



**VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**APRIL 14, 2026**

**FOR THE PROPOSED**

**Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5 Crosswalk Installation at State-owned Signalized Intersections at Multiple Locations  
Project No. 614241, 614242, and 614243  
Project Management**

**IN THE CITIES OF CHICOPEE, NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, SALEM, WOBURN, AND WORCESTER, AND THE TOWNS OF BILLERICA AND FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

**JONATHAN GULLIVER  
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**CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.  
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION  
NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

**Project Description: MassDOT Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5 – VRU Missing Crosswalks  
at State Signals at Multiple Locations  
Project File No. 614241-614242-614243**

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed project at the following seven (7) locations:

Chicopee	– Route 116 at Meadow Street
Worcester	– Plantation Street at I-290 Eastbound off ramp and Worcester Housing Authority Driveway
Billerica	– Route 3A at Wyman Road and Webb Brook Road
Salem	-- Route 107 at Swampscott Road and Dipietro Avenue
Woburn	– Route 3 at Revere Road
North Attleborough	– Routes 1 and 1A at Emerald Square Mall North Driveway
Falmouth	– Route 28A at Route 151 and County Road

**WHEN: 6:00pm, Tuesday, April 14, 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 consists of upgrades at 7 locations for vulnerable road users at or near MassDOT owned traffic signals near bus stops in Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5 as listed above. Improvements will include some or all of the following: changes to traffic signal timing, phasing, coordination and detection; the addition or reconstruction of curb ramps and crosswalks; providing accessible pedestrian signal 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.

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. Lavalley, 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. 614241-614242-614243. 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](mailto: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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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.

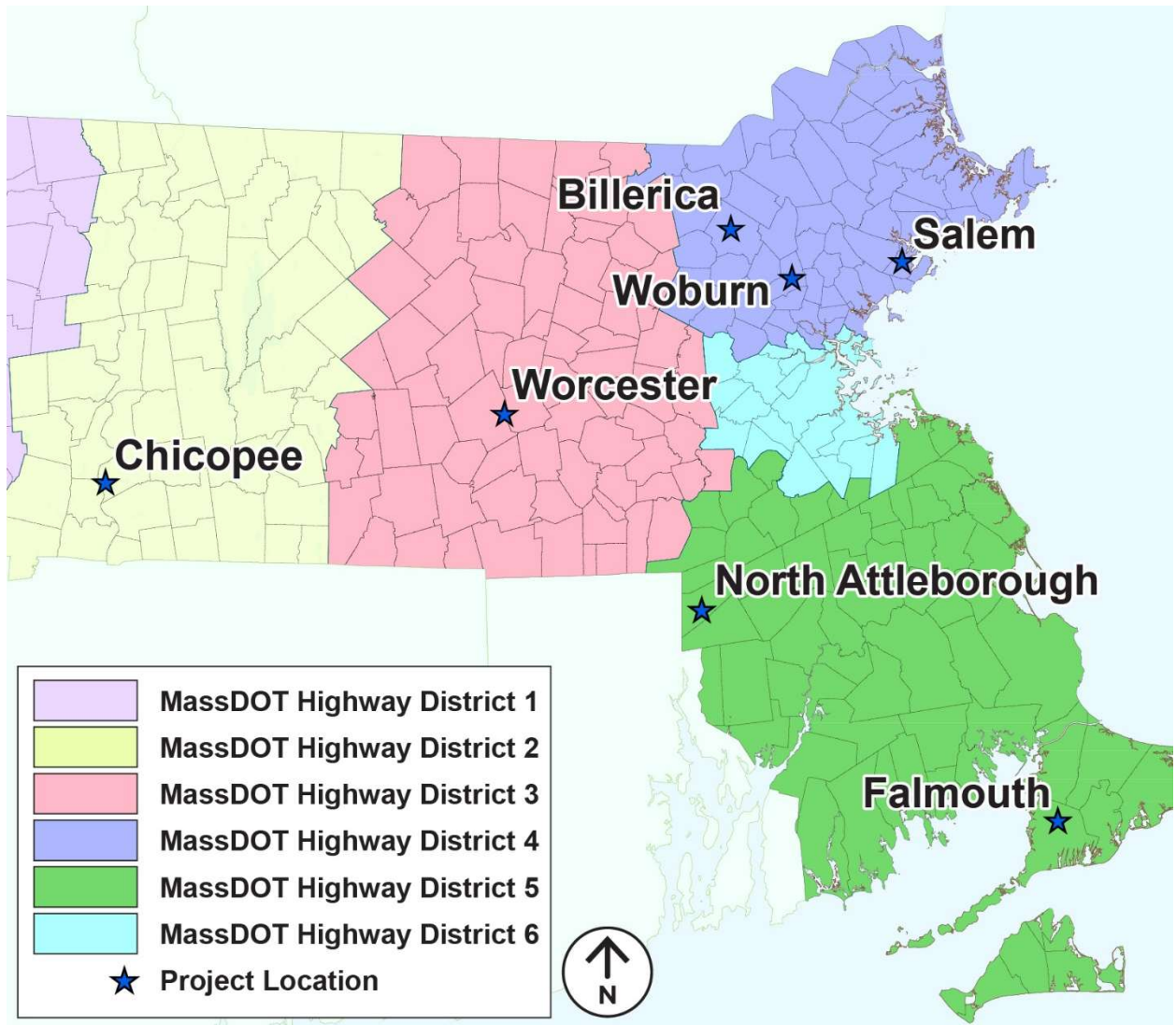
As part of the design process for this project, we are conducting this public hearing to explain the proposed improvements, listen to your comments and answer any questions you may have. At the conclusion of the hearing, MassDOT will review all of your comments and, where feasible, incorporate them into 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. Lavalley, 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.

## **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 seven (7) signalized intersection locations in MassDOT Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5.

### **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?**

All improvements will be constructed within the State or Municipal right-of-way. Implementation of these improvements will not require fee takings, permanent easements, or temporary construction easements.

### **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 Chicopee and North Attleborough locations may require Requests 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?**

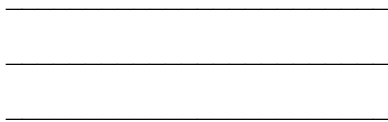
Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2027 and is expected to continue for approximately one (1) year. No long term road closures or detours will occur as part of this project. No lane closures will occur during peak periods.

## **HOW WILL I BE KEPT INFORMED?**

You may submit comments or questions to MassDOT at [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us). Please put Project 614241-614242-614243 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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RE: Virtual Public Hearing  
DISTRICTS 2, 3, 4, & 5 – VRU CROSSWALK INSTALLATIONS AT STATE-OWNED  
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