



VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

December 14, 2021

FOR THE PROPOSED

**Intersection Improvements at Two Intersections on Broadway
Project No. 609254
Project Management**

IN THE TOWN OF LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS

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

**JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR**

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

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
Project File No. 609254

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Intersection Improvements at Two Intersections on Broadway project in Lynn, MA.

WHEN: 6:30PM Tuesday, December 14, 2021

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Intersection Improvements at Two Intersections on Broadway 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 will reconstruct approximately 0.3 miles of Broadway, from Wyoma Square to Jenness Street. The project is intended to provide safety and operational improvements at two high crash clusters; the intersections of Broadway with Euclid Avenue and with Jenness Street. The project will generally include targeted safety improvements including replacement of outdated and non-MUTCD compliant traffic signals and other traffic control devices; reconstruction of sidewalks, crosswalks, and wheelchair ramps; addition of bicycle facilities; improvements to transit stops; and roadway resurfacing. The preliminary concept design includes signalizing the stop-controlled intersection of Broadway at Jenness Street. Bicycle accommodations consisting of a 7' buffered bicycle lane have been provided 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 City of Lynn 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., Acting Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Project Management, Project File No. 609254**. 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 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 business days before the hearing.

This Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings.

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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.



PREPARED FOR:



Intersection Improvements at
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DATE:

NOV. 2021

SCALE:

1"=750'

PREPARED BY:

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Figure 1

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT TWO LOCATIONS ON BROADWAY (609254)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Location and Existing Conditions:

The current corridor along Broadway contains a bi-directional roadway extending in the north and south direction, with an approximate width of 45 feet and concrete sidewalk varying in width from 2-8 feet on both sides of the street. Parking is generally permitted on both sides of the street.

Jenness Street and Warwick Street intersect Broadway at two offset T-intersections approximately 50 feet apart. The Jenness Street and Warwick Street approaches operate under stop sign control, with no control along the Broadway approaches. Broadway at Euclid Avenue is a T-intersection operating under an actuated uncoordinated traffic signal. Crosswalks are marked across the southern Broadway and eastern Euclid Avenue legs of the intersection. Wheelchair ramps are provided at the ends of each crosswalk and are ADA compliant, although the ramps across Broadway lack detectable warning panels. The Sisson Elementary and Pickering Middle Schools are located on Conomo Avenue approximately 300 feet east of the intersection, resulting in a significant volume of vehicular and pedestrian school traffic through the intersection around school arrival and dismissal times.

Project Purpose:

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) – Highway Division proposes to improve two intersections on Broadway. The purpose of the project is to improve roadway infrastructure, traffic flow and safety for passenger vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The project aims to improve vehicular safety at Broadway at Euclid Avenue by reconstructing the existing traffic signal and Broadway at Jenness Street but constructing a new traffic signal with dedicated left turn lanes at each location. Both intersections are classified as high crash locations.

Proposed Project:

Broadway will be reconstructed to feature one 11-foot wide travel lane with a buffered bike lane (5-foot bike lane with 2-foot buffer) in each direction. Broadway improvements also include a southbound/northbound left turn lane for vehicles turning on to Euclid Avenue and Jenness Street, respectively. On-street parking and dedicated MBTA bus stops will be accommodated where possible. Pedestrians will be accommodated on a minimum width 5.5-foot sidewalk along both sides of Broadway. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB's) will be constructed at Broadway and Conomo Avenue to provide safer pedestrian access to the Sisson Elementary and Pickering Middle Schools

Maintenance of Traffic During Construction:

The Contractor will coordinate with MassDOT and City Officials regarding work hours and traffic circulation. All temporary traffic control measures will be approved by the City prior to implementation.

A majority the proposed improvements can be constructed using alternating lane closures, allowing one direction of travel at a time. Under this configuration, all approaches will be under police control during daytime hours for the duration of the work. Work outside of the travel way can be constructed using shoulder closures. This work zone configuration would allow for bi-directional travel guided by temporary traffic control measures. Geometric improvements at the intersections will require a combination of an alternating lane closure and a corner closure with the assistance of police control.

There may be a limited time in which portions of the roadway(s) may require a full closure. Under this circumstance, a temporary detour would be established with advanced warning signs. Closures would be carefully coordinated to take place during off-peak hours. Detour routes would be approved at the State and City level and advanced notice would be provided to the impacted areas.

Project Schedule:

The design reviewed at this meeting is at the 25% stage of completion. Comments made at this design hearing will be incorporated to the maximum extent feasible in the 75% design currently scheduled for July 2022. The 100% and final designs are scheduled to be completed in 2023, and the date for public bidding advertisement is scheduled for 2024.

Project Cost:

The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$5.4 million. Funding for the construction will be Federal Highway Administration (80%) (FHWA) and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (20%).

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FEDERAL AID PROJECT

Lynn, MA
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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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