

# Cape Cod Canal Area Transportation Improvement Program



## FAQs



### Q. What is the scope and schedule of this Program?

**A.** This Program is a continuation of Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MassDOT's) Cape Cod Canal Study and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Major Rehabilitation Evaluation Report (MRER). The Program will include the eventual replacement of the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges as well as multimodal improvements to the approach roadway networks. Design alternatives for the bridges and roadways will be developed in conjunction with a robust public engagement process.

There are many factors that will influence the Program's design and construction schedule. A comprehensive public outreach process will begin in Summer 2021, followed by these subsequent Program milestones:

- Develop and refine bridge and roadway alternatives
- Identify preferred alternative, begin environmental documentation process, and continue design development
- Complete preliminary design, environmental permitting process, Right of way acquisition process, and construction procurement
- Construct bridges and approach roadways



### Q. Will my property be impacted?

**A.** MassDOT has not yet developed alternatives for the new bridges and the approach roadway network. Ample opportunity to comment on design concepts and potential property impacts will be provided as part of the preferred alternative selection process.

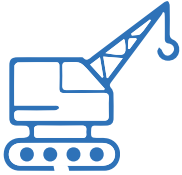


### Q. Will there be traffic impacts?

**A.** Construction of the new bridges and approach roadway network will result in traffic impacts. These impacts will be evaluated and communicated as part of a transparent alternative's analysis process. All public feedback will be taken into consideration when selecting a preferred alternative.



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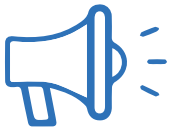
## Q. Is this a MassDOT or USACE Program?

**A.** MassDOT and the USACE signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in July 2020. Per the MOU, MassDOT will lead the design and assume ownership of the new bridges. USACE will continue to own, operate, and maintain the existing Bourne and Sagamore Bridges. If you have questions or comments regarding ongoing or planned maintenance activities associated with the existing canal bridges, please reach out to [CapeCodCanal@usace.army.mil](mailto:CapeCodCanal@usace.army.mil) or (508) 759-4431.



## Q. How will the community be involved in Program development?

**A.** A robust public engagement process will be initiated and continue throughout the duration of the Program. A series of public meetings will be scheduled in the coming months. These meetings will be accessible to all members of the public and will include formal presentations by the Program team as well as opportunities for feedback and questions. Online resources, including a comment form, will be available on the Program's website page (see link below) throughout design and construction.



## Q. When will public meetings take place?

**A.** Public meetings will take place at key Program milestones. All public meetings will be announced on the Program website well in advance of each meeting. Public meetings will also be announced through email notifications, newspaper advertisements, flyers, MassDOT's social media accounts, and press releases to regional media outlets.



## Q. Where can I find more information on the Program?

**A.** For more information on this Program, please visit the Program's website page: <https://www.mass.gov/cape-cod-canal-area-transportation-improvement-program>. The website is updated on a regular basis and includes project updates, outreach materials, public meeting announcements, documents, and links to comment on the Program and sign up for updates. The comment form can also be accessed directly through this link: <http://tiny.cc/CapeCodCanalBridges>.



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