>STRUCTURES</b>			
Gross square footage	5,500sf	5,875sf	11,375sf
Number of housing units	0	0	0
Maximum height (in feet)	14	4	18
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>			
Vehicle trips per day	0	0	0
Parking spaces	7 (existing)	0	7 (existing)
<b>WATER/WASTEWATER</b>			
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	0	0	0
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	0	0	0
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0	0	0

Does the project change involve any new or modified:

1. conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97? ☐Yes ☒No

2. release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction? ☐Yes ☒No

3. impacts on Rare Species? ☐Yes ☒No

4. demolition of all or part of any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?  
☐Yes ☒No

5. impact upon an Area of Critical Environmental Concern? ☒Yes ☐No

If you answered 'Yes' to any of these 5 questions, explain below:

A small portion of the southern extent of the pathway coincides with the boundary of the Neponset River Estuary Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). However, the work within this area is limited to the reconstruction of an existing roadway and sidewalk area. In addition, a small amount of the proposed work at Victory Park/Victory Road falls within the ACEC. The Victory Park work includes sidewalk extension and regrading of the parking lot to eliminate low spots and improve drainage. The gravel lot will not be paved. A small gravel area will be restored with loam and seed. The proposed work will improve public access to the Neponset Estuary, which is consistent with the goals of the Neponset River Estuary ACEC Resource Management Plan by providing public benefits, recreational opportunities, and protecting water quality.

**PROJECT CHANGE DESCRIPTION** (attach additional pages as necessary). The project change description should include:

- (a) a brief description of the project as most recently reviewed
- (b) a description of material changes to the project as previously reviewed,
- (c) if applicable, the significance of the proposed changes, with specific reference to the factors listed 301 CMR 11.10(6), and

(d) measures that the project is taking to avoid damage to the environment or to minimize and mitigate unavoidable environmental impacts. If the change will involve modification of any previously issued Section 61 Finding, include a draft of the modified Section 61 Finding (or it will be required in a Supplemental EIR).

Please see attached narrative pages for the Project Change description.

\*Table continued from SUMMARY OF PROJECT CHANGE PARAMETERS AND IMPACTS.

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts (Square feet of other wetland alteration)	Previously reviewed	Net Change	Currently Proposed
<b>Salt marsh</b>	7 SF Permanent (pilings)	11 SF Permanent	18 SF Permanent
	3,732 SF Temporary (matting)	-562 SF Temporary	3,170 SF Temporary
<b>LSCSF</b>	4,523 SF Permanent (abutment, fill, pilings, grading, trail)	40,872 SF Permanent	45,395 SF Permanent (adds southern trail and northern realignment)
	13,900 SF Temporary (staging/laydown)	16,365 SF	30,265 SF (previously disturbed/ paved)
<b>Coastal Bank</b>	45 LF Permanent (abutment)	55 LF Permanent (abutment)	100 LF Permanent (extended abutment)
<b>Coastal Beach/Tidal Flats</b>	0 SF Permanent	18 SF Permanent (pilings)	18 SF Permanent (pilings) 2,800SF restoration to Salt Marsh
	0 SF Temporary Coastal	855 SF Temporary (matting)	855 SF Temporary (matting)