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## Notice of Remote MEPA Consultation Session: EEA# 16817 - Downtown Complete Streets Corridor and Intersection Improvements on Main Street (Route 9) - NORTHAMPTON

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## NOTICE OF EVENING REMOTE MEPA CONSULTATION SESSION

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**FROM:** Eva Vaughan – MEPA Office

**SUBJECT:** Downtown Complete Streets Corridor and Intersection Improvements on Main Street (Route 9) - NORTHAMPTON

**EEA NO.:** 16817

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A dual Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) and Proposed Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been submitted to the [Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act](#) (MEPA) office for this project. Information about the project, including a link to download the EENF and/or Proposed EIR submittal can be found at the following address: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/MEPA-eMonitor/project/5a2a2991-dff9-4430-ad9c-a5bd73988c44>. Select 'EENF' hyperlink under Project Documents, then navigate to the 'Attachments' tab to find both documents.

The project requires the preparation of an EIR in accordance with 301 CMR 11.06(7)(b) of the MEPA regulations because it is located within one or more Environmental Justice (EJ) populations. The Proponent, the City of Northampton (City), has requested that the Proposed EIR be rolled over in accordance with the MEPA regulations at 301 CMR 11.06(13).

The project involves the reconstruction and modification of a 0.4-mile length of Main Street (Route 9) in Northampton, from approximately 130 feet west of the intersection of Elm and West Streets to the intersection of Market and Hawley Streets. The project involves intersection and side street improvements at ten (10) locations along the project corridor. According to the EENF/Proposed EIR, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has identified Main Street as one of the region's top crash clusters for people walking and biking and it has been a Top 25 High Crash Segment in the Pioneer Valley. The EENF/Proposed EIR describes the purpose of the Complete Streets project as improving safety and accessibility.

The entire street will be made fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Specifically, the project involves narrowing the roadway, defining travel lanes, widening sidewalks, adding separated bike lanes, installing street furniture, planting trees, installing new curbing, pavement, pavement markings, crosswalks, and signage, adjusting crossings and signalized intersections to be more bicycle and pedestrian friendly, and improving the functioning of intersections and the roadway. As part of the construction, aging and deteriorating water, sewer, and drainage lines, will be replaced with modern and more resilient utilities.

The project is located within an EJ community. The EENF/Proposed EIR indicates that the entirety of the 8.12-acre project site has been previously altered. The project will reduce impervious surface on site from 7.96 acres to 7.67 acres (a reduction of 0.29 acres) and eliminate 57 parking spaces. The EENF/Proposed EIR indicates that the project is not anticipated to alter trip generation.

As noted above, the project requires the submission of an ENF and EIR pursuant to 301 CMR 11.06(7)(b) because it requires a State Agency Action, exceeds a MEPA review threshold, and is located within 1-mile of an EJ community. The project exceeds the ENF threshold at 301 CMR 11.03(6)(b)(2)(b), which relates to the construction, widening, or maintenance of a roadway or its right-of-way that will cut five or more living public shade trees of 14 or more inches in diameter at breast height (dbh). The project will receive Financial Assistance from MassDOT.

An evening remote meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to receive advice and comments from agencies, officials, and citizens regarding which environmental issues, if any, are significant for this project. Opinions as to the extent and significance of possible environmental impact will be welcome. Interpretation services in Spanish will be provided upon request; requests should be made 48-hours prior to the meeting, on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

### EVENING REMOTE CONSULTATION SESSION:

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 5:30 PM

**LINK:** Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bscgroup.zoom.us/j/93676215346?pwd=THJsc0ljRnFSQ3ZHhDFLV1ZIZGNXdz09>

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**Please RSVP** to Eva Vaughan at least one hour (but preferably at least one day) before the meeting so we can know to expect/wait for.

**PROJECT CONTACT:** Diana Walden – (617) 896-4529 – [dwalden@bscgroup.com](mailto:dwalden@bscgroup.com)

Comments on the project will be welcome in writing prior to **April 22, 2024**. A Certificate on the EENF/Proposed EIR will be issued on **April 29, 2024**. Deadlines are subject to change. Please check the [Environmental Monitor](#) for up-to-date comment period deadlines.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, this Meeting Notice is available in alternative formats upon request. Questions on the meeting may be answered by calling Eva Vaughan at (857) 408-6381.

Thank you,

Eva



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**4 attachments**



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