



**DESIGN PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**VIRTUAL: MAY 28, 2024**

**AND**

**IN-PERSON: MAY 29, 2024**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**PARK AND RIDE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 132  
Project No. 610800**

**Highway Design**

**IN THE BARNSTABLE, 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 PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Project File No. 610800**

A Hybrid Design Public Hearing (Virtual and In-Person) will be held to present the design for the proposed Park and Ride Expansion and Improvements at The Route 132 Park and Ride project in Barnstable, MA.

**VIRTUAL**

WHERE: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

WHEN: **Tuesday, May 28, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

**IN-PERSON**

WHERE Barnstable County Complex, Mary Pat Flynn Conference Room  
3195 Main Street (Route 6A)  
Barnstable, MA 02630

WHEN: **Wednesday, May 29, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Park & Ride Expansion and Improvements at The Route 132 Park & Ride 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 expanding the existing facility by adding 270 vehicle parking spaces, including pick-up/drop off area, accessible parking, electrical vehicle charging stations; replacing the existing bus passenger shelters with new larger ones (e.g., transparent sides for passenger safety and bollards along the perimeter), accessible pedestrian facilities and ramps, and improved lighting.

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. 610800. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted on the MassDOT website listed below.

This location 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 meeting, 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 meeting. **If special accommodation is requested, please indicate whether it is for the virtual meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> or the in-person meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>.**

In case of inclement weather, a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

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CHIEF ENGINEER



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.  
Acting 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.

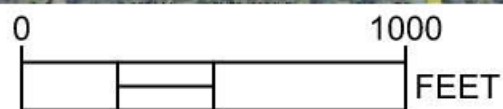
### **5. WHAT HAPPENS IF I MUST RELOCATE?**

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.





Figure 1 - Locus Map  
Park and Ride  
Barnstable, MA



## Project Description

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is proposing to expand and improve the existing Park-and-Ride facility at Route 132 in Barnstable.

## Purpose

The purpose of the proposed project is to increase the number of available parking spaces, improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, improve vehicular circulation, provide increased capacity of bus shelters and improve the lighting.

## Existing Conditions

The existing MassDOT park and ride lacks adequate parking for the commuters who utilize this lot. There are currently 368 parking spaces located at this park and ride lot. There is limited accessibility throughout the facility.

## Proposed Improvements

The proposed improvements will expand the parking by 270, which is consistent with all the other accurate numbers in this page) parking spaces, for a total of 640 parking spaces. The project will include new accessible walkways, new bicycle storage area, new ADA compliant PCR's throughout the lot and will replace the existing bus passenger shelters with new larger ones (e.g., transparent sides for passenger safety and bollards along the perimeter). Existing electrical vehicle charging infrastructure will be relocated and incorporated into the new design. A dedicated bus drop-off area as well as a dedicated vehicular drop-off area are proposed.

## Maintenance of Traffic During Construction

The construction is anticipated to be staged. During construction a minimum of 300 parking spaces will be available at all times as will the bus loading/unloading area.

## Project Construction Cost

The project construction costs will be funded with a combination of moneys from the Federal Highway Administration and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is estimated at about \$9.2 million at this level of the design.

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

Barnstable, MA  
Park And Ride Expansion and Improvements at Route 132  
Project File No. **610800**

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:

Carrie E. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer  
MassDOT – Highway Division  
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Attn: Project Management

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