



VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020

FOR THE PROPOSED

RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE STREET

Project No. 608348

IN THE CITY OF BEVERLY, 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 WEBINAR
Project File No. 608348

A Design Public Hearing Webinar will be published on the MassDOT website to present the design for the proposed Reconstruction of Bridge Street project in **Beverly, MA**.

WHEN: Tuesday, July 21, 2020

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing webinar is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Reconstruction of Bridge Street project, from the Danvers town line to River Street. All views and comments submitted in response to the webinar will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of pavement and sidewalk reconstruction, including full depth pavement reclamation, along Bridge Street from the Danvers town line to River Street, excluding the Hall Whitaker drawbridge. Additional improvements include new hot mix asphalt pavement, ADA-compliant sidewalks and wheelchair ramps, granite curbing, drainage improvements, on-street bicycle accommodations consisting of 5' bicycle lanes, and new traffic signal equipment. The signal at Bridge Street/Livingstone Avenue intersection will be removed, and new traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of Bridge Street with Kernwood Avenue and Kernwood Heights, and the intersection of Bridge Street with River 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 Beverly** is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the webinar.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the webinar, plans, and a project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Project Management**, Project File No. 608348. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing webinar transcript must be postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the webinar is posted to the MassDOT website listed below. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

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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 CONCERNS

Your Municipality is responsible for securing the right of way for this project. If your property, or a portion of it, must be acquired by the Municipality 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. 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.

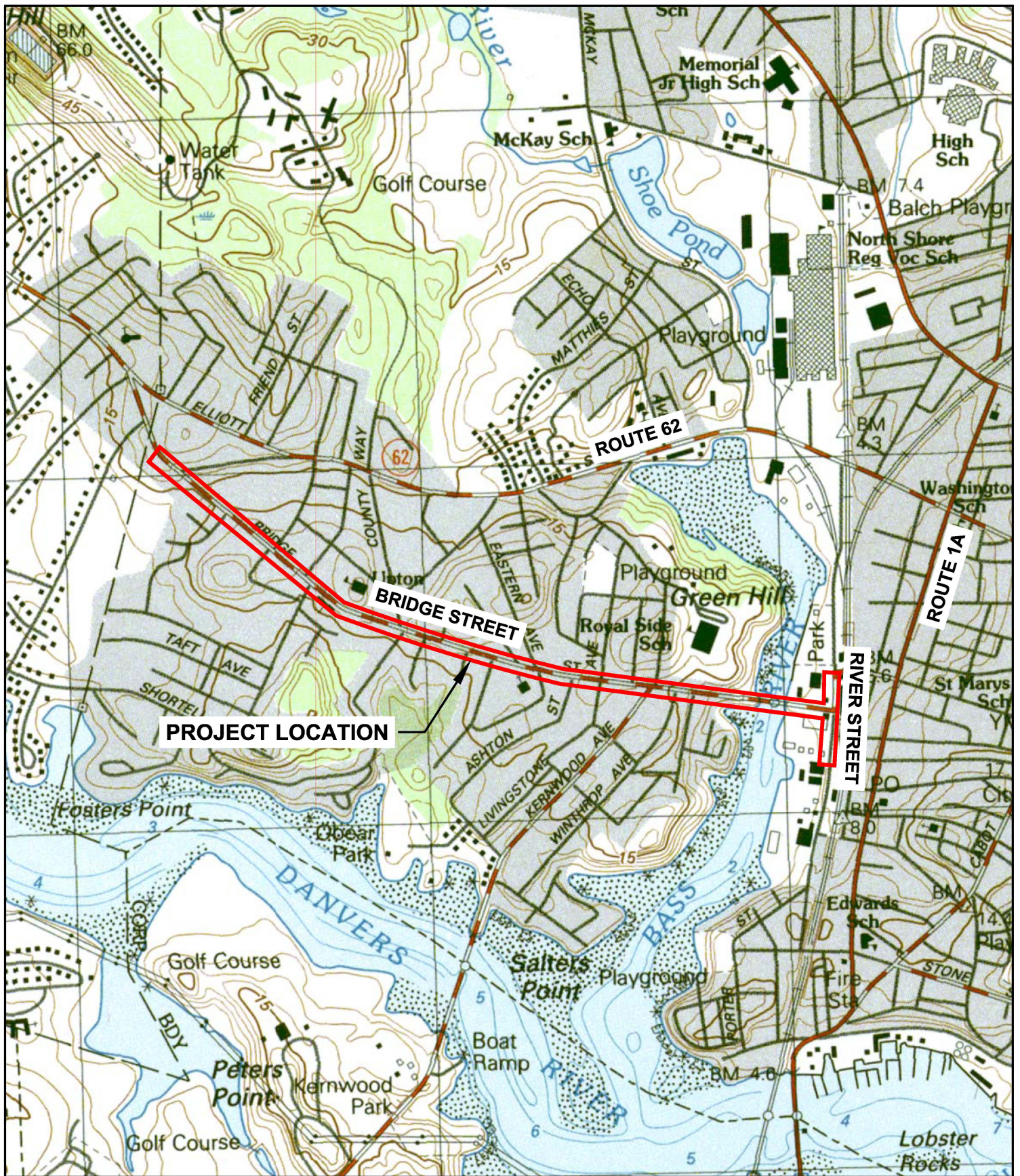
A Right of Entry is a document that is signed by the owner. It allows the Contractor to perform certain types of work on the owner's land. The work is usually minor in nature and frequently consists of loaming/seeding behind sidewalks, new driveway apron work, grading/sloping, and wetland protection, 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.



MassDOT Project #608348 Beverly
Reconstruction of Bridge Street

Locus Map



NORTH

DATE:

JUNE 2020

SCALE:

1"=1200'

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PROJECT PURPOSE

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) – Highway Division proposes roadway reconstruction and traffic signal improvements on Bridge Street, in the City of Beverly. The purpose of the project is to improve roadway infrastructure, traffic flow, and safety for passenger vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

PROJECT LOCATION AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

Bridge Street is a bi-directional roadway extending in a generally northwest-southeast direction from the Danvers town line to River Street. The roadway consists of one travel lane in each direction separated by a double yellow centerline. Wide shoulders (5-feet ±) on either side of Bridge Street are generally used for parking from the Bridge Street / County Way intersection to the western end of the Hall Whitaker drawbridge. The curb-to-curb roadway width within the project limits is approximately 34-feet, including travel lanes ranging from 12-feet to 16-feet.

Sidewalks are present on both sides of the road, ranging from 3.5-feet to 10-feet in width separated by a grass strip. The combination of sidewalk flush with the roadway pavement and areas with curb set with a low reveal, promote vehicles encroaching onto the sidewalk while parallel parking.

Bridge Street currently has one traffic signal at the intersection of Bridge Street and Livingstone Avenue. A push button activated pedestrian flashing sign is located at the Bridge Street / Winthrop Avenue crosswalk, as this is a critical crossing for the Ayers Ryal Side Elementary School. The intersection of Bridge Street and River Street, at the eastern limit of work, currently operates as a stop-controlled intersection. A stop sign is located on the Bridge Street approach and River Street is free flowing.

SCOPE OF WORK

The project involves the rehabilitation of pavement and sidewalk, including full depth reclamation, along Bridge Street from the Danvers town line to River Street, excluding the Hall Whitaker drawbridge. The cross-section will be improved to include a 5-foot bicycle lane in each direction throughout the project, and a 7-foot on-street parking lane on the south side, east of Western Avenue to Kernwood Avenue. Along the corridor, cement concrete sidewalks will be constructed to include ADA-complaint wheelchair ramps, and vertical granite curb. Drainage improvements, including new catch basins, manholes, and reinforced concrete pipe will be added throughout the project corridor. The signal at Livingstone Avenue will be removed, and new traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of Bridge Street with Kernwood Avenue and Kernwood Heights, and the intersection of Bridge Street with River Street.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC DURING CONSTRUCTION

The Contractor will coordinate with MassDOT and City Officials regarding work hours and traffic circulation. All temporary traffic control measures will be approved by the City prior to implementation.

A majority the proposed improvements can be constructed using alternating lane closures, allowing one direction of travel at a time. Under this configuration, all approaches will be under police control during daytime hours for the duration of the work. Work outside of the travel way can be constructed using shoulder closures. This work zone configuration would allow for bi-directional travel guided by temporary traffic control measures. Geometric improvements at the intersections will require a combination of an alternating lane closure and a corner closure with the assistance of police control.

There may be a limited time in which portions of the roadway(s) may require a full closure. Under this circumstance, a temporary detour would be established with advanced warning signs. Closures would be carefully coordinated to take place during off-peak hours. Detour routes would be approved at the City level and advanced notice would be provided to the impacted areas.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

The majority of the roadway improvements can be accommodated within the existing City Layout, as the work will occur within the footprint of the existing streets involved as part of this project.

Temporary easements may be required along the existing back of sidewalk to re-grade abutting driveways and walkways, construction of the proposed sidewalk, installation of tree protection measures, and placement of loam and seed in areas of landscape disturbance. A limited number of permanent easements are required for sidewalk / wheelchair ramp encroachments and utility pole relocations.

The City of Beverly is responsible for all necessary Right-of-Way acquisitions and / or easements.

PROJECT STATUS

The plans available are 25% complete (Preliminary Design Stage). The next step will be to review the comments that we receive and make appropriate revisions. Following the revisions, the next step will be to develop Final Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E), after which the project will be advertised for construction. The construction for this project is tentatively set to begin in the spring of 2023.

PROJECT COSTS

The total construction cost at the 25% Design stage is currently estimated to be approximately \$7,700,000.00.

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