

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**  
**Division of Wetlands and Waterways**  
**Boston Region**  
**One Winter Street**  
**Boston, MA 02108**

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 M.G.L. c. 21 S 43, notice is given of an application for 401 Water Quality Certification by the Massachusetts Highway Department (Ten Park Plaza, Room 4260, Boston, MA 02116) for safety improvements to Route 2 in the Town of Orange. This project will involve widening the roadway cross-section to accommodate the lengthening of acceleration and deceleration lanes at Interchanges 14, 15 and 16, as well as the future installation of Qwick Kurb® in the median, if warranted. These improvements will increase safety and enhance efficiency by allowing for smoother entry to and exit from Route 2, and will create safer conditions for vehicles using the roadway shoulders. One eastbound and one westbound truck climbing lane also will be constructed. Improvements to the existing storm drainage system in accordance with the MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Stormwater Management Standards are proposed, as well.

Additional information may be obtained from the Massachusetts Highway Department at the above address, Attention Susan McArthur, (617) 973-7434. Written comments should be sent within 21 days of this notice to DEP, Division of Wetlands and Waterways, Attention Derek Standish, Boston Region, One Winter Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.