



**DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2018**

**AT**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

**NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**7:00 PM**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**HATHAWAY TRIANGLE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Project No. 606718**

**Roadway Project Management Section**

**IN THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, 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. 606718**

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Hathaway Triangle Intersection Improvement Project in New Bedford, MA.

WHERE: Department of Public Infrastructure – Conference Room  
1105 Shawmut Avenue  
New Bedford, MA 02746

WHEN: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 @ 7:00PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Hathaway Triangle Intersection Improvement 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 installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Hathaway Road, Mount Pleasant Street and Nauset Street, with geometric upgrades and improved pedestrian and bicycle accommodations consisting of a 5 foot shoulder or dedicated bicycle lane on Hathaway Road and Mount Pleasant Street.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City of New Bedford 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: Roadway Project Management, Project File No. 606718. 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)

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](mailto: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.

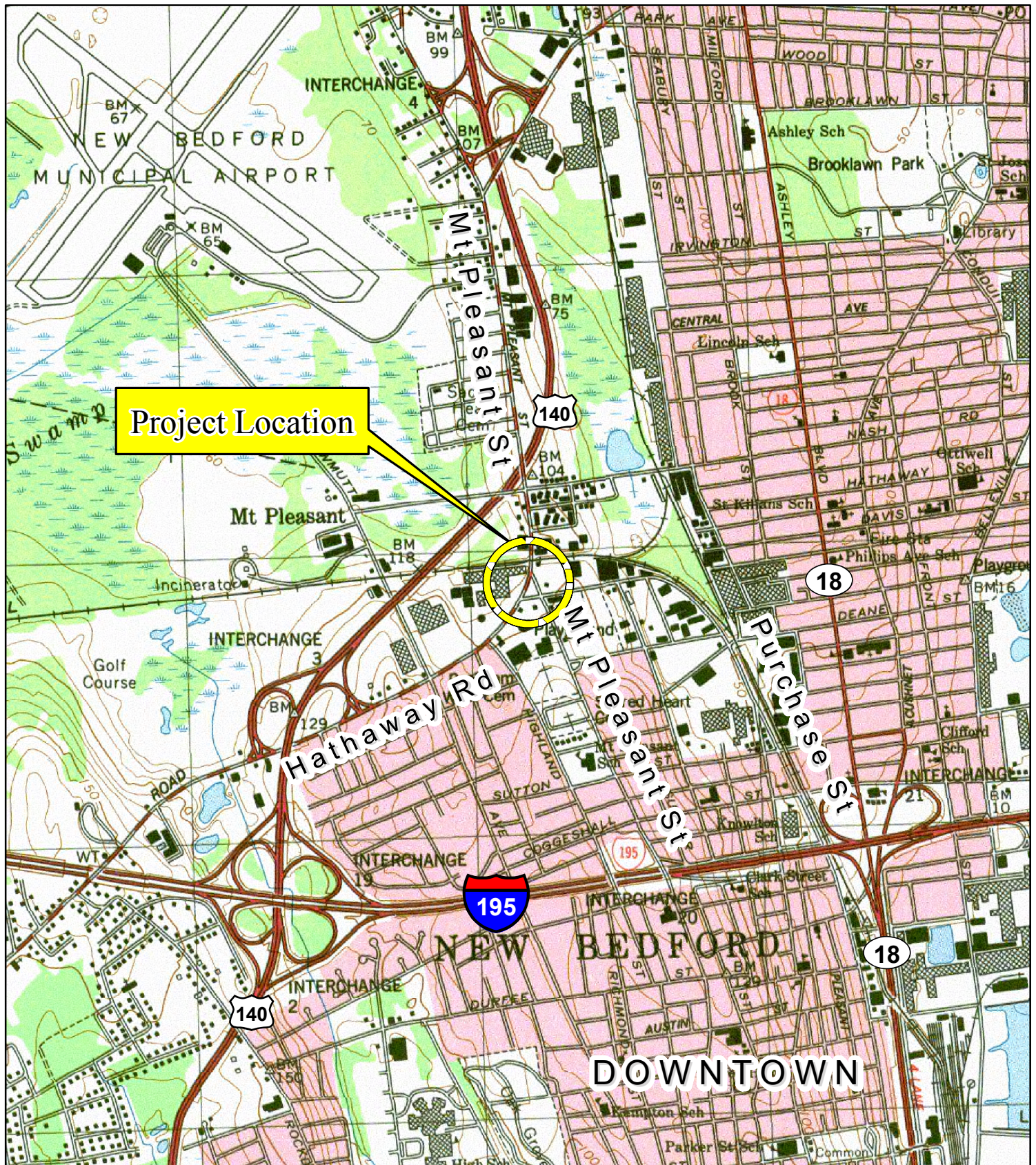
### **4. WHAT IS A FAIR PRICE FOR THE ACQUIRED PARCELS?**

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.





Source: Mass GIS Datalayers  
 Basemap: 7.5 Minute USGS Topographic Quadsheet  
 Coordinate System: NAD83 Mass. State Plane Mainland  
 Units: Meters



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**Figure 1**  
**Locus Plan**  
**Hathaway Triangle**  
**New Bedford, Massachusetts**  
 6,800 Feet



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Three (3) streets are included within the project limits and are as follows: Hathaway Road, Nauset Street, and Mount Pleasant Street. All three (3) streets are under the City of New Bedford's jurisdiction and all are classified as Urban Minor Arterials by the MassDOT Office of Transportation and Planning.

Within the project limits, there are two "high crash" intersections: Mount Pleasant Street at Hathaway Road and Mount Pleasant Street at Nauset Street. Both locations are listed as 2012-2014 HSIP Clusters. As a result, a Road Safety Audit (RSA) was conducted on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 for the entire project area. Members of the interdisciplinary audit team discussed safety issues, conducted a site visit, and identified possible safety improvements that could be made to the infrastructure and operating conditions of the three (3) subject intersections.

The proposed roadway, geometric, and traffic control improvements are intended to improve vehicular, bicyclist, and pedestrian safety, as well as vehicle capacity and traffic operations within the project limits. The proposed design of the project area will require, but is not limited to: roadway and sidewalk reconstruction including changes to lane designations and the elimination of a segment of Mount Pleasant Street between Hathaway Road and Nauset Street, pavement milling and overlay, full depth reconstruction, box widening, removal and resetting of granite curb or installation of new granite curb, sidewalk reconstruction, installation of a fully actuated traffic signal, improved pedestrian and cyclist accommodations, and improved signing and pavement markings.

The project limits extend along Hathaway Road from a point 300 feet south of Nauset Street to Mount Pleasant Street, along Mount Pleasant Street from Nauset Street to the grade crossing just north of Hathaway Road, and along Nauset Street from Hathaway Road to Mount Pleasant Street; a total distance of approximately 880 feet (0.167 miles) along the mainline (Hathaway Road/Mount Pleasant Street). Intersection improvements will be completed at the following locations (primary scope of work in parenthesis):

- Mount Pleasant Street at Nauset Street (intersection reconfiguration, and new ADA compliant pedestrian ramps and crosswalk), including the permanent closure of Mount Pleasant Street to vehicular traffic between Nauset Street and Hathaway Road.
- Hathaway Road at Nauset Street (intersection reconfiguration, traffic signal installation, pedestrian signal installation, and new ADA compliant pedestrian ramps and crosswalks)
- Mount Pleasant Street at Hathaway Road (intersection eliminated – just driveway access now, and new ADA compliant pedestrian ramps and crosswalk)

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