



## FORE RIVER BRIDGE (ROUTE 3A OVER FORE RIVER) REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE FOR FALL 2013

Quincy, MA – **September, 2013.** With fall approaching, MassDOT and its project team would like to provide the community with an overview of progress on the replacement of the Fore River Bridge and what they can expect over the next several months.

A third shift was added to the project in late July putting the worksite into 24-hour operation. Implemented to speed up production of drilled shafts for the Weymouth tower, the third shift is achieving its intended goal and should conclude during the last week of September. Once completed, work hours will return to the standard 7:00AM-11:00PM timeframe. During September and October, work will continue on the towers' concrete plinths. The plinths serve as the anchors for the towers' steel legs and it is currently anticipated that the first structural steel for the towers will arrive in the weeks after Thanksgiving.

Motorists who regularly use the bridge should note that later this fall, there may be partial, off-peak lane closures to facilitate the excavation of test pits to locate subsurface utilities. This work is a required step to prepare for work slated for spring, 2014. Late this year or in early 2014, approach wall renovations will begin. These activities will not impact traffic on Route 3A, but may have minor impacts on the frontage roads to either side of existing approach walls. More information about these operations will be provided on the project website, via the stakeholder database and MassDOT social media as they are scheduled. Looking ahead to next spring, work is anticipated to begin on several intersections in the communities adjacent to the project in advance of when construction begins to have a more significant traffic impact in summer, 2015. Additional information about everything contained in this document will be provided at the project's next quarterly update meeting to be held in late September.

Motorists are reminded that throughout construction, bridge openings associated with the passage of ships and maintenance of the temporary span will continue as normal. Replacement of the Fore River Bridge is taking place under the Commonwealth's historic Accelerated Bridge Program, an eight-year, \$3 billion effort to repair or replace structurally deficient bridges across Massachusetts. For more information about this job, please contact Donny Dailey, MassDOT Department of Governmental Affairs at [donny.dailey@state.ma.us](mailto:donny.dailey@state.ma.us) or 857-368-8902. More information about the Fore River Bridge Replacement Project can be found at [www.mass.gov/massdot/foreriverbridge](http://www.mass.gov/massdot/foreriverbridge).