



DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 9, 2019

AT

MILLBURY TOWN HALL

MILLBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

6:00 PM

FOR THE PROPOSED

**INTERSTATE 90 RAMPS over INTERSTATE 90 at INTERCHANGE 11
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Project No. 607418

Bridge No.: M-22-038

IN THE TOWN OF MILLBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

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

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CHIEF ENGINEER**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 607418

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed bridge rehabilitation project of the I-90 Ramp Bridge over I-90 at Interchange 11 in the Town of Millbury.

WHERE: Millbury Town Hall
Large Conference Room
127 Elm Street
Millbury, MA 01527

WHEN: Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to inform the public of the proposed bridge rehabilitation project and to provide an opportunity for public question and comment. All questions and comments raised at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent practicable.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the replacement of the I-90 Ramp Bridge over I-90 at Interchange 11 in the Town of Millbury. The existing center pier will be reused with the remainder of the structure fully replaced. The bridge will be reconstructed in the same footprint as the existing bridge. The roadway profile on the new ramp bridge will be raised to provide increased clearance for traffic under the structure. Roadway work will include drainage, pavement, and traffic safety improvements. The bridge will be constructed in several phases while maintaining ramp traffic in both directions throughout construction.

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 meeting

Written comments 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 Section, Project File No. **607418**. 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 persons 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 online 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.

TO SAFEGUARD THE PROPERTY OWNER

If your property, or a portion of it, must be acquired by the State for highway purposes in the interest of all people of the Commonwealth, your rights are fully protected under the law. Briefly, here are some of the answers to questions you might ask.

1. WHO CONTACTS ME?

Representatives of the Right of Way Bureau of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Highway Division. They will explain the impacts and your rights as protected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79.

2. WHAT IS A FAIR PRICE FOR MY PROPERTY?

Every offer is made to ensure that an equitable value is awarded to you for the property, or to appraise the "damage" to the property as a result of the acquisition. MassDOT appraisers, independent appraisers, MassDOT "Review Appraisers" and a Real Estate Appraisal Review Board may all contribute in arriving at an award of damages. The State also pays a proportionate part of the real estate tax for the current year for fee takings, and interest from the date the property is acquired to the payment date, on all impacts.

3. MUST I ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFER?

No. If, after the figure established as market value has been offered to the owner, the owner feels he or she is not being offered a fair price, he or she has the right, within three years, to appeal to the courts. Pending a court decision, he or she can be paid on a "pro-tanto" basis (or "for the time being") that in no way prejudices the court appeal.

4. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY HOUSE?

The owner will have the opportunity to buy back his or her house, provided he or she has a location to which it can be moved, and the proper permits for its removal. If the owner does not wish to repurchase, the house will be advertised for bids. The highest bidder, who must also have a location and permits for removal, will be awarded the house. Otherwise, the structure will be slated for demolition.

5. WHAT HAPPENS IF I MUST RELOCATE?

In addition to the market value of the property, the Department pays certain relocation benefits for both owners and tenants of acquired residences and businesses who meet eligibility requirements. Assistance in relocation is also provided. Department brochures are available for details on these benefits.

MILLBURY – Interchange 11 I-90 Ramps over Interstate 90 (Mass Pike)

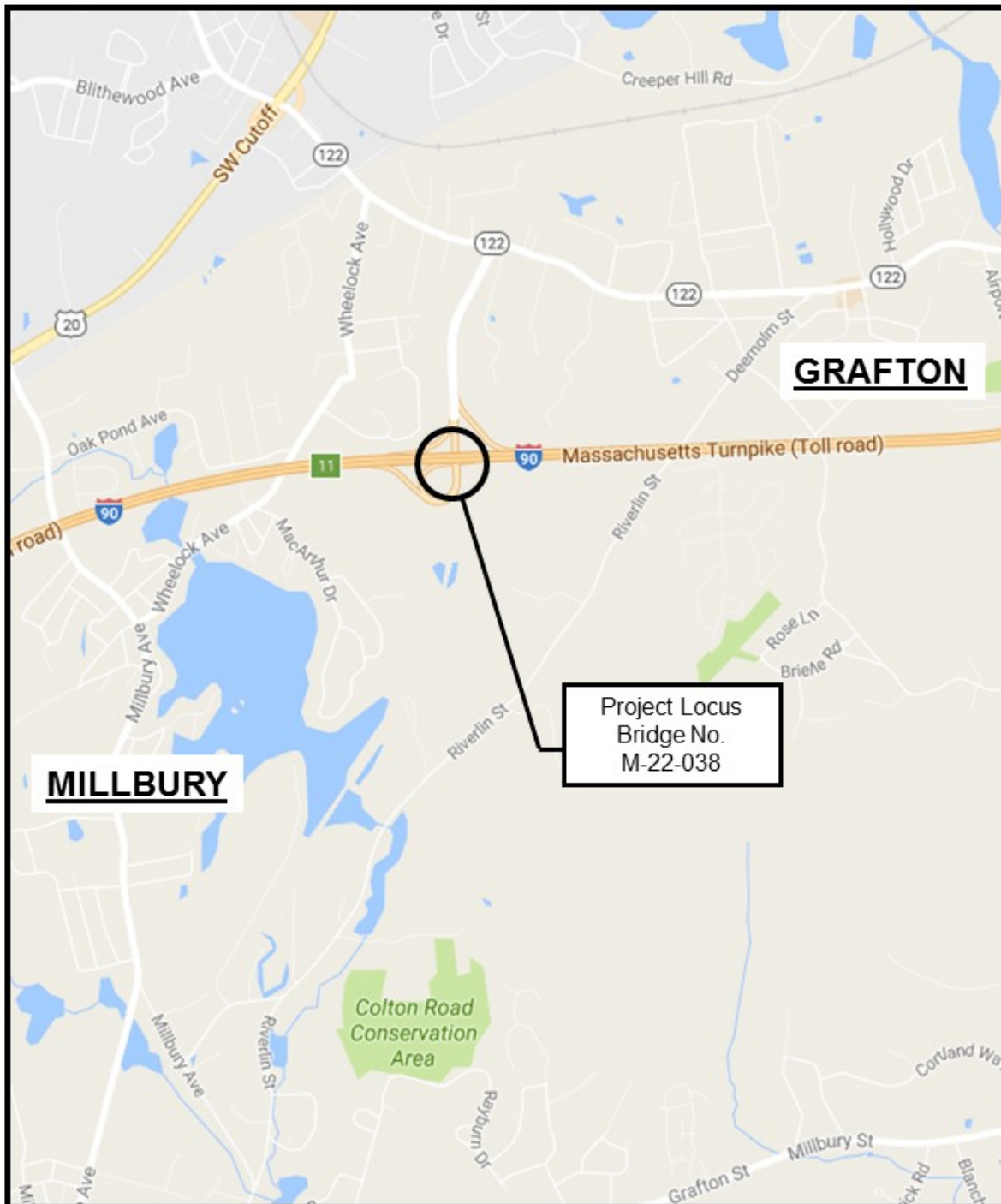


FIGURE 1
LOCATION MAP
NOT TO SCALE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Location:

The bridge is located on the Interchange 11 I-90 Ramps and crosses over I-90 Eastbound and Westbound, in the Town of Millbury. The project limits consist of a stretch of Interchange 11 beginning approximately 300 feet south of the bridge and ending approximately 500 feet north of the bridge. The total project length on Interchange 11 will be approximately 1000 feet. There will also be approximately 1000 feet of resurfacing on I-90 below the bridge.

Project Purpose:

The primary purpose of the project is to replace the existing Interchange 11 I-90 Ramp Bridge over I-90 due to its deteriorated condition, substandard features, limited load carrying capacity and inadequate vertical clearances.

Proposed Improvements:

The existing four span steel beam bridge will be replaced with a two span continuous steel girder superstructure with a composite concrete deck and hot mix asphalt wearing surface. The proposed bridge will be constructed in the same footprint as the existing bridge with the new roadway profile raised to provide for increased vertical clearances to I-90 below the bridge. The new structure will consist of two (2) median divided travel ways including 18 foot travel lanes with 3 foot left shoulders and 2 foot right shoulders. The new bridge will have an out-to-out width of 51'-8". The proposed bridge will have concrete bridge rails with snow fencing along both sides.

The proposed foundations will be comprised of new concrete abutments with the existing center pier retained and rehabilitated to support the new superstructure. The existing piers located just outside of the I-90 breakdown lanes are to be removed. The proposed abutments will be set in front of the existing abutments. The new bridge length will decrease to 186'-0" from the existing 240'± long bridge.

The Interchange 11 I-90 Ramps will be paved within the project limits. The project also involves the replacement of the existing highway guardrail and modifications to the drainage system within the project limits.

Traffic Management:

The bridge will remain open in both directions throughout construction. The bridge will be rebuilt in three (3) construction stages with a minimum of one (1) 11 foot wide travel lane maintained in each direction. There will be limited short term (nightly) closures of the ramps for certain construction activities such as bridge demolition and the erection of the new girders. Detours and/or rolling roadblocks will be used as appropriate.

Traffic management for I-90 beneath the bridge will consist of a lane shift to create a work zone at the center pier. Three (3) travel lanes in each direction will be maintained during peak hours. Short term (nightly) lane closures will be used as needed to facilitate construction.

Property Impacts

This project will take place entirely within the State Highway Layout. No temporary or permanent easements will be required.

Environmental Permits

This project does not take place within or adjacent to any sensitive environmental resources. No environmental impacts are anticipated.

Project Cost

The preliminary estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$11,000,000. Funding for the construction will be by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Project Status and Schedule

The project plans on display this evening are at the 25% preliminary design stage. Comments from this Public Hearing will be incorporated into the final design plans to the maximum extent possible. It is anticipated that the final design plans will be completed and the project advertised for construction bids in the first quarter of 2020 with construction beginning in the Summer of 2020.

Address: _____

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