



**DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**October 16, 2018**

**AT**

**HUBBARDSTON SENIOR CENTER  
7 MAIN STREET**

**HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

**7:00 PM**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**EVERGREEN ROAD OVER MASON BROOK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**Project No. 607127**

**Bridge No. H-24-009 (1G5)**

**Bridge Project Management Section**

**IN THE TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

**JONATHAN GULLIVER  
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**PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E.  
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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION**  
**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Project File No. 607127**

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed **Bridge Replacement of Bridge No. H-24-009 (1G5) carrying Evergreen Road over Mason Brook** in the **Town of Hubbardston, MA**.

WHERE:       Hubbardston Senior Center  
              7 Main Street  
              Hubbardston, MA 01452

WHEN:        Tuesday, October 16th, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE:    The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed **Bridge Replacement of Bridge No. H-24-009 (1G5) carrying Evergreen Road over Mason Brook**. 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 the existing Evergreen Road Bridge in its present location with a new single span bridge, the reconstruction of approximately 825 feet of approach roadway, and other safety improvements. The proposed bridge is a 32-foot span precast concrete arch with an asphalt pavement wearing surface and will provide a 26'-0" curb-to-curb roadway width comprised of two 11'-0" wide vehicular traffic lanes with two 2'-0" wide shoulders in each direction. Bicycle accommodations consisting of a usable shoulder have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides. The bridge will be closed to pedestrian and vehicular traffic during construction. Vehicular traffic will be maintained with a temporary detour starting at the south end of the project on Evergreen Road. The proposed detour for vehicular traffic will follow Evergreen Road south, then west on Old Princeton Road, northwest on Route 68, northeast on Brigham Street, then back south on Evergreen Road to reach the north end of the project. Total detour length is approximately 1.3 miles.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The **town** 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, Highway Division**, Project File No. **607127**. 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](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us)

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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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09/2018

TITLE  
LOCUS PLAN

PROJECT FILE NO. 607127  
EVERGREEN ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

## **Hubbardston, Massachusetts**

### **Evergreen Road over Mason Brook Bridge Replacement**

The proposed improvements will be displayed for public viewing this evening and will be discussed in detail in order to provide as much information as possible to the citizens of Hubbardston. All opinions will help assist the Town and the Commonwealth during the next design phase. Your participation and comments are greatly welcomed and appreciated.

#### **Purpose of the Project**

This handout describes the proposed bridge replacement of the Evergreen Road Bridge over Mason Brook. The proposed project consists of the construction of a new bridge and related roadway improvements approaching the bridge.

#### **Project Location and Limits**

The proposed project on Evergreen Road begins approximately 425 feet south of the existing bridge over Mason Brook and ends approximately 400 north of the existing bridge.

#### **Features of the Project**

The proposed project consists of replacing the Evergreen Road Bridge that crosses over Mason Brook. The new bridge will be a single span, precast concrete arch, supported on steel pile foundations. The superstructure and substructure of the existing bridge will be completely removed. The proposed roadway will have a total paved width of 26 feet consisting of one 11 foot lane plus a 2 foot shoulder in each direction. The profile of the existing road will be raised and the cross section will be widened resulting in a wider causeway.

#### **Land Acquisition (Right of Way Impacts)**

Temporary easements are proposed for this project involving land owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Permanent and temporary easements are located along the west and east side of the right-of-way and are required to accommodate bridge and embankment construction. MassDOT will be working with the DCR for these temporary easements.

#### **Maintenance of Traffic During Construction**

The bridge will be closed to pedestrian and vehicular traffic during construction. Vehicular traffic will be maintained with a temporary detour starting at the south end of the project on Evergreen Road. The proposed detour for vehicular traffic will follow Evergreen Road south, then west on Old Princeton Road, northwest on Route 68, northeast on Brigham Street, then back south on Evergreen Road to reach the north end of the project. Total detour length is approximately 1.3 miles.

#### **Environmental and Historical Impacts**

The project will require temporary disturbance, excavation, and filling of material along the banks of Mason Brook for the demolition of the existing abutments, the construction of new abutments and foundations, and widening of the causeway. A Section 401 Water Quality Certificate is anticipated along with a Section 404 general permit. The Town of Dedham Historic Districts Commission has been contacted for their input.

#### **Project Status and Schedule**

Plans are at the 25% Highway and Bridge Sketch stage. The project is expected to be advertised in November 2019 and completed within 24 months. Advertisement is contingent upon availability of funding.

#### **Project Cost**

The current estimate of the total construction cost of this project is approximately \$2.0 million.

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