

## Natick Select Board

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## Town of Natick • Select Board Office

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Dear Administrator Gulliver:

On behalf of the Natick Select Board, I am writing to respectfully request MassDOT's commitment to advance the reconstruction of the Route 9 and 27 interchange. We specifically ask that a new Design Public Hearing be scheduled as early as possible, and that this important project be scheduled on the TIP and included in the next Capital Plan update.

This important bridge is a priority for our community and the region. The original structure is significantly degraded, and is a high-crash location because of its antiquated design. In addition, access to nearby schools and commercial districts is limited because of the existing structure's deficiencies.

To the great credit of MassDOT and District 3, the Department has been responsive in jettisoning an obsolete replacement design following a 2017 public hearing, and subsequently engaging with a new design firm. A public meeting in June 2019 was extremely successful in showcasing an innovative design concept, and in welcoming dozens of members of the community, including many abutters, to comment and ask questions.

Subsequent to this 2019 public meeting, the Town has worked with the proponents of nearby development to ensure that future building projects are compatible with the proposed design.

However, progress since then has been unclear. The Board welcomes any information that you can provide.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Freedman, Chair

cc: State Senator Karen Spilka  
State Senator Becca Rausch  
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