



DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

NOVEMBER, 27th, 2018

AT

**TOWN OF WARREN, SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
48 HIGH STREET
WARREN, MASSACHUSETTS 01083**

6:30 PM

FOR THE PROPOSED

**ROUTE 67 (MAIN STREET) OVER QUABOAG RIVER,
BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT
Project No. 607673
Bridge No. W-07-002 (1AA)
Bridge Project Management Section**

IN THE TOWN OF WARREN, 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. 607673

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Bridge Superstructure Replacement project in Warren, MA.

WHERE: Town of Warren, Selectmen’s Meeting Room
48 High Street
Warren, MA 01083-0609

WHEN: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Route 67 (Main Street) over the Quaboag River, bridge project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project is for the replacement of the bridge superstructure consisting of the concrete deck, sidewalks, railings and the steel beams that support the deck. Approximately 200 feet of roadway west of the bridge will be repaved and approximately 100 feet of roadway east of the bridge will be repaved. New sidewalks on each side of the roadway will be constructed from the bridge to connect to the recently constructed sidewalks along the roadway. The new bridge superstructure will be widened slightly to provide bicycle accommodations in each direction of travel consisting of a usable shoulder that will be in accordance with applicable design guides.

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 Section, Project File No. 607673. 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.

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.

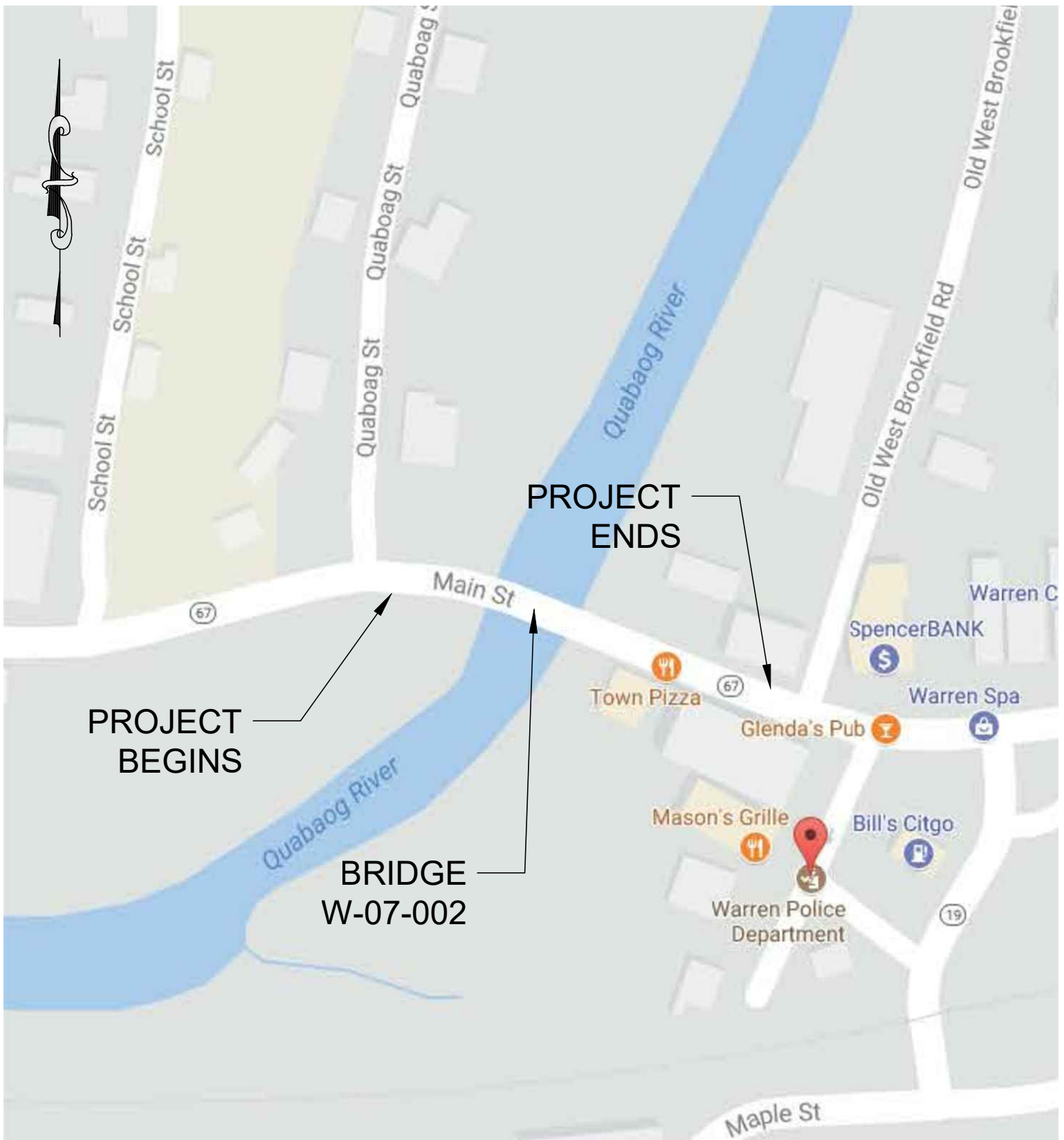


FIGURE 1

PROJECT LOCATION MAP
MAIN STREET (ROUTE 67)
OVER QUABOAG RIVER
WARREN, MA



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Civil & Structural Engineers
Surveyors - Land Planners
Environmental Scientists

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC HEARING

Route 67 (Main Street) Over Quaboag River,
Bridge No. W-07-002 (1AA)

PROJECT LOCATION AND LIMITS:

The project is located between Quaboag Street and Old West Brookfield Road in Warren, Massachusetts. The attached locus map shows the location of the project. The total length of the project is approximately 400 feet in length, which includes the bridge and roadway approaches.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

The purpose of the project is to replace the structurally deficient existing two span bridge superstructure with a new two span steel girder superstructure and a concrete deck capable of carrying standard highway loadings.

EXISTING CONDITIONS:

Route 67 is functionally classified as an Urban Minor Arterial, with an ADT of approximately 4,600 vehicles per day. The existing two span steel girder bridge with a seven inch thick reinforced concrete slab and 2 inch bituminous wearing surface was built in 1938. Each span length is 48'- 1 1/2" long with a bridge skew of approximately 10 degrees. The total out to out width of the bridge is 45'-6", with a roadway width crossing the bridge of 30'-0" measured from face of curb to face of curb. There is a 5'-10" wide sidewalk on the each side of the bridge. There is an iron pedestrian railing along the back of each sidewalk. There are ornamental light posts at each corner of the bridge and a memorial plaque located at the southeast corner of the bridge. The bridge carries a gas & water line along with a communication duct bank under the bridge. There is an overhead electric line running diagonally across the bridge. The abutments, pier and wingwalls are of reinforced concrete construction.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:

The proposed bridge will be a two span steel girder structure with a concrete deck and a bituminous wearing surface, in the same location and with approximately the same horizontal and vertical roadway alignment as the existing. The span length for each span will 48'- 4", closely matching the existing span lengths. The new superstructure will have an out to out width of 47'-9" and provide a 32'-0" roadway width curb to curb with one 11'-0" wide travel lane and a 5'-0" wide shoulder in each direction. There will be a 6'-6" wide sidewalk on each side of the bridge. A S3-TL4 Bridge Railing will be constructed along the outside of each sidewalk. The existing ornamental light posts and plaque will be mounted on the new superstructure. The existing utilities will be relocated from the north side of the bridge to the south side of the bridge.

The abutments and pier will remain, with modifications to the pier cap as well as the abutment bridge seats, backwall and stem. All four wingwalls will remain, with deteriorated areas repaired.

The roadway approaches adjacent to the bridge will be cold planed approximately 2 inches deep then repaved with a Hot Mix Asphalt overlay. The approach sidewalks and curbing that were not recently reconstructed will be replaced within the project limits. New pavement markings and traffic signs will be added, as well as all other incidental work within the project limits. The new roadway and bridge will provide for bicyclist and pedestrians with a 5'-0" wide shoulder and an 6'-6" wide sidewalk. The proposed design speed will be 25 MPH.

The bridge will remain open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic during construction, utilizing one lane of alternating vehicular traffic with a temporary traffic signal during construction.

RIGHT OF WAY:

Both temporary and permanent easements are anticipated to relocate the overhead utility and reconstruct the superstructure for this bridge project.

PROJECT COST:

The estimated preliminary construction cost of this project is \$3,000,000 exclusive of utility & Right-of-Way costs.

PROJECT STATUS:

The plans on display tonight are in the preliminary design stage. Comments received this evening will be considered in determining the final design.

Address: _____

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