



**VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**December 11, 2025**

**6:30PM to 7:30PM**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**Intersection Improvements at Route 18 (Bedford Street) and Route 123 (Brockton Avenue)**

**Project No. 612770**

**IN THE TOWN OF ABINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION  
NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

**Abington – Intersection Improvements at Route 18 (Bedford Street) and Route 123 (Brockton Avenue)**  
**Project File No. 612770**

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed project in Abington, MA.

WHEN: **Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 6:30PM**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of the intersection of Bedford Street (Route 18) at Brockton Avenue (Route 123). The project spans from Rockland Street continuing 800 feet to the east along Brockton Avenue, and 500 feet to the north and south of the intersection along Bedford Street. The proposed reconstruction will include traffic signal upgrades, new lane configurations, new sidewalk with ADA compliant ramps, the addition of crosswalks, and 5-foot bicycle lanes throughout the project limits.

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 presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us) or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. **612770**. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email ([MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at  
<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

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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,

Carrie E. Lavallee, 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 CONCERNS**

The State is responsible for securing the Right of Way for this project. 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?**

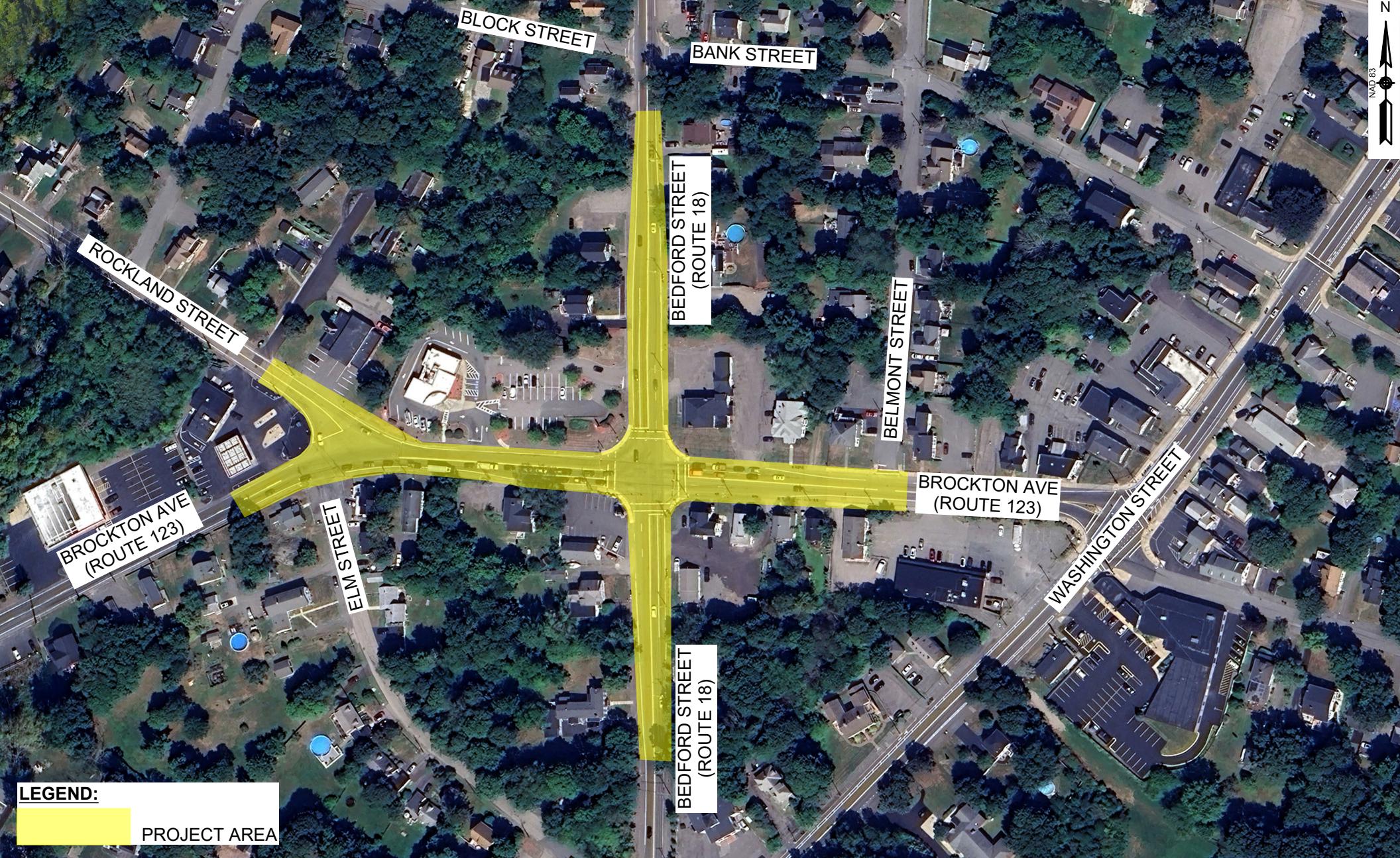
No. If, after the figure established as market value has been offered to the owner, the owner feels he or she is not being offered a fair price, he or she has the right, within three years, to appeal to the courts. Pending a court decision, he or she can be paid on a "pro-tanto" basis (or "for the time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



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612770 - BROCKTON AVE (ROUTE 123)  
AT BEDFORD STREET (ROUTE 18)  
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS  
LOCUS MAP

## **Project Description**

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division (MassDOT) is proposing the reconstruction of the intersection of Bedford Street (Route 18) at Brockton Ave (Route 123) and the intersection of Brockton Ave (Route 123) at Rockland Street. The project includes roadway resurfacing, sidewalk and shared use path construction, and traffic signal upgrades.

## **Proposed Improvements**

The proposed improvements will include roadway paving, installation of new curbing, concrete and cement concrete sidewalks, bicycle lanes, ADA compliant ramps and crosswalks, new lane configurations, and an upgraded traffic signal at the intersection of Bedford Street (Route 18) at Brockton Ave (Route 123). The intersection of Rockland Street at Brockton Ave (Route 123) will be realigned to provide a smoother through movement with Elm Street and reduce the large pavement width of the intersection.

## **Existing Conditions**

- Brockton Ave (Route 123) is functionally classified as Urban Principal Arterial. The existing right of way is approximately 55 feet wide.
- Bedford Street (Route 18) is functionally classified as Urban Principal Arterial. The existing right of way is approximately 60 feet wide.
- Rockland Street is classified as an Urban Collector. The existing Right of Way varies by width but has a minimum width of 50 feet.
- The intersection of Brockton Ave (Route 123) and Bedford Street (Route 18) is listed as a 2019-2021 Top 200 Intersection Cluster Location and is ranked in the top five percent of intersection crashes in the Old Colony Planning Council per MassDOT Crash Data.
- Pedestrian facilities are not fully ADA compliant. Sidewalks are present at all intersection legs, but existing curb ramps are not ADA Compliant.
- There are no bicycle accommodations in the existing project limits.

## **Right of Way Impacts**

There are a few properties that require permanent acquisitions or easements by MassDOT for sidewalks, shared use path, utility pole and overhead wire relocations. Temporary construction easements will be required to complete the roadway and sidewalk grading, driveway reconstruction, and loam and seeding. MassDOT's policy regarding land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

## **Project Status – Project Schedule**

The project has been programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2028. The Plans included in tonight's presentation are at the 25% Design Stage (Preliminary Design Stage). Comments from this evening will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

## **Project Construction Cost**

The project construction costs will be funded with a combination of monies from the Federal Highway Administration and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is currently estimated at approximately \$6.9 million.

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## FEDERAL AID PROJECT

Abington, MA

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This sheet is provided for your comments. Your input is solicited and appreciated. You may e-mail comments directly to [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us) or you may mail this sheet with any additional comments to:

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10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973  
Attn: Project Management

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