



VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

FOR THE PROPOSED

INTERSECTIONS IMPROVEMENTS & BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

**Lyman Street/Grove Street/Summer Street
& Replacement of Grove Street Bridge (Bridge No. B-25-005)**

Project No. 607818

Highway Design

IN THE CITY BROCKTON, 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

**BROCKTON – Replacement of Grove Street Bridge over Salisbury Plain River and Intersection
Improvements at Lyman/Grove/Summer Streets
Project File No. 607818**

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

WHEN: 6:00PM, Wednesday, August 5, 2026

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 includes full replacement of the Grove Street bridge over the Salisbury Plain River and also includes reconstruction of the Lyman Street, Summer Street and Grove Street intersection. The existing traffic signal will be fully replaced and the roadway pavement will be reconstructed. Pedestrian facilities (pedestrian curb ramps and pedestrian signals) will be installed/reconstructed to meet ADA compliance and the Grove Street bus stop will be relocated southwest of the bridge on Grove Street, closer to Trinity Village. New pavement markings and signage will be installed. Bicycle accommodations consisting of a 5' buffered bicycle lane on either side of Grove Street, Summer Street and Lyman Street will be provided in accordance with applicable design guides. The project limits do not include Crescent 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 Brockton 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. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to: Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 607818. 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). 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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CARRIE E. LAVALLEY, P.E.
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.
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.

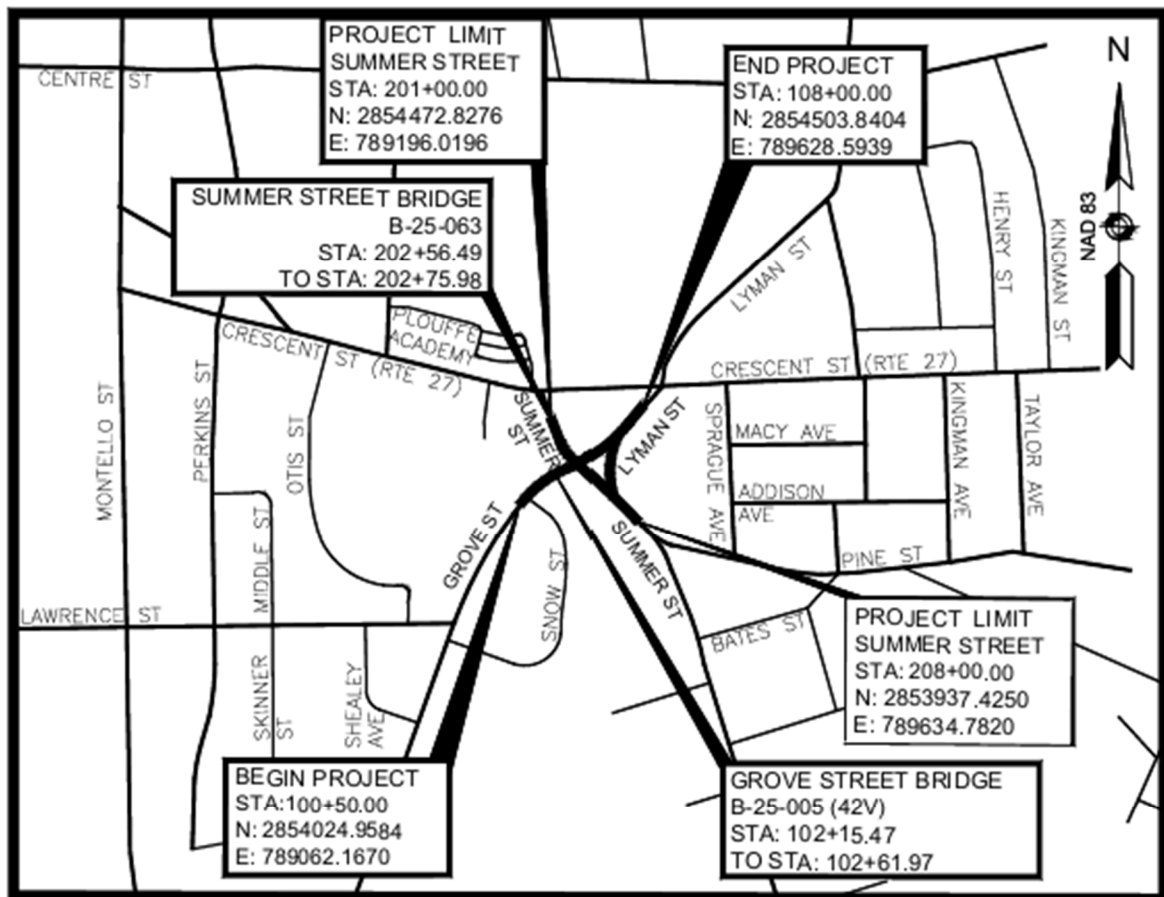
4. WHAT IS A FAIR PRICE FOR THE ACQUIRED PARCELS?

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.

LOCUS



Intersection Improvements at Lyman Street/Grove Street/Summer Street & Replacment of Grove Street over Salisbury Plain River Bridge (Bridge No. B-25-005)

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located east of downtown Brockton, Massachusetts, at the intersection of Grove, Lyman, and Summer Streets. The project includes replacement of the existing Grove Street bridge over the Salisbury Plain River and safety and operational improvements to the adjacent intersection. The project limits extend along Grove Street south of the intersection with Lyman Street, through the intersection, east along Lyman Street then and north along Summer Street. Roadway improvements will end before reaching the Crescent Street intersections on both Lyman Street and Summer Street. Construction of the new bridge will require a full closure of Grove Street at the Salisbury Plain River crossing during the bridge replacement. Detour routes and traffic management measures will be implemented to maintain access throughout construction. A project locus map showing the project limits is provided for reference.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The primary focus of the project is the replacement of the Grove Street Bridge and the associated improvements to the adjacent intersection and roadway network. The purpose of this project is to replace the aging Grove Street Bridge with a new structure that meets current design and load-carrying standards, while improving safety and mobility for all roadway users. In addition to the bridge replacement, the project will enhance the nearby Grove, Lyman and Summer Streets intersection to improve traffic operations and overall user experience. The proposed improvements are intended to address existing safety concerns, provide better accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists, and create a more reliable transportation connection for residents, businesses, and visitors.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed improvements include:

- New bridge structure spanning the Salisbury Plain River
- Updated signalized intersection for pedestrians and vehicles
- Improvement to the lane geometry
- Pavement milling & overlay
- Advanced warning signs
- Upgraded lane striping
- Construction of 5' buffered bicycle lanes
- Reconstruction of all sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps
- Relocated utility poles
- Stormwater infrastructure improvements (rain gardens)

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

During construction operations, Grove Street will be closed at the bridge location. A thru-traffic detour will be provided for the duration of the project. Additionally, occasional short traffic disruptions and travel lane/shoulder closures may occur, but every effort will be made to minimize inconvenience to the travelling public and abutting residents and businesses. Pedestrian and vehicular access to abutting properties will be maintained throughout construction except for very short periods to reconstruct abutters access.

RIGHT OF WAY IMPACTS

Temporary construction easements will be required for bridge construction, grading impacts to lawns, driveways, and walkways and to restore impacts to adjacent properties. Acquisition in fee of private property for the alteration of the roadway layout at intersections associated with the project construction will also be required. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisition will be discussed at this hearing.

PROJECT COST

The current estimate of the total construction cost of this project is approximately \$10.4 million.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The design plans are at the 25% design stage. Final design, permitting and right of way acquisition must be completed prior to construction. Design is currently anticipated to be completed in Fall 2027, however, this is subject to change.

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

City of Brockton, MA
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& Replacment of Grove Street Bridge (Bridge No. B-25-005)
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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 or you may mail this sheet with any additional comments to:

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MassDOT – Highway Division
10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973
Attn: Project Management

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