

# Public Notice

## New Bedford State Pier North Wharf Project Update

Summary: New Bedford State Pier, North Wharf Reconstruction Project Update  
Owner: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Project Lead: MassDevelopment  
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### Background

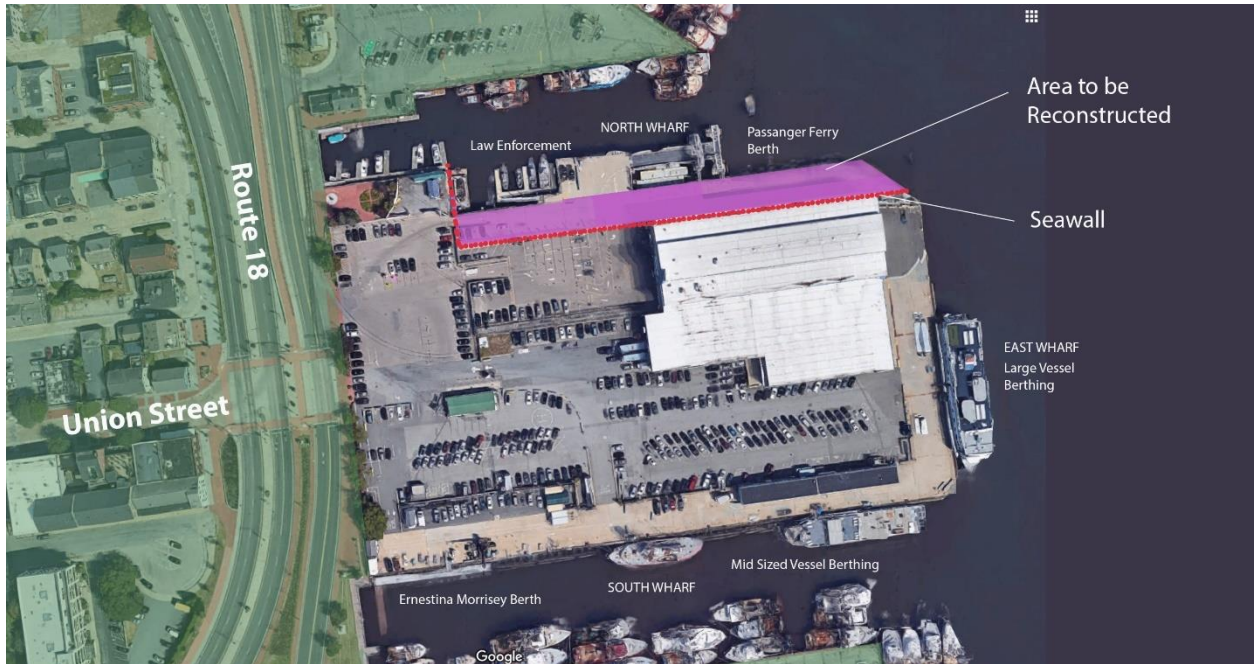
New Bedford State Pier plays an important role in the history, culture, and commerce of New Bedford. MassDevelopment took over the operations of the state pier in December 2017 and continues to manage the pier today.

Between 2018 and 2019, MassDevelopment identified immediate and ten-year property infrastructure needs of the pier. Through this process the North Wharf reconstruction was identified as the most critical, with access to this section of the property being immediately closed in 2018 due to the structural condition of the supporting structure. Under this condition MassDevelopment and DCR engaged Foth Engineering to design and permit the necessary reconstruction. Design options were reviewed for full reconstruction, and various levels of partial reconstruction due to the property use, water depths, and location of the roll-on roll-off that essentially reduces the usability of the North Wharf. A limited rebuild that will accommodate existing uses, provide outdoor waiting and staging areas adjacent to the roll-on roll-off, and additional ferry and small craft berthing have been accomplished. Design documents are now complete and permitting is anticipated to be completed in late 2023, with construction currently scheduled throughout 2024.

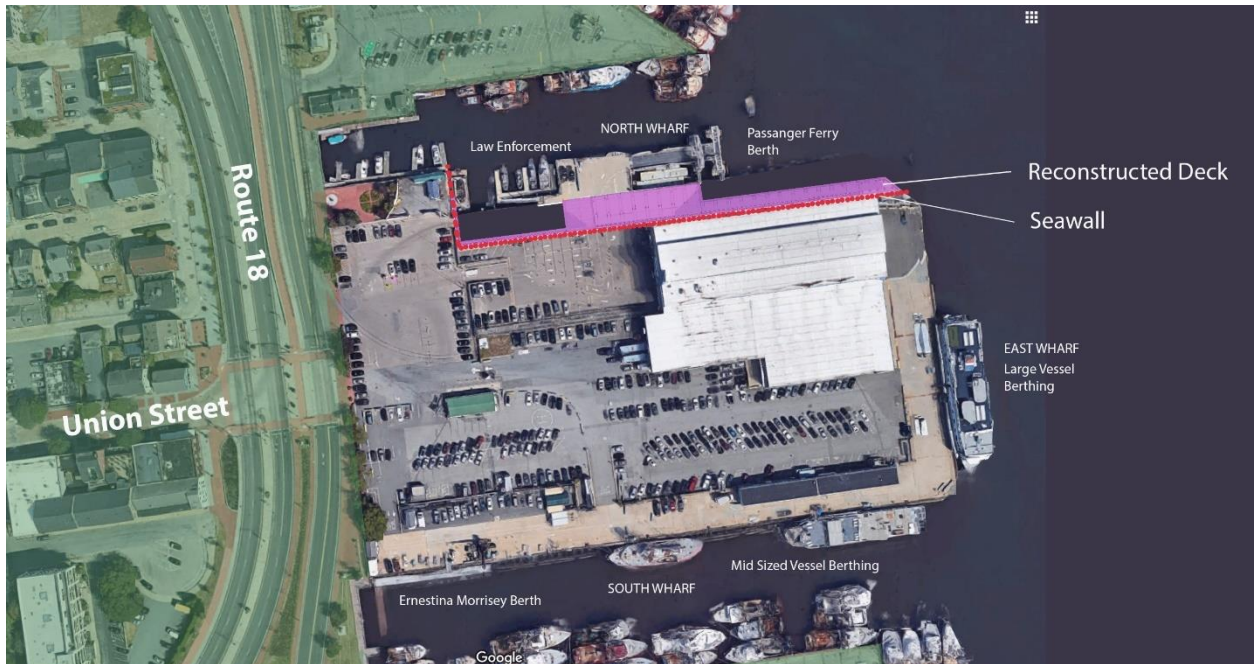
Due to the structural condition of the pier, MassDevelopment believes the project is critical in nature, and the project team maintains a focused approach to delivery in order to alleviate these concerns in the most expeditious and least impactful manner as possible.

The following images provide a brief description of the project and its location.

## Existing Conditions



## Proposed Reconstruction



## Project Funding:

With an estimated TDC (Total Project Cost) between \$20m to \$25M, this project has been supported in full by a funding allocation received by MassDevelopment in 2021.

## Project Schedule:

2018-2019	Condition Assessment
2020-2021	Request and Secure Project Funding
2021-2023	Engagement of Design Team, Design and Permitting
2023-2024	Construction Procurement
2024	Construction / Reconstruction

## Environmental Justice (EJ) Summary:

The project will have minimal effect on resource areas and the environment. The wharf reconstruction will have minimal impacts to the adjacent open water area. There are no anticipated public health impacts. Additionally, the project will improve environmental conditions by supporting the economic development of the New Bedford Harbor area and will improve public health by improving the safety of the North Wharf site.

## Further Information:

This project is currently undergoing Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) review. The public has the opportunity to comment on the project. The project filing is viewable on the Environmental Monitor and comments can be provided here:

<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/MEPA-eMonitor/home>

<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicComment/Landing/>

For further information related to rules, rates, and regulations of the New Bedford State Pier, please visit [www.nbstatepier.com](http://www.nbstatepier.com).

If this communication did not address questions you may have related to this matter, please contact:

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## Further Distribution:

To maintain public awareness, we strive to reach all members of the Commonwealth, however our attempts to broadcast and reach the widest audience are never perfect. We therefore ask that you share this information with others that may be interested in this project. Additionally, physical copies of the project filing will be available at New Bedford Conservation Commission at New Bedford City Hall and the New Bedford Public Library.