

## Methuen Rotary Project Update

The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (DEIR/EA) was filed with the State Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs on November 30 and was advertised in the Environmental Monitor on December 9. The document was mailed to members of the Project Advisory Committee (which includes residents, agencies, municipal officials, and regulatory bodies) for review.

MassDOT Highway Division will hold a public meeting to present and answer questions about the project and to review the key issues and findings in the DEIR/EA on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the Methuen Senior Activity Center, 77 Lowell St.

### Upcoming Activities and Deadlines

- **Dec. 9–Jan. 22:** DEIR/EA available for public review at Nevins Library Reference Desk, 3d floor; Dracut Library, Reference Desk; Methuen City Hall, Room 217; Dracut Town Manager's Office, 62 Arlington St.; State Transportation Library, 10 Park Plaza, Boston
- **Beginning Dec. 21:** DEIR/EA will be available for viewing and downloading on the Methuen Rotary Project Web site ([www.mass.gov/mhd/methuenrotary](http://www.mass.gov/mhd/methuenrotary)). Warning: Many sections of the DEIR/EA are big and may take a long time to download. If you would like a hard copy please contact Ryan McNeill at (617) 973-7446.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 12: Open House/Public Meeting, 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.** Review details of the proposed Methuen Rotary Project during the informal Open House and talk to project personnel and Advisory Committee members. The design team will make a presentation on the project at 7:00 p.m. **Methuen Senior Activity Center, 77 Lowell St.** (Snow date is Thursday, Jan. 14, same time and location.)
- **Friday, Jan.22:** Last day to submit comments on DEIR/EA.
- **Friday, Jan. 29:** Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs issues certificate on the adequacy of the DEIR.

### Submitting Comments on the DEIR

We encourage members of the Advisory Committee to submit comments on the DEIR and the proposed project in general. There are four ways to comment; just make sure the EEA number—#14279—is prominent:

1. Attend the Open House/Public Meeting Jan. 12 and fill out a comment sheet.
2. Write to the environmental analyst reviewing the project:  
Secretary Ian A. Bowles  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
Attn: MEPA Office  
Nicholas Zavalas, EEA No. 14279  
100 Cambridge St., Ste. 900  
Boston, MA 02114
3. Send your comments via e-mail to the environmental analyst, Nicholas Zavalas:  
[nzavalas@state.ma.us](mailto:nzavalas@state.ma.us)
4. Fax comments to Nicholas Zavalas at 617-626-1181

If you have any questions about the review process or about the project in general, contact Ryan McNeill, Highway Division Project Manager, at [E.Ryan.McNeill@state.ma.us](mailto:E.Ryan.McNeill@state.ma.us) or (617) 973-7446.