



**DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**MARCH 29, 2023**

**AT**

**DARTMOUTH TOWN HALL  
SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM 304  
400 SLOCUM ROAD  
DARTMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS 02747**

**6:00 PM**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 6  
FROM FAUNCE CORNER ROAD TO HATHAWAY ROAD  
Project No. 607871  
Roadway Project Management**

**IN THE DARTMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

**JONATHAN GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR**

**CARRIE LAVALLEE, P.E.  
CHIEF ENGINEER**

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION**  
**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Project File No. 607871**

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 6, FROM FAUNCE CORNER ROAD TO HATHAWAY ROAD project in **Dartmouth, MA**.

WHERE:      **Dartmouth Town Hall, Select Board Hearing Room 304**  
                **400 Slocum Road**  
                **Dartmouth, MA 02747**

WHEN:        **Wednesday, March 29 @ 6:00pm**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 6, FROM FAUNCE CORNER ROAD TO HATHAWAY ROAD project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of corridor improvements along State Road (Route 6) between Faunce Corner Mall Road and Hathaway Road (approximately 1800'). These improvements will reduce congestion and improve safety along the Route 6 corridor. MassDOT is proposing a 10.5 foot wide Side Path along both sides of State Road (Route 6 in accordance with applicable design guides).

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 discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Carrie Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Project Management**, Project File No. **607871**. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us)

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email ([MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible 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 (10) business days before the meeting.

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

JONATHAN GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

CARRIE LAVALLEE, 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.

## **TO SAFEGUARD THE PROPERTY OWNER**

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?**

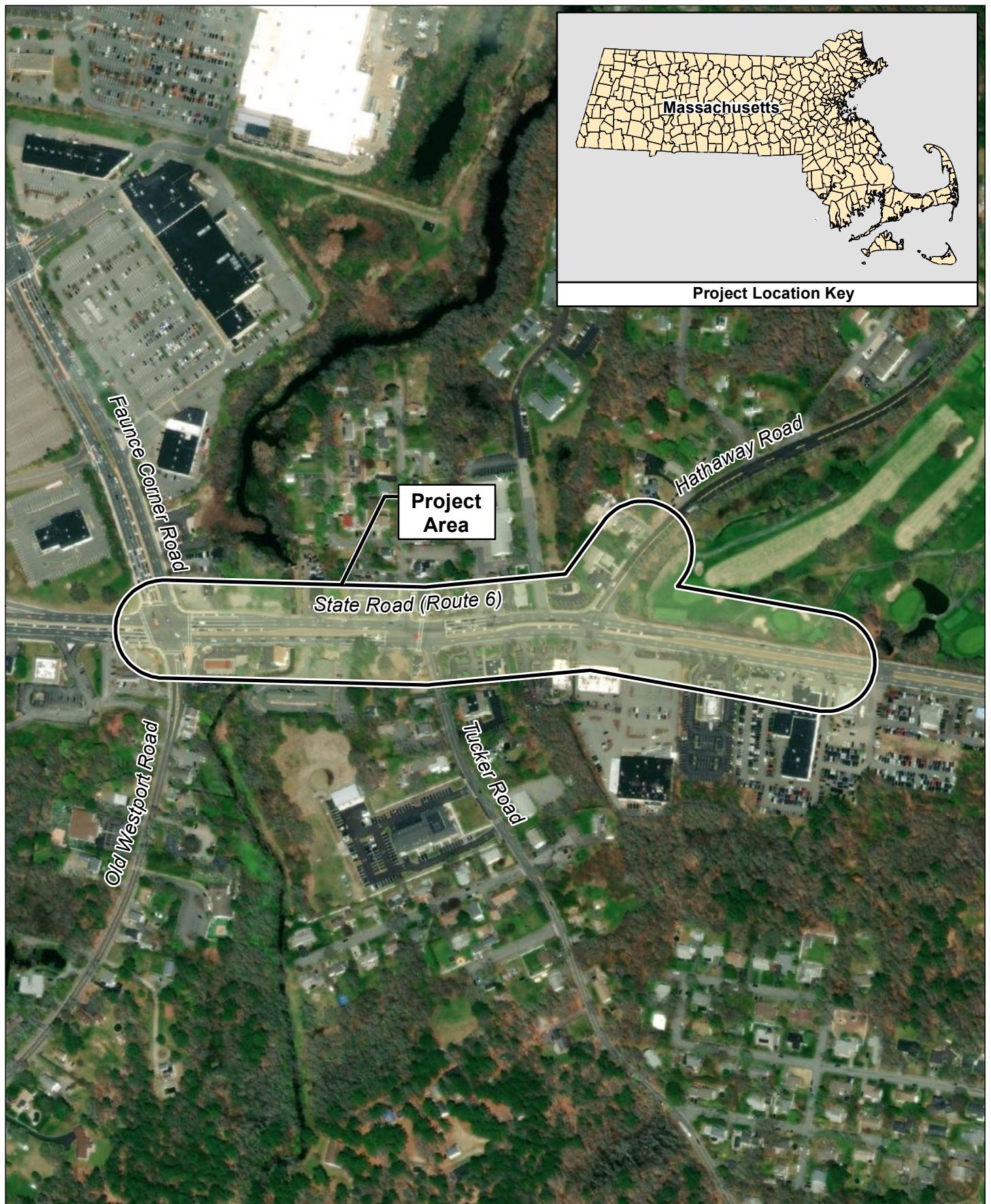
Every offer is made to ensure that an equitable value is awarded to you for the property, or to appraise the "damage" to the property as a result of the acquisition. MassDOT appraisers, independent appraisers, MassDOT "Review Appraisers" and a Real Estate Appraisal Review Board may all contribute in 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 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.



Source: ESRI Aerial Photography



Project Location Map  
Corridor Improvements to Route 6  
Dartmouth, Massachusetts

**Figure 1**



0 200 400 Feet

## PROJECT LOCATION

The State Road (Route 6) proposed improvements extend from the Faunce Corner Mall road intersection to approximately 500 feet east of Hathaway Road.

## SCOPE OF WORK

The proposed roadway improvements will rehabilitate State Road (Route 6), define a two lane road eastbound from Faunce Corner Mall Road to Hathaway Road a three lane road westbound from Hathaway Road to Faunce Corner Mall Road, introduce turn lanes at Tucker Road and Hathaway Road, upgrade/replace the traffic signal at Tucker Road, introduce a new traffic signal at Hathaway Road, and provide a Sidepath along State Road (Route 6) to accommodate pedestrians and bicycles.

The travel lanes will be 11 feet wide and the turn lanes will be 10 feet wide. 4 foot shoulders will define the edge of the roadway which will be curbed. A median barrier will be installed to separate eastbound from westbound. A 2 foot shoulder will line the new median barrier.

The crosswalk at Tucker Road will be shifted to the easterly leg of the intersection and a new crosswalk will be incorporated into the Hathaway Road intersection.

Bridge D-04-006 (94A) US 6 State Road over Paskamansett River will be completely replaced.

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

Dartmouth, MA  
Corridor Improvements on Route 6  
From Faunce Corner Road to Hathaway Road  
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This sheet is provided for your comments. Your input is solicited and appreciated. Please return your sheet, with comments, to a staff member at the meeting, or mail to:

Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer  
MassDOT – Highway Division  
10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973  
Attn: Roadway Project Management

The final date for receipt of written statements and exhibits for inclusion into the official hearing transcript will be ten (10) days after the Public Hearing.

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