



DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

MAY, 8th, 2025

FOR THE PROPOSED

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

**PROJECT NAME: Resurfacing and Related Work on Longmeadow Street (Route 5)
(Phase I)
Project No. 612257
Highway Design**

IN THE TOWN OF LONGMEADOW, MASSACHUSETTS

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A Design Public Hearing will be held to present the design for the proposed project in Longmeadow, MA.

WHERE: Greenwood Center
231 Maple Road
Longmeadow, MA 01106

WHEN: Thursday, May 8th, 2025 @ 6:30PM

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 modifying the signalized intersections of Edgewood Ave. at Longmeadow St. (Route 5), Bliss Rd. and Emerson Rd. at Longmeadow St. (Route 5), and Birnie Rd. at Longmeadow St. (Route 5) to improve vehicular flow and provide accommodations for non-motorists.

Improved pedestrian accommodations are proposed with new concrete sidewalks/shared-use paths, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, crosswalks, and ADA-compliant pedestrian curb ramps at each intersection. The roadway improvements for this project will also include pavement mill and overlay with minor full depth widening, new vertical granite and hot mix asphalt curbing, new reflectorized thermoplastic pavement markings, regulatory and warning signs, roadside restoration, and vegetation clearing.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The town 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. 612257. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted on the MassDOT website listed below.

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.

In case of inclement weather, a cancellation announcement will be 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.
Acting 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).

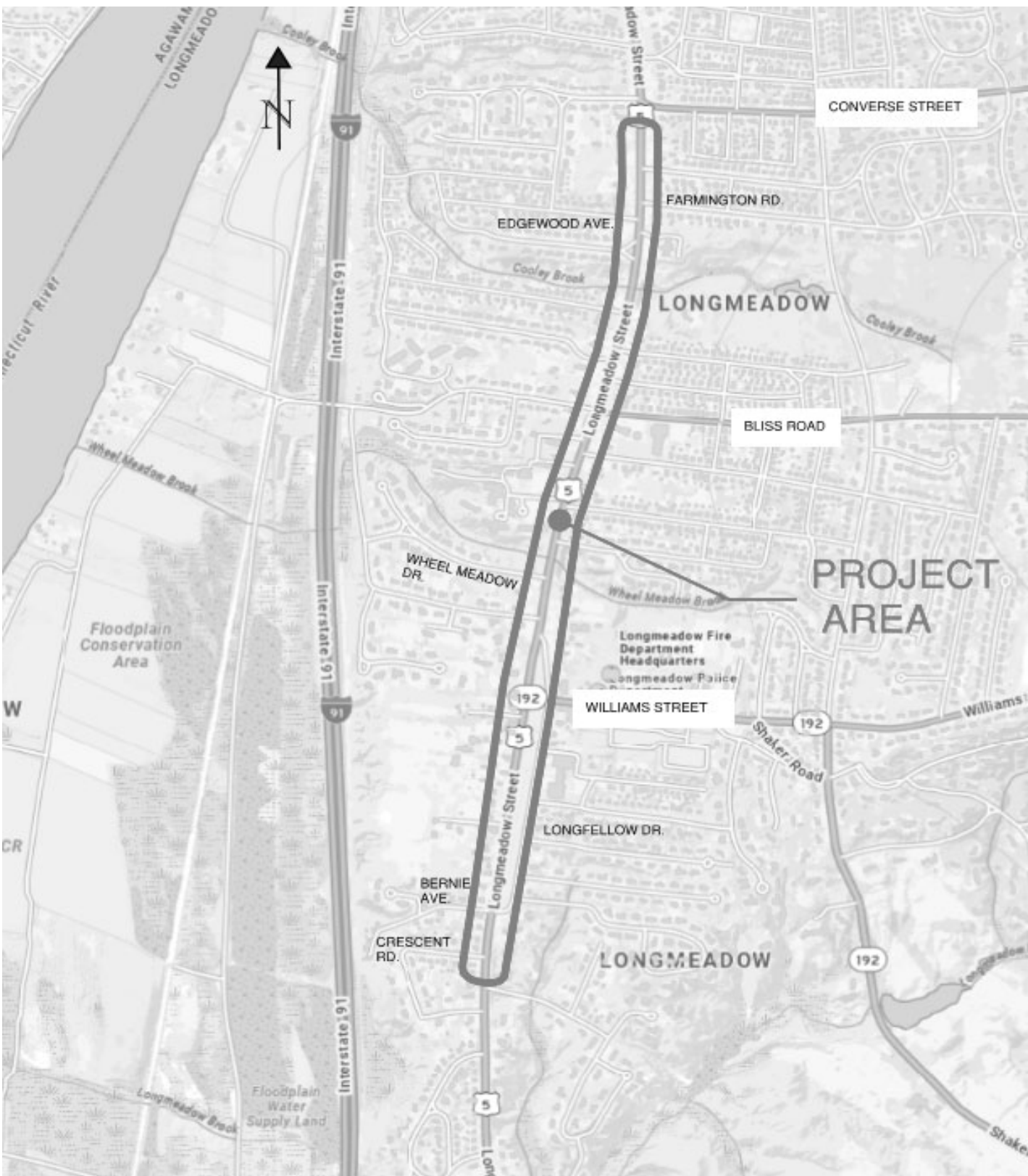
5. MUST I ACCEPT THE MUNICIPALITY OFFER?

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.

Project: 612257

Description: LONGMEADOW - RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK, LONGMEADOW ST. (ROUTE 5)

LOCUS MAP



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Longmeadow Street (Route 5) Improvement Project will provide infrastructure improvements to Route 5 including roadway rehabilitation, improving corridor congestion, and improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The work will include removal of the traffic signals at the intersections of Longmeadow Street with Birne Road and at Edgewood Ave. The traffic signal at Longmeadow Street at Bliss Road and Emerson Road will be reconstructed. The roadway improvements for this project will also include pavement mill and overlay with minor full depth widening, new vertical granite and hot mix asphalt curbing, new reflectorized thermoplastic pavement markings, regulatory and warning signs, and roadside restoration. Pedestrian and bicyclist improvements include new concrete sidewalks/shared-use paths, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, crosswalks, and ADA-compliant pedestrian curb ramps at each intersection.

The project runs northerly along Longmeadow (Route 5) Street beginning just south of the northernmost intersection of Crescent Road with Longmeadow Street (Route 5) and continues northerly to approximately three hundred (300') feet north of Ellington Street. The length of the project is 1.46 miles. Longmeadow Street (Route 5) consists of one travel lane in each direction within the project limits, with sidewalks along both sides of the roadway.

Longmeadow Street (Route 5) within the project limits is Town jurisdiction and is classified as an Urban Principal Arterial roadway. This is a suburban corridor that consists of residential homes with some small businesses. Other adjacent uses include institutions such as a university, schools, and churches as well as the Town Green. The roadway is in a historic district and the Town Green is Article 97 protected park land. Longmeadow Street splits into two roads that surround the Town Green. One is the main route, Longmeadow Street (Route 5), which is the roadway included in this project. The other roadway is referred to as just as Longmeadow Street and provides more local access to a school and the surrounding neighborhoods. This section is outside our project limits.

The proposed cross-section along Longmeadow Street (Route 5) will consist of eleven (11') travel lanes in each direction accompanied by five (5') minimum shoulders in each direction. Outside of the limits of the Town Green, a ten (10') shared use path will be proposed along the eastern side of Longmeadow Street and a five (5') sidewalk on the western side. Three short sections of the shared use path will reduce to 8' or 9' in width to avoid cutting down multiple shade trees.

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