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October 29, 2012

Dear Reviewer:

The U.S Federal Highway Administration and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division (MassDOT) announce that the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Mitchell River Bridge Replacement Project, Chatham, Massachusetts will be available for review on or before November 2, 2012, pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The EA has been prepared to evaluate a range of alternatives and impacts for the replacement of the Mitchell River Bridge.

Comments on this document are due by **December 7, 2012** and should be sent to:

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A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the EA for the proposed project will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the Chatham Community Center, 702 Main Street, Chatham, Massachusetts.

A copy of the environmental document is available for public review at the Eldredge Public Library, 564 Main Street in Chatham, Massachusetts. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting Mike Bastoni at the phone number below or at Michael.Bastoni@state.ma.us.

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