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**DCR HOLDING PUBLIC MEETING  
ON NAHANT BEACH RESERVATION REHABILITATION**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting on June 2 to present final rehabilitation plans for the Nahant Beach Reservation.

The Reservation is a narrow, 1.5-mile stretch of beach connecting the town of Nahant to the city of Lynn and the mainland at the Lynn rotary. Nahant Road, a four-lane divided roadway for most of its length, runs the length of the Reservation. The rehabilitation will improve sightlines and vehicular and pedestrian traffic patterns at the Reservation entrance and exit, will upgrade drainage systems, and will repair the seawall.

The Patrick Administration has approved \$20 million in capital funds for the rehabilitation.

**The public meeting is scheduled for June 2, 7-8:30 p.m., in Nahant Town Hall, 334 Nahant Road, Nahant. At the meeting, DCR will review the final design and traffic impacts of the project. Construction is expected to begin early this summer and last about three years.**

“We thank Gov. Patrick very much for making this funding possible and allowing this project to go forward,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “The work will improve not only the safety and functional issues along the causeway, but also the visual quality and character of the Reservation. We also appreciate the public’s input, which has helped us a great deal in developing this plan.”

In 2002, as part of an initiative to enhance and protect the state’s historic parkways, the Nahant Causeway was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The proposed rehabilitation is meant to build on that listing, strengthening the roadway’s character, utility, and safety.

DCR has held several public meetings in Nahant to gather public input on the project.

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