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CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
ON THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION FORM

PROJECT NAME : Winter Street Improvement Project  
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Brockton  
PROJECT WATERSHED : Taunton  
EEA NUMBER : 14070  
PROJECT PROPONENT : MassHighway/City of Brockton  
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : August 8, 2007

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (G. L. c. 30, ss. 61-62H) and Section 11.03 of the MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I hereby determine that this project **does not require** the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

As described in the Environmental Notification Form (ENF), the project consists of widening the existing road (Winter Street) and shoulders to provide a consistent cross-section and the construction of sidewalks on both sides of the street. The project is approximately one mile in length and includes the entirety of Winter Street, beginning at Howard Street (Route 37) and extending easterly to North Cary Street. The project will widen the existing 11-foot travel lanes and 1.5-foot shoulder to 11.5-foot travel lanes and a 3.3-foot shoulder, with a 5.6-foot sidewalk provided in both directions. All roadway and drainage improvements will be within the existing 41-foot roadway layout, with the exception of minor regrading of adjacent driveways. A traffic signal control system will be installed at the intersection of Winter Street and Howard Street. This traffic system will include pedestrian signals and phasing, as well as an emergency vehicle preemption system. A flashing traffic signal system will also be installed at the intersection of Winter Street and North Cary Street near the City of Brockton Fire Station #7.

The project has been designed to provide pedestrian accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards, provides bicycle accommodations, improves overall pedestrian and vehicle safety, and provides a consistent roadway cross-section.

The project is undergoing review pursuant to Sections 11.03 (6)(b)(1)(b) and 11.03(6)(b)(2)(b) because it will receive State funding and will involve the widening of an existing roadway by four or more feet for one-half or more miles and cut five or more living public shade trees of 14 or more inches in diameter at breast height. The project does not require any State-issued permits. The project will require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). The project will also require a NEPA Categorical Exclusion and review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The project will be financed in part by Massachusetts Highway Department Funding (20%). Therefore, MEPA jurisdiction for this project is broad and extends to all aspects of the project that are likely, directly or indirectly, to cause Damage to the Environment.

The proponent should prepare an erosion and sedimentation control plan to be implemented during the construction period to limit impacts to existing infrastructure. I encourage the proponent to actively work with City officials to mitigate potential impacts of new stormwater flows to existing stormwater infrastructure with regards to capacity and treatment capabilities during peak storm events. Furthermore, the proponent should consider the existing use of the project roadway by emergency vehicles and coordinate construction sequencing in such a fashion that impacts to use of the roadway by emergency vehicles during the construction period will be limited to the extent practicable. Finally, it was requested at the MEPA site consultation session if the new traffic signal at the intersection of Winter Street and Howard Street could be coordinated with the existing traffic signal at Montello Street (Route 28) and Howard Street. Based upon follow up discussion with the project proponent, it appears that traffic signal coordination may be precluded by the existing timing requirements with other traffic signals along the corridor.

Based on the information in the ENF and after consultation with relevant public agencies, I find that no further MEPA review is required at this time. The project may proceed with obtaining required State permits.

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Comments received:

08/14/2007 Old Colony Planning Council

08/27/2007 Massachusetts Historical Commission

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