

BELMONT STREET BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT

- **The Bridge:** The Belmont Street Bridge carries Belmont Street (Route 9) over I-290 in Worcester. The bridge currently includes two eastbound and two westbound lanes and is a relatively simple structure consisting of two spans supported by a center pier.
- **The Project:** To replace the road deck, steel superstructure, and center pier of the Belmont Street Bridge so this important structure can continue to safely and efficiently carry traffic.
- **Keeping Traffic Moving:** During construction the Belmont Street Bridge will remain open to traffic.
- **The Challenge:** To keep traffic flowing and allow construction to progress, the job will be phased to begin on the bridge's south side before moving to the north side. Traffic will flow on whichever side is not under construction; however this means that the bridge will be narrowed to one lane in each direction. To accommodate the lane reduction, left turns will need to be temporarily restricted at the intersections abutting either end of the bridge. Getting the vehicles that would normally make these turns to their destinations will require a temporary detour for private vehicles. The construction site will be configured to allow left turns by emergency vehicles if needed.
- **The Benefit:** Due to the nature of construction phasing, the rehabilitated Belmont Street Bridge will be wider than today's span. This will allow for the incorporation of a left-turn lane on the bridge for vehicles entering I-290 westbound improving traffic flow and reducing delays to through traffic caused by turning vehicles.
- **Current Project Cost:** Approximately \$9.7 million. As the project is still in the early design phases, this number is subject to change.
- **Current Project Schedule:** The 25% Design Public Hearing is currently anticipated for spring 2013, with construction beginning in spring 2014. Construction is currently expected to take approximately 24 months. MassDOT's contractor for the design, WSP Sells is currently analyzing accelerated construction methods to shorten the construction duration.
- **MassDOT Public Outreach:** MassDOT is committed to effective public involvement. To learn more about the project, ask a question, express a concern or just sign up for the stakeholder database, please contact [Donald Dailey](#), MassDOT Office of Governmental Affairs at **857-368-8902** or donny.dailey@state.ma.us.

