



DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

JANUARY 16, 2019

AT

SLADE BUILDING

HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

7:00 PM

FOR THE PROPOSED

**STATE ROUTE 62 (OLD BOSTON TURNPIKE) OVER WEST BRANCH OF THE
WARE RIVER TRIBUTARY**

Project No. 604636

Bridge Nos. H-24-021 (C2L) & H-24-027 (C2M)

Bridge Project Management

IN THE TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY DIVISION**

**JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR**

**PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 604636

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed **State Route 62 (SR62) Bridge Replacement** project in **Hubbardston, MA**.

WHERE: Slade Building
7 Main Street
Hubbardston, MA 01452

WHEN: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed **State Route 62 (SR62) Bridge Replacement** project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the replacement of two (2) bridges (H-24-021 and H-24-027) on SR62 (Old Boston Turnpike) crossing West Branch of Ware River in Hubbardston, MA. The two (2) new bridge structures will consist of precast concrete rigid frame structures to replace two (2) existing corrugated metal cross culverts, in two (2) separate locations along SR62. The project will include the reconstruction of a portion of SR62 to accommodate the two (2) new bridge locations. In addition, the project will construct a turtle barrier along both sides of SR62 to deter the crossing of the road by turtles. There are no sidewalks existing or proposed, bicycle accommodations will consist of a usable shoulder.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The **Commonwealth of Massachusetts** is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Bridge Project Management, Project File No. 604636. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

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Dear Concerned Citizen:

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is committed to building and maintaining a transportation infrastructure that is both safe and efficient for all who use our roadways, bridges, bicycle facilities and pedestrian paths, while maintaining the integrity of the environment.

As part of the design process for this project, we are conducting this public hearing to explain the proposed improvements, listen to your comments and answer any questions you may have. At the conclusion of the hearing, MassDOT will review all of your comments and, where feasible, incorporate them into the design of the project.

We recognize that road and bridge construction can create inconveniences for the public. MassDOT places a great deal of emphasis on minimizing the temporary disruptive effects of construction.

MassDOT encourages input from local communities and values your opinions. Please be assured that we will undertake no project without addressing the concerns of the community.

Sincerely,
Patricia A Leavenworth, P. E.
Chief Engineer

WHAT IS A PUBLIC HEARING?

WHY A PUBLIC HEARING?

To provide an assured method whereby the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can furnish to the public information concerning the State's highway construction proposals, and to afford every interested resident of the area an opportunity to be heard on any proposed project. At the same time, the hearings afford the Commonwealth an additional opportunity to receive information from local sources which would be of value to the State in making its final decisions to what design should be advanced for development.

WHY NOT A VOTE ON HIGHWAY PLANS?

The hearings are not intended to be a popular referendum for the purpose of determining the nature of a proposed improvement by a majority of those present. They do not relieve the duly constituted officials of a State highway department of the necessity for making decisions in State highway matters for which they are charged with full responsibility.

WHAT DOES A PUBLIC HEARING ACCOMPLISH?

It is designed to ensure the opportunity for, or the availability of, a forum to provide factual information which is pertinent to the determination of the final alternative considered by the state to best serve the public interest, and on which improvement projects are proposed to be undertaken.

It is important that the people of the area express their views in regard to the proposal being presented, so that views can be properly recorded in the minutes of the meeting. These minutes will be carefully studied and taken into consideration in the determination of the final design.

RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES

A secure right of way is necessary for this project. Temporary construction easements may be required. Your municipality is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in private or public lands. If your property is affected, your rights are fully protected under law.

1. REASON FOR PROJECT

The completion of this project will serve local needs. The proposed enhancement will also be in the interest of others in the greater community, and provide for the public good.

2. WHO CONTACTS ME?

Representatives of the municipality have already contacted or will contact you. They will explain the procedures used in acquiring any necessary rights in land.

3. WHAT ABOUT DONATIONS? WHAT IS A RIGHT OF ENTRY?

Town officials will often seek donations, of parcels, where permanent rights are required. This procedure will minimize the acquisition cost for your community.

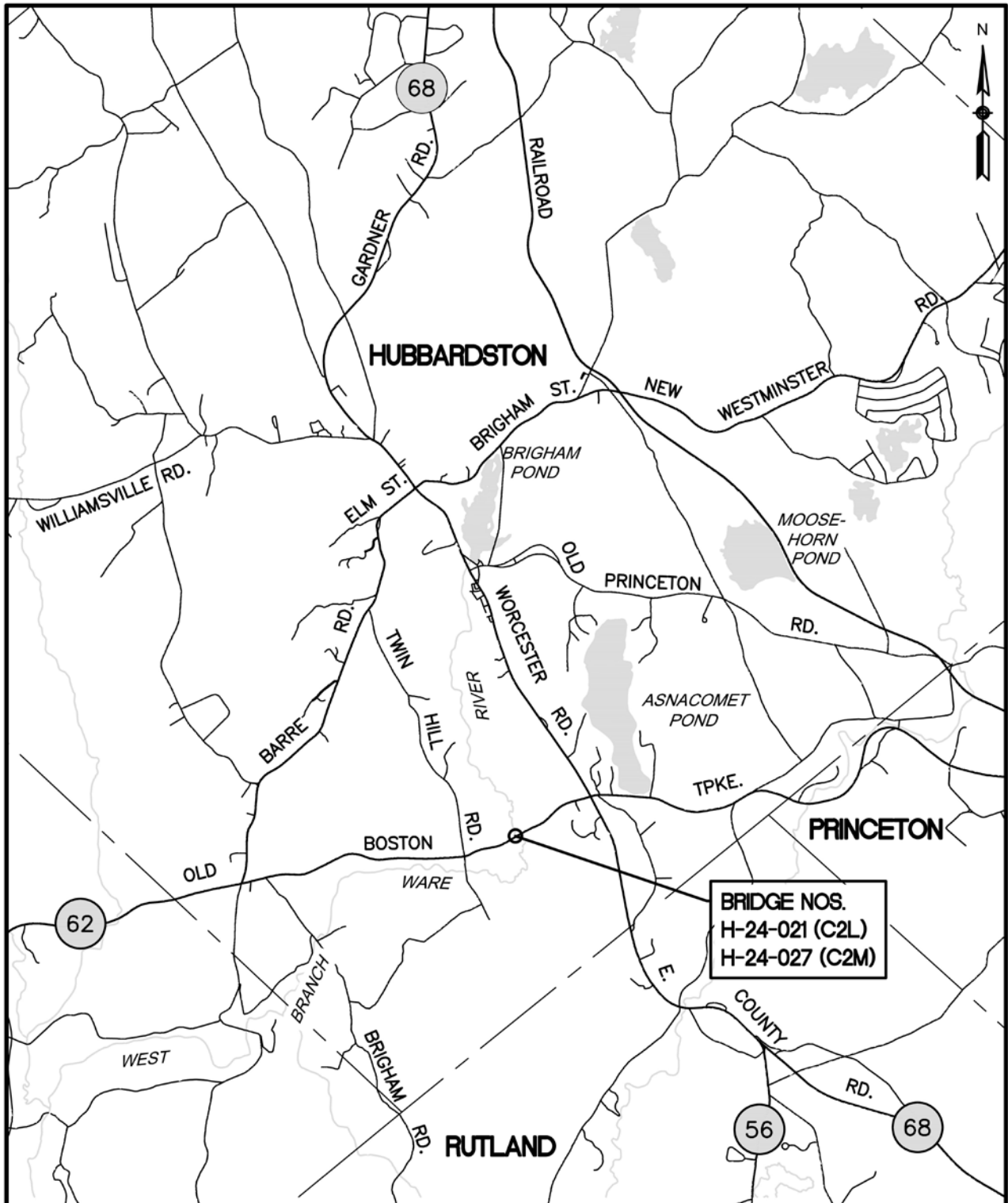
A Right of Entry is a document that is signed by the owner. It allows the Contractor to perform certain types of work on the owner's land. The work is usually minor in nature and frequently consists of loaming/seeding behind sidewalks, new driveway apron work, grading/sloping, and wetland protection, etc. The rights granted are temporary in nature.

4. WHAT IS A FAIR PRICE FOR THE ACQUIRED PARCELS?

In the event that donations are not considered, or completed, every effort will be made to ensure that an equitable value is awarded. Municipal and/or outside appraisers will complete an appraisal. Consideration is given to the type of rights needed, whether in fee, permanent or temporary easements. The appraisal will be the basis for arriving at a fair price (for damages that result).

5. MUST I ACCEPT THE MUNICIPALITY OFFER?

No, if the owner feels that the offer is not fair the owner may petition the courts. This action does not stop or delay the acquisition. The action must occur within 3 years. The owner(s) may be paid pro tanto (for the time being). The pro tanto payment will not prejudice the court's final decision.



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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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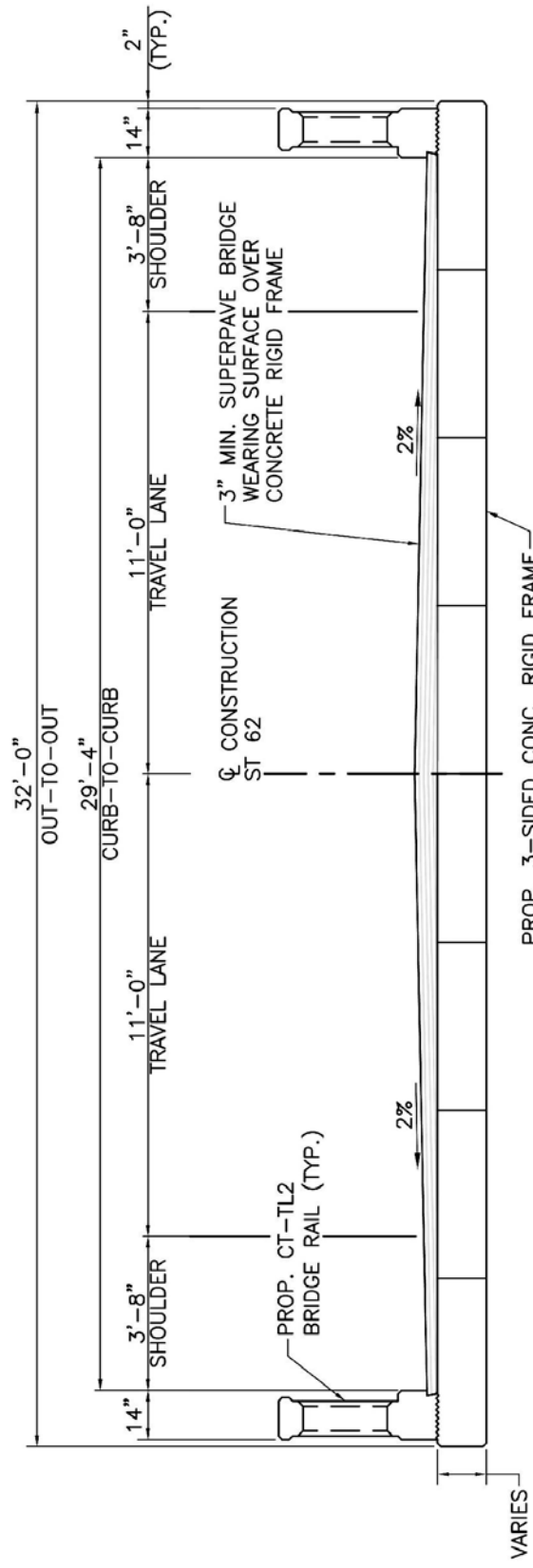
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TYPICAL TRANSVERSE SECTION

Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to replace two structurally deficient culverts located under State Route 62 (Old Boston Turnpike). The project will remove the two existing culverts and replace them with two precast concrete rigid frame bridge structures. The proposed bridges will contain two vehicular travel lanes and safety curbs on both sides of the bridges. The project also includes approach roadway reconstruction that will include turtle barriers and new guardrail to meet current standards.

Existing Conditions

The two existing culverts carrying the West Branch of the Ware River Tributary located under State Route 62 (Old Boston Turnpike) were constructed in 1950. The western culvert has an out-to-out width of 39'-3", a width of 28'-0" from face of guardrail to face of guardrail, and carries two lanes of vehicular traffic. This culvert consists of a two-barrel steel pipe arch. The eastern culvert has an out-to-out width of 36'-10", a width of 28'-3" from face of guardrail to face of guardrail, and carries two lanes of vehicular traffic. This culvert consists of a three-barrel asphalt coated corrugated metal pipe. According to the latest MassDOT Inspection Reports, the existing culverts are both structurally deficient.

Proposed Improvements

The proposed bridges will be precast concrete rigid frames. They will accommodate two 11-foot vehicular travel lanes and two 3-foot 8-inch shoulders. A concrete crash-tested bridge railing will be mounted on each side of the bridges. Roadway work includes replacement of existing approach guardrail with new guardrail that meets current standards, and turtle barriers to prevent turtles from entering the roadway.

Traffic Management

The proposed bridges will be constructed under a full road closure. Traffic will be detoured around the project area using Barre Road, Elm Street and Worcester Road (State Route 68).

Utilities

The project will require the relocation of an existing standpipe. MassDOT will work with the Town of Hubbardston to determine the new location.

Environmental

Due to wetland impacts needed to complete the proposed work, an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit will be required.

Right of Way

There will be no Right of Way impacts as part of this project.

Project Cost

The estimated preliminary construction cost of the proposed roadway and bridge structures is \$2.0 million.

Project Status

The plans on display tonight were prepared during the 25% (preliminary) design stage. Comments received this evening will be considered during final design. The design is anticipated to be complete in the fall of 2019 and will be advertised for construction in November of 2019.

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