

MassDOT Highway Construction

**Contract No. 132185– Reconstruction and Related Work on Rhode
Island Road (Route 79) from the Taunton City Line to Clear Pond
Road in Lakeville, MA**

October 15, 2025

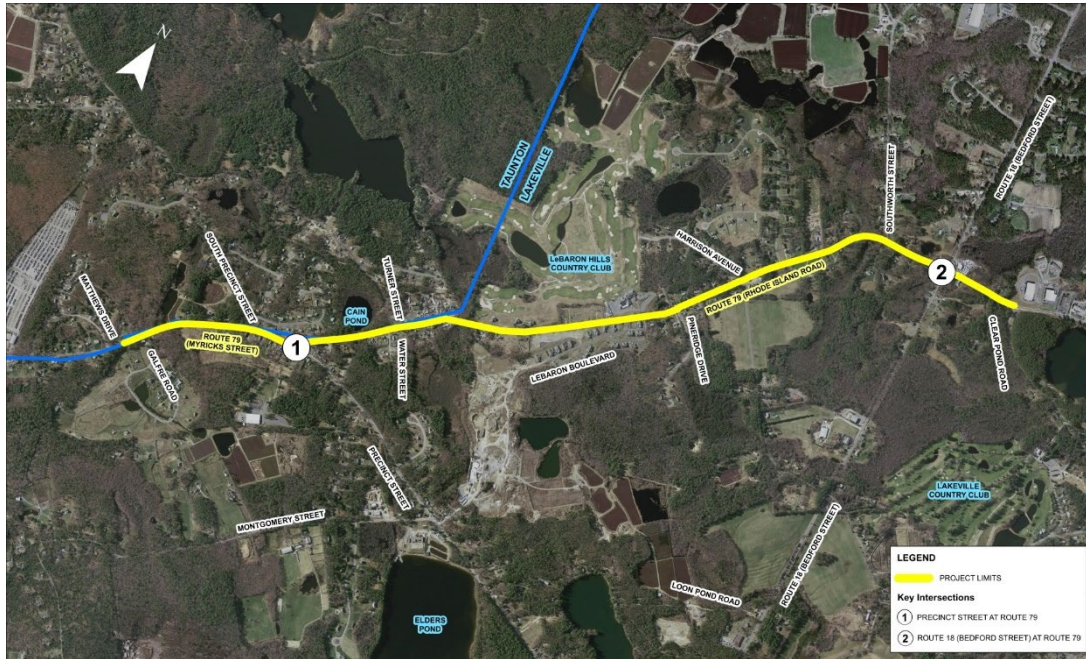


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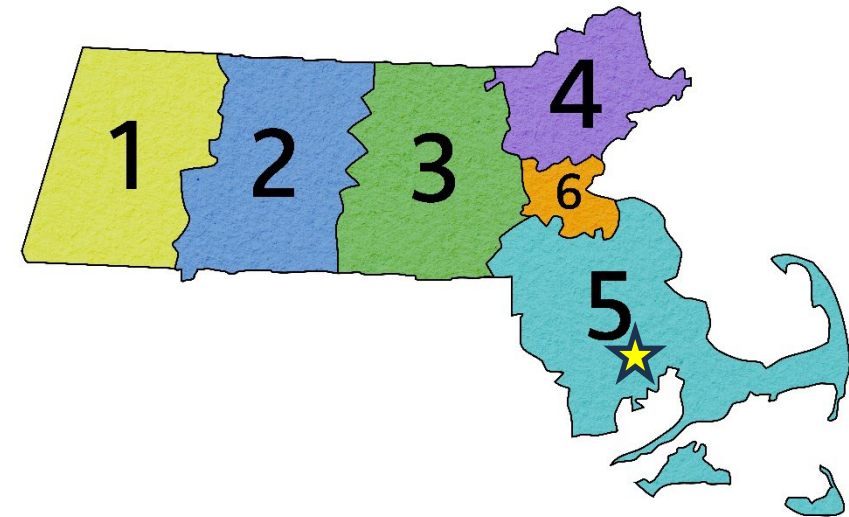
Overview

Project Location



Locus map

massDOT Highway Districts



District Project Location

Overview

Beyond Mobility Highlights

- This project consists of reconstructing a section of Route 79
- The design promotes **Safety** through improving intersections and addressing sight distance restrictions through the corridor, as well as providing usable shoulders.
- Project Investment meets Beyond Mobility priorities for **Reliability**, **Travel experience**, and **Destination Connectivity**.
- This project supports **Clean Transportation** through new bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.



Project Scope

- Widened cross section consisting of two lanes and shoulders suitable for bicycle accommodations
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)/Architectural Access Board (AAB) compliant sidewalk and curb ramps on one side of road
- Pavement reconstruction
- Intersection improvements at Precinct St and Route 18 intersections, including a reconstructed traffic signal at Route 18
- New regulatory and warning traffic signs and pavement markings
- Stormwater improvements including a closed drainage system and water quality treatment



Construction Management Approach

Outreach, Permitting and Duration

Public Outreach:

- Public Informational Meeting – December 12, 2011
- Public Informational Meeting – January 28, 2016
- Public Forum – March 11, 2020
- Design Public Hearing – April 13, 2021

Permits on the project include:

- Environmental Notification Form (ENF)
- Wetlands Protection Act - Notice of Intent (NOI)
- USACE Section 404

Construction Duration:

- Anticipate 3.9 Years of construction from the Notice to Proceed
- All road work under this contract shall be conducted between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM unless otherwise authorized by the Engineer. Night work for paving operations may be allowed subject to approval by the Town.
- One lane of travel in each direction shall be maintained at the end of the work shift.

Procurement and Budget

- Project Advertised August 30, 2025
- Engineer’s Estimate was \$17,192,191.00
- Bid Opening held September 30, 2025
- 4 Bids were received:

P A Landers Inc	\$17,385,000.00
K R Rezendes Inc	\$18,213,309.00
Baltazar Contractors Inc	\$18,419,825.00
J H Lynch & Sons Inc	\$19,721,147.40

Line Item	Budget
Bid Amount	\$17,385,000.00
Contingencies	\$1,740,460.00
Construction Engineering (5%)	\$869,250.00
Traffic Police	\$773,545.00
Trainees	\$4,000.00
Total	\$20,772,255.00

Funded in the FY25-29 STIP with a combination of statewide and regional funding as follows:
 STBG-Surface Transportation Block Grant (\$11.5 million)
 CMAQ-Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (\$4.7 million)
 Carbon Reduction Program (\$1 million)
 Remaining funds are matching Non-Federal Aid

Questions from Capital Programs Committee

Q1. Does the department have concerns about the federal block grant funding?

A1. The Federal Aid Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funding was obligated by the Federal Aid Program Office (FAPRO) prior to advertising on 8/30/2025; there is no concern with the use of those federal funds.

Q2. What is the speed limit posted along this road?

A2. The existing posted speeds (25, 30, 35 & 40mph) vary along the corridor based on recorded Speed Zones. Those speeds will be retained; however, it is Department Policy to conduct a Speed Zone Assessment after completion of construction to review the regulatory speeds for the corridor.

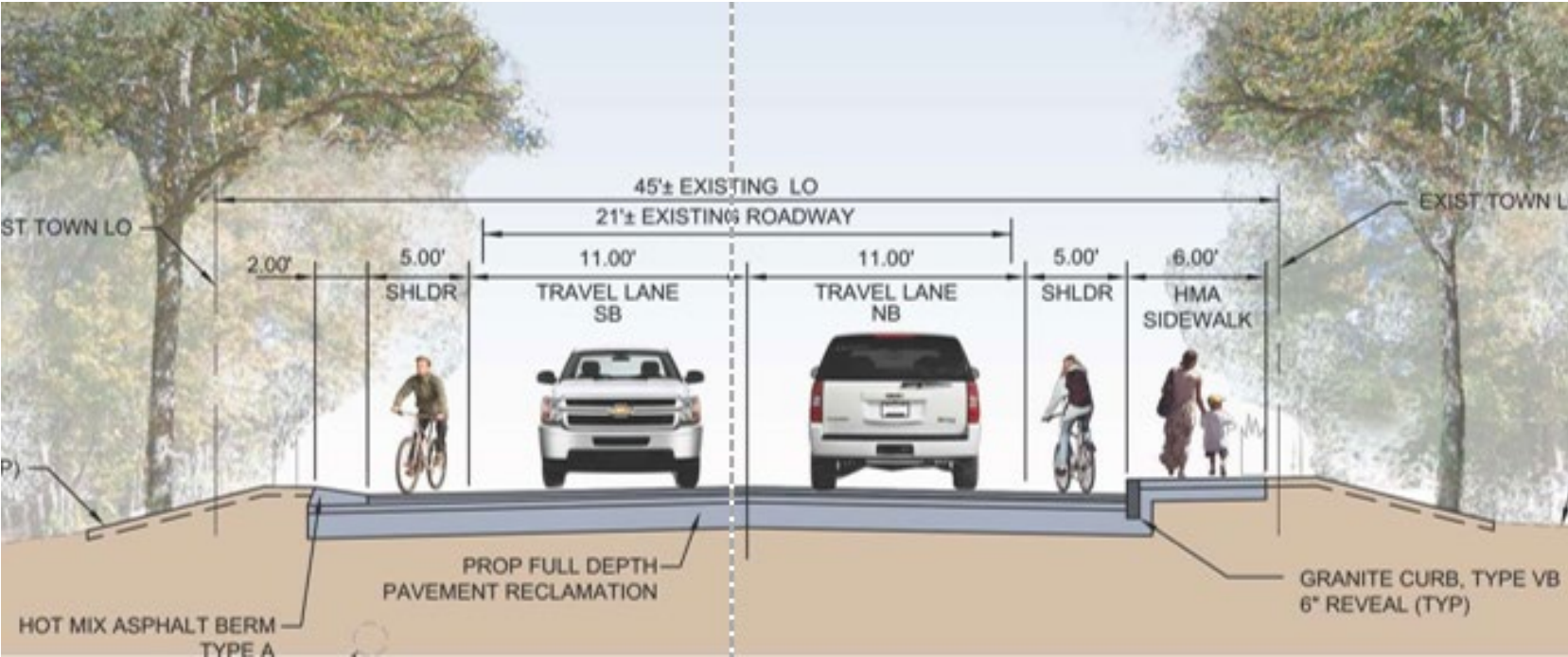
Q3. What type of bike infrastructure will be included?

A3. Two travel lanes with bicycle shoulders and one sidewalk will be constructed on this project (see next slide)

Q4. Is the project contained within the right of way or did you have to acquire land?

A4. MassDOT Right of Way Bureau and the town of Lakeville acquired the necessary right of way to construct the proposed improvements. The Town worked in coordination with the Highway Division Community Compliance Office for the town's right of way actions during design development.

Questions from Capital Programs Committee



Cross Section shows travel lanes, bicycle shoulders and sidewalk

Request of the MassDOT Board of Directors

The Price Proposals were reviewed by engineers in Construction, Construction Contracts, Project Management, and the Design Consultant; costs were found to be reasonable and recommended to be awarded to the apparent low bidder.

Request of the MassDOT Board

Staff request that the MassDOT Board of Directors authorize the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or their designee, to award and execute MassDOT Construction Contract 132185– Lakeville – Reconstruction and Related Work on Rhode Island Road (Route 79) from the Taunton City Line to Clear Pond Road, with **P A Landers Inc**, for the amount of **\$17,385,000.00**.

Thank You

