VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

DECEMBER 9, 2026

FOR THE PROPOSED

Vulnerable Road User Crosswalk Installation at State Signals at Multiple Locations
Project No. 616305
Project Management

IN MASSDOT DISTRICT 4 IN THE CITIES OF NEWBURYPORT AND REVERE AND THE TOWNS OF NORTH ANDOVER AND SALISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

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

Project Description: MassDOT District 4 – Vulnerable Road User Crosswalk Installation at State Signals at Multiple Locations

Project File No. 616305

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) website below to present the design for the proposed project in MassDOT District 4 including Newburyport, North Andover, Revere, and Salisbury.

WHEN: **6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 9, 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: This project includes pedestrian safety improvements such as changes to traffic signal timing, phasing, coordination, and detection; addition or reconstruction of curb ramps and crosswalks; providing Accessible Pedestrian Signals push buttons with countdown pedestrian signal heads; reconstruction of sidewalks connecting signalized intersections with bus stops; restricting right turns on red; and minor geometric changes. Bicycle infrastructure improvements are outside the scope of this project. The project locations include:

- **Newburyport - Route 113 at the Port Plaza Driveway**
- **North Andover – Route 125 and Route 133 at Andover Street**
- **Revere – Bell Circle at Everett Street**
- **Salisbury – Route 1A at Ferry Road**

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 or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. **616305**. 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.

MassDOT provides translation, interpretation, and other reasonable accommodations upon request. Requests should be made at least ten (10) business days prior to the event. Please contact MassDOT's Highway Project Accommodations office at MassDOTHighwayProjectAccommodations@dot.state.ma.us for your accommodation needs.

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.

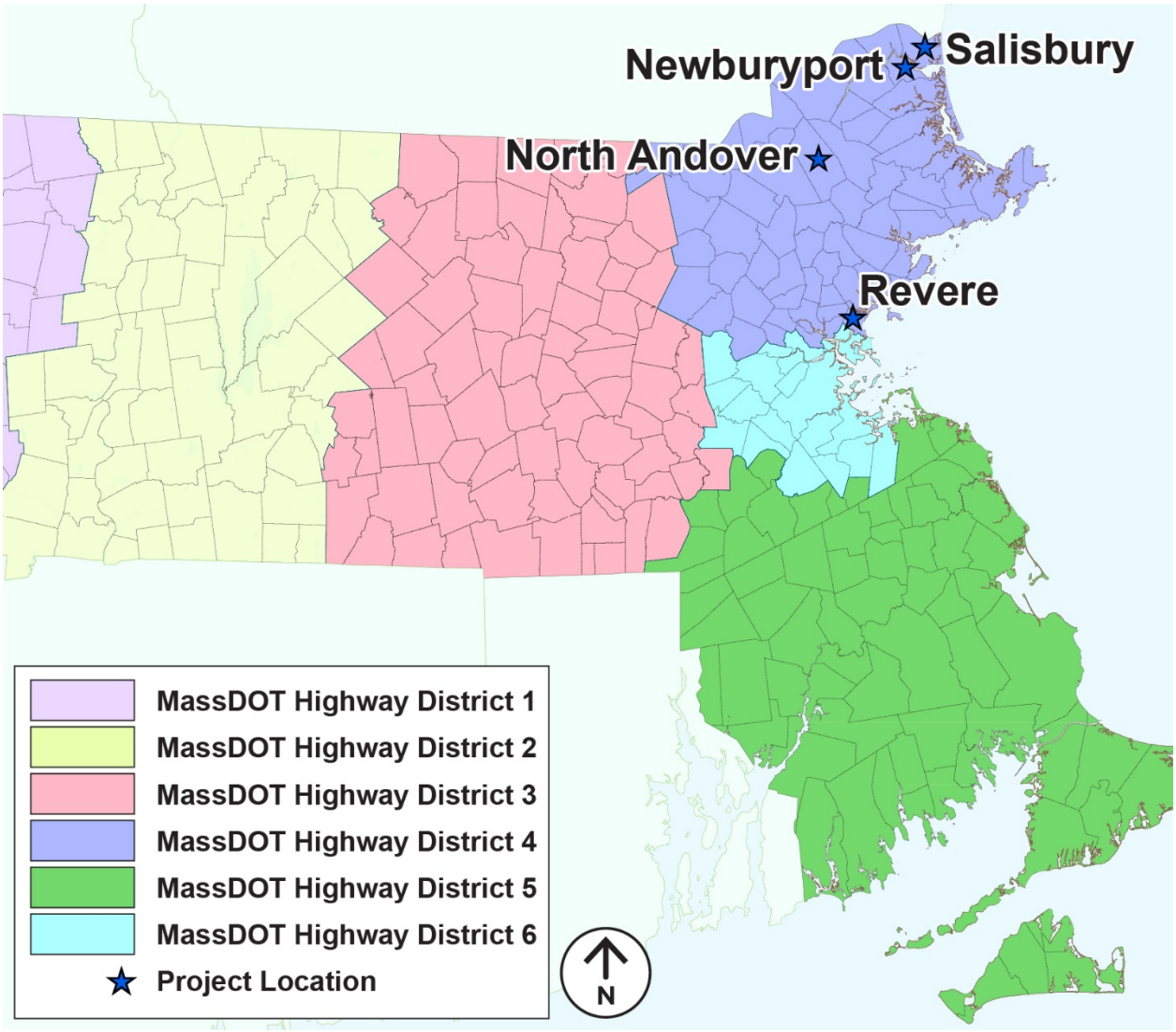
4. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY HOUSE?

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.

LOCUS MAP


Newburyport
Salisbury
North Andover
Revere
MassDOT Highway District 1
MassDOT Highway District 2
MassDOT Highway District 3
MassDOT Highway District 4
MassDOT Highway District 5
MassDOT Highway District 6
Project Location
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SCOPE OF WORK

HOW DID WE GET HERE AND WHY WAS THIS PROJECT INITIATED?

MassDOT initiated this project in 2024 and the consultant has progressed the project up to 25%/75% Design. The project will add missing critical crosswalks and implement other pedestrian safety measures at four (4) signalized intersection locations in MassDOT District 4.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH?

The project's goals and scope include the following:

- Improve safety
- Improve accessibility
- Improve pedestrian connectivity
- Provide better crosswalk visibility
- Remove sidewalk obstructions
- Meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and U.S. Access Board Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) compliance

HOW WILL MY PROPERTY BE IMPACTED?

A secure right-of-way is necessary for the proposed project. Fee takings, permanent easements, and/or temporary construction easements may be required. MassDOT is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in public land for design, construction, and implementation of this project. MassDOT's process for right-of-way acquisition will be discussed at this hearing.

HOW WILL BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS BE IMPACTED?

During construction, pedestrian and bicyclist access through the site will be maintained. Separated bicycle facilities that currently exist within the project limits may experience short-term closures during construction. Accommodations for pedestrians in the permanent condition will be improved with reconstructed sidewalks, pedestrian curb ramps, crosswalks, bus stops, and pedestrian signalization.

WHAT ARE THE ENVIRONMENTAL, CULTURAL, OR COMMUNITY IMPACTS?

Improvements at the Dartmouth location may require a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDAs) under the Wetlands Protection Act due to proximity to wetlands. Construction impacts to the Northern Long-Eared Bat and Tricolor Bat will be minimized in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. All proposed catch basins will be deep sump to provide pretreatment of stormwater. Community impacts will be temporary during construction and then permanently improved. Cultural resources are not anticipated to be impacted as part of the project.

WHAT IS THE CONSTRUCTION APPROACH?

Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2028 and is expected to continue for approximately two (2) years to complete the contract, although the construction duration at individual locations may be shorter. No long-term road closures or detours will occur as part of this project. No lane closures will occur during peak periods.

HOW WILL I BE KEPT INFORMED?

You may submit comments or questions to MassDOT at MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us. Please put Project File No. 616305 in the subject line. You may also submit comments or questions by mail using the sheet on the following page. As the project nears start of construction, abutters to the project may also be contacted to notify them of any upcoming work.

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Newburyport, North Andover, Revere, and Salisbury, MA
District 4 - VRU Crosswalk Installation at State Signals at Multiple Locations
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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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10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116-3973
Attn: Project Management

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